Appendix C. Farmers' Perceptions of Growth Stages in the Millet Plant.

The following chart comprises a list of the successive millet stages farmers recognize as important in the El-Obeid area of North Kordofan. Each stage is identified by the local names used as well as the English translation. The distinguishing features and significance of each of these stages to farmers are based on interviews conducted with approximately forty farmers in three villages in the sample area. From this chart, it is apparent that farmers have a detailed understanding of the growth cycle of their crop as well as the hazards which impinge on each growth stage. This knowledge is a fair indication of how important millet is to the livelihood of these farmers.