RECURVING IN SORGHUMS

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The panicles of some sorghums, particularly those of Gooseneck sorgo and most varieties of milo and durra, frequently become recurved after emergence from the sheath. In broomcorn "crooked" brush is a common occurrence.

In grain sorghums, especially, the recurving is undesirable because occasional heads snap off after bending over and because of the increased difficulties and losses in harvesting pendant heads. Recurved or pendant heads are less accessible than erect heads in harvesting by hand. In machine harvesting the severed recurved heads frequently catch on the reel of the header or combine and are thrown out on the ground. Rarely, if ever, are all the heads in a field

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