Appendix B. Typologies of Sorghums and Millets Grown in the El-Obeid Area.

The following two charts are typologies of the millets and sorghums grown in the villages surrounding El-Obeid. These were constructed from the various names used by farmers in classifying types of millets and types of sorghums. When one compares these two charts, it is apparent that farmers recognize a considerably larger number of sorghum types than they do of millet. This can be explained by the fact that millet varieties have a tendency to cross-fertilize with each other, so that distinct types are difficult to maintain. In contrast, sorghum varieties do not cross-fertilize easily, so distinct varieties are more easily recognized. Not every name on this sorghum chart represents a distinct variety, however. Many of these are different names for the same variety. This overlap came about because sorghum names were obtained from several farmers. Despite this shortcoming, the utility of this chart is that it illustrates the large array of names farmers use in referring to their sorghums. As for the millet chart, the names refer to distinct varieties.