Spring wheat variety performance summary in Montana

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Introduction

The agronomic characteristics of spring wheat varieties evaluated by the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station are compared in this publication with other varieties commonly grown in the state. The objective of this summary is to help farmers select the varieties which will perform best in their area. Data from 2014-2017 is provided for each of the testing sites. Data for varieties grown in previous years can be found on this website: http://plantsciences.montana.edu/crops/index.html.

The map on the cover shows the districts in the state for purposes of reference for specific areas of adaptation. A brief description is given which may include a variety’s particular advantages or disadvantages.

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Hard red spring (HRS) wheat was harvested from 5.07 million acres in 2017. The average yield of spring wheat was 41 bushels/acre (bu/acre), down 11 percent from last year. Drought significantly reduced yield in much of the state, with 280,000 acres of drought-damaged crop not harvested; much of it was baled for hay prior to harvest. Disease pressure was very low in the drought-affected regions of the state.

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Variety testing procedures

Locations

Typically, the Advanced Spring Wheat nursery is planted at 8 Montana sites; including Bozeman (dryland), Kalispell (high rainfall), Havre (dryland), Sidney (dryland and irrigated), Huntley (dryland), Mccosin (dryland) and Conrad (dryland).

Experimental Design and Data Collection

Varieties currently recommended, widely grown, or recently released are evaluated for agronomic performance in the Advanced Spring Wheat nursery. Also evaluated in these nurseries are experimental breeding lines tested against the check varieties.

Agronomic data collected throughout the growing season includes heading date, plant height, lodging, disease and insect reactions. Experimental plots are trimmed, measured and harvested with small plot combines. The grain is weighed for yield and test weight.

One trait important to wheat growers is resistance to the wheat stem sawfly. The major mode of resistance is a solid versus hollow stemmed variety. To evaluate this, the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station in 2003, Choteau was derived from the cross Reeder//China Scab #140/N90-0690. It is a hollow stemmed, semi dwarf, hard red spring variety that has shown good adaptation across the northern plains including several areas in Montana. It is resistant to stem and leaf rust and has good tolerance to leaf spotting diseases. Its scab rating is intermediate which would make it a good choice for use under irrigation. Brennan has acceptable overall bread making quality. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

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CHOTEAU – Developed and released by Montana Agricultural Experiment Station in 2003. Choteau was derived from the cross of MT 9401/MT 9328. Choteau is a semidwarf hard red spring wheat with solid stems conferring tolerance to the wheat stem sawfly. The five scores are added up to get a total number ranging from 5=very hollow to 25=very solid. Entries are submitted to the MAES wheat variety release committee.

Additional descriptive information on spring wheat varieties

Hard Red Spring Wheats

BRENNAN – Brennan was developed by Syngenta Seeds, Inc. and released to AgriPro Associates in 2009. Brennan was derived from the cross Reeder//China Scab #140/N90-0690. It is a hollow stemmed, semi dwarf, hard red spring variety that has shown good adaptation across the northern plains including several areas in Montana. It is resistant to stem and leaf rust and has good tolerance to leaf spotting diseases. Its scab rating is intermediate which would make it a good choice for use under irrigation. Brennan has acceptable overall bread making quality. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

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KELBY – Kelby was developed by AgriPro and released to AgriPro Associates in 2006. Kelby was derived from the cross N97-01117/3/S92-0098/Sumai 3/Dalen. It is a hollow stemmed, semidwarf, hard red spring wheat variety. Kelby is ideally head rising spring wheat and maintains a good test weight across locations. Kelby has the Asian background (Sumai 3) for fusarium head blight resistance giving it an intermediate sclerotium. It is resistant to stem and leaf rust and shows good tolerance to leaf spot diseases. It shows moderate susceptibility to stripe rust. Kelby is susceptible to damage by the wheat stem sawfly. Grain protein of Kelby is good and the milling and baking quality is acceptable. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

LANNING – Lanning hard red spring wheat was released by the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station due to its yield potential in dryland areas of Montana and its superior end-use quality. Lanning was derived from the cross ‘Glenn’/MT0747 by single seed descent beginning in the F2 generation. Lanning has grain yield similar to ‘Vida’ with higher grain protein and stronger gluten characteristics than Vida. Lanning is hollow-stemmed, suggesting that it will be susceptible to damage caused by the wheat stem sawfly. Grain protein of Lanning is good and the milling and baking quality is acceptable. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

FORTUNA – Developed from the cross Rescue/Chinook/3 (Frontana/Kenya58/ Newthatch made at North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station with the Crops Research Division of USDA cooperating. A joint North Dakota Montana release was made in 1966. Fortuna is beardless with white chaff and straw. It is a solid-stemmed variety, resistant to the wheat stem sawfly. Fortuna is susceptible to Septoria and black chaff fungus. It has acceptable baking properties.

JEDD – Jedd was developed by WestBred, LLC from the cross* HANK/SW965-001/ Teall 11A and released in 2008. Jedd contains two patented genes (L1B S653N and L1D S653N) that confer tolerance to the BALSF grass herbicide “Beyond” (imazimox). Jedd is semi-dwarf with good lodging resistance and is medium in heading and maturity. Jedd yields well and has good test weight. Jedd is moderately susceptible to races of stripe rust in western Montana and has good tolerance to Hessian fly biotypes in Washington, but the reaction is unknown for Montana biotypes. Jedd has average grain protein and acceptable milling and baking quality.

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by the wheat stem sawfly (Cephus cinctus Nort.). This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

McNEAL – Developed from the cross RS6880/Glenman made by the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. It was released in March 1995. McNeal is a semi dwarf, hard red spring wheat with red chaff and tan straw. The spike is awned and mid-dense. The glumes are reddish brown with some white on the outer edges of the lemma and palea. Kernels are red, ovate, medium length with a short brush. The cheeks are slightly rounded with a medium crease. Under Montana growing conditions McNeal is moderately resistant to lodging. It is moderately resistant to prevalent races of stem rust and wheat streak mosaic virus. McNeal is moderately susceptible to leaf rust and stripe rust. It is susceptible to Russian wheat aphid and the wheat stem sawfly. Under some climatic conditions one white chaffed plant per 2,000 plants may appear in the field. McNeal’s milling and baking qualities are acceptable by industry.

MOTT – Developed by North Dakota State University and released by the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station in 2009. Mott was released primarily for its resistance to the wheat stem sawfly and adaptation to the western region of North Dakota. It is a medium-tall, awned wheat that matures approximately 2 days later than Reeder and Choteau. Mott is susceptible to moderately susceptible to prevalent races of leaf rust. It is resistant to moderately resistant to prevalent races of stem rust. It is susceptible to tan spot and resistant to Stagonospora leaf blotch. Mott has good milling and baking characteristics and better than average grain protein content.

NS PRESSER CLP – ‘NS Presser CLP’ hard red spring wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) was developed by the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station and released in 2016 to the commercial partner Northern Seed LLC. NS PRESSER CLP is a two-gene Clearfield wheat intended for use with the selective imidazolinone herbicide imazamox (BeyonD, BASF Corp.). NS PRESSER CLP was developed by a single backcross of alleles for resistance to the imidazolinone herbicide class into the recurrent parent ‘Vida’. Yield trials at sites in Montana showed that NS PRESSER CLP has yield potential under dryland production similar to Vida. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

ONEAL – ONEal is a hard red spring wheat developed by WestBred, LLC from the cross McNeal/WestBred 906R and was released in 2008. ONEal is a hollown stemmed, semidwarf wheat with red chaff. ONEal heads about the same as McNeal and one day later than Choteau. ONEal is susceptible to stripe rust. Test weight of ONEal is average with grain protein, milling and baking traits similar to McNeal. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

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REEDER – Developed by the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station from the cross IAS#4/#HS671.71/Soa/3/ND674. Reeder was released in 1999. Reeder is an awned, semi dwarf hard red spring wheat. Reeder yields well especially in northeastern Montana and western North Dakota. Reeder has resistance to many races of stem and leaf rust. Milling and baking qualities are acceptable. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

SY TYRA – SY Tyra is a hard red spring wheat initially developed at Montana State University for release by Syngenta Seeds, Inc. It originated from a marker assisted backcross project with the final cross as Chateau/#Norpro. It has a semi-solid stem which confers some tolerance to the wheat stem sawfly. Yield performance has been very good statewide. Test weight has been very high averaging one pound heavier than Chateau. It has medium maturity similar to Reeder. It is a short semi dwarf with very good straw strength. Overall milling and baking characteristics are acceptable. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

SY SOREN – SY Soren is a hollow stemmed, hard red spring wheat developed by Syngenta Seeds, Inc. and released to AgriPro Associates in 2011. PVP; Title V certificate was issued in 2012. SY Soren was derived from the cross Norpro/Keby. It has medium maturity and very good test weight. It is a short semi-dwarf, similar to Brennan. Straw strength is very good, between Keby and Kuntz. It is resistant to stem rust and moderately resistant to leaf rust. It has very good tolerance to Fusarium head blight. Overall quality of SY Soren is acceptable. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

VIDA – Vida was derived from the cross of Scholar/Reeder made in 1998 by the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. Vida was released in 2005. Vida is a high yielding hard red spring with moderate resistance to leaf and stripe rust but is moderately susceptible to stem rust. Vida is a semi dwarf wheat with white glumes and awns. Kernels are red, oval with rounded cheeks and a mid-deep crease. Vida has good milling and baking characteristics. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

VOLT – Volt is a hard red spring wheat developed by Dr. Peter Franck with the plant breeding company, PZO Pflanzenzucht Oberlimburg, in Germany and has been thoroughly tested by WestBred, LLC and released in 2008. Volt is a high yielding semi dwarf wheat under irrigated conditions with good tolerance to stripe rust and

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WB GUNNISON – A hard red spring wheat developed by WestBred from the cross Conan/Agawam and released in 2011. WB-Gunnison is being released as a high quality hard red spring wheat that is intended to replace Conan and Corbin acres. Milling and baking quality data indicate that WB-Gunnison has acceptable quality. Disease/sawfly ratings for WB-Gunnison show it to be MR to stripe rust. WB-Gunnison is a hollow stemmed variety, but has high yields under wheat stem sawfly pressure due to relative non-preference in small plot nursery trials. This variety is protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act and can only be sold or advertised by variety name as a class of certified seed.

WB9879CLP – WB9879CLP was derived from the cross of Choteau*3//Choteau/IMI8134 made in 2004 to be used as a Clearfield wheat. WB9879CLP is an awned semi dwarf hard red spring wheat heading one and a half days later than Choteau while plant height is 30 inches the same as Choteau. WB9879CLP has solid stems similar to Choteau averaging 20-23 over two years. WB9879CLP exhibits acceptable milling and baking quality traits similar to Choteau. WB9879CLP is currently licensed exclusively to WestBred-Monsanto with PVP title V protection.

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