

Sorghum

There are two varieties of sorghum grown in Thailand, red sorghum and white seeded sorghum. White seeded sorghum is mainly exported because its low digestibility as animal feed has restricted its domestic use in producing livestock feeds. Domestic animal feed manufacturers would also prefer maize because of its lower price.

To increase the importance of sorghum as a commercial feed grain, producers should aim to increase production of high yielding hybrid red seed varieties, since market demand is chiefly for red sorghum.

Table 10

MUNGBEAN: Area, Production, Yield, Farm Value Crop Year 1978/79 - 1987/88

Crop Year	Planted Area ('000rai)	Harvested Area ('000rai)	Production ('000tons)	Yield Per Rai (kg/rai)	Farm Value (million baht)
1978/79	2,638	2,340	259	111	1,294
1979/80	2,652	2,216	251	113	1,195
1980/81	2,796	2,469	261	106	1,527
1981/82	3,040	2,861	284	99	1,860
1982/83	3,034	2,775	281	101	1,971
1983/84	3,022	2,803	288	103	2,038
1984/85	3,280	3,017	352	117	2,069
1985/86	3,426	3,307	323	98	2,069
1986/87	3,172	3,081	301	98	1,773
1987/88	2,900	2,735	267	98	2,122

Source: Office of Agricultural Economics