# **Pearl Millet**

Pennisetum glaucum





#### About Pearl Millet

- Pearl Millet is a grass that grows 4-5 feet tall and produces seeds on a spike that look similar to a cattail.
- Planted in early summer, pearl millet flowers 60-70 days after planting and the plant's seeds will mature an additional 30 days from flowering.
- Pearl millet can produce 3,000-4,500 pounds per acre (depending on the soil type).



#### Uses

- Forage
- Animal Feed-mostly for poultry
- Human Consumption (not common in the U.S.)
- Birdseed Mixes



### **Fast Facts**

- Birds sometimes perch on the spike of a pearl millet plant and eat the seeds.
- Pearl Millet is 40% higher in lysine than field corn. This is one reason why some livestock producers are interested in using it for animal feed.



## Pearl Millet at Clearview Farm

...more information coming soon!





