

Table 1 Analysis on the variation diversity of top three leaves in foxtail millet

Character	Cultivars				Early lines			
	Mean	Variation extent	Range	CV (%)	Mean	Variation extent	Range	CV (%)
Flag leaf length (FLL) (cm)	35.4	28.3~42.7	14.5	10.4	33.6	26.8~42.0	15.3	11.3
Flag leaf width (FLW) (cm)	2.8	2.3~3.3	1.0	8.5	2.7	2.1~3.6	1.6	13.2
Flag leaf area (FLA) (cm ²)	74.2	54.5~99.6	45.1	17.1	67.4	45.3~88.2	42.9	18.1
The length of the second leaf from top (SLL) (cm)	37.2	30.3~45.9	15.6	10.1	35.7	26.3~43.2	16.9	10.8
The width of the second leaf from top (SLW) (cm)	2.7	2.4~3.5	1.1	8.2	2.6	2.0~3.5	1.4	11.3
The area of the second leaf from top (SLA) (cm ²)	76.9	58.5~103.1	44.6	15.2	70.3	50.2~88.9	38.8	13.8
The length of the third leaf from top (TLL) (cm)	37.9	31.4~45.2	13.7	9.7	37.1	30.7~45.0	14.3	9.4
The width of the third leaf from top (TLW) (cm)	2.6	2.2~3.2	1.0	8.5	2.5	2.0~3.3	1.3	12.6
The area of the third leaf from top (TLA) (cm ²)	72.8	55.5~98.6	43.1	14.7	68.4	51.7~84.4	32.7	14.1