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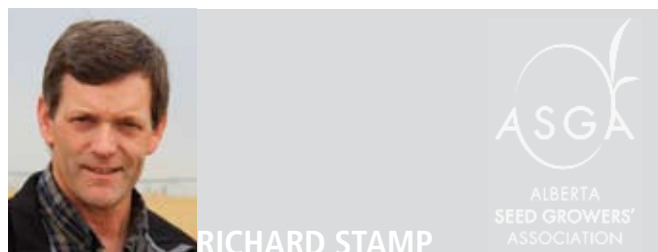


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In the mid-1990s the province made the unilateral decision to withdraw its representatives from the boards of our seed cleaning plants. This resulted in the loss of a very efficient line of communication for Alberta farmers.

Recently, it has come to our attention that some municipalities are withdrawing their representatives from local seed plant boards. This move can only result in a further lack of communication between farmers and the governments in this province.

If we, the farmers of this province, allow this trend to continue, we will have no one to blame but ourselves when the two levels of government make decisions that affect agriculture and our livelihoods. It is up to us, as farmers, to make sure our municipal and provincial elected officials are reminded at every opportunity just how important agriculture is to the economic health and well-being of this province.

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WE anticipate that this 2011 Spring edition of **seed.ab.ca** will provide you with concise and helpful information to work towards a successful harvest of quality product to market. Again, a wide range of articles are included in this issue which, we believe, are very relevant to our agriculture industry and your farms.

This spring we are excited to showcase our new and improved **seed.ab.ca** website. Being revamped, updated and expanded, it will meet the demands of users. Both of our entities: our magazine and website continue to make **seed.ab.ca** the number one resource for reliable and trusted crop production information.

In this issue we are again looking at fusarium, a concern which we cannot ignore. As an industry, we cannot stress enough the importance of being vigilant and ensuring that the cereal grain seed you are planting is tested for *Fusarium graminearum*. Your neighbours are counting on you to take steps to prevent the multiplication and spread of this disease. Overall, each of these editorials is a challenge to all of us to be proactive and practice due diligence in our business operations.

Please feel free to call your local pedigreed seed retailers and industry specialists for more details on the crops and related issues covered in this issue of **seed.ab.ca**. They have firsthand knowledge and experience and can assist you with your research and preparation for a successful season. An exciting year is in store for all of us in this industry. Higher crop prices and a world that requires our products are encouraging us to build our businesses, our communities and our province.

Thank you again to all of our readers, article contributors and the many supporters of **seed.ab.ca**. We wish you a successful and safe year in 2011.

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ROB GRAF

ON behalf of the Alberta/British Columbia Grain Advisory Committee, I wish to welcome you to a new edition of **seed.ab.ca**. Third-party, regional variety testing is a vital link connecting the research and development done by plant breeders and the producers who choose to grow new varieties in the attempt to increase their competitiveness and productivity. Thank you for your continued confidence in our publication.

The ABCGAC is a group of individuals from across Western Canada and many of the members are the people who actually conduct the various trials across Alberta and B.C. We take our role very seriously. Prior to establishing the trials, an annual review of the protocols are conducted in early spring to ensure that there is good understanding of the accepted methodologies, and that best-practices are used. During the growing season, trials are inspected and advice may be provided to improve the quality of the data being collected. When data collection is completed after harvest, the information is compiled, analyzed and put into the multi-year database. The

various tables are then constructed with input from each crop co-ordinator. Finally, the ABCGAC meets in early December to discuss and approve the new tables. Special gratitude is extended to our long-term provincial coordinator, Gayah Sieusahai, for his tireless efforts in all of these activities.

Of course, this testing does not happen for free. Sincere thanks are extended to the individuals and organizations who contribute great time, effort, supplies and financial resources to the RVT program. We trust that our collective effort to provide meaningful data continues to be useful to you. Best of luck in the upcoming growing season!

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MINISTER HAYDEN

I'M delighted to have this opportunity to provide greetings to the readers of **seed.ab.ca** and to the many Albertans involved in the grains and/or oilseed sector.

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varieties. Rapid progress in crop science and plant genetics will be essential to improving Alberta's global competitiveness.

Alberta's seed growers continue to play a critically important role in commercializing new crop technologies. As science advances and traditional and new markets evolve, skilled seed growers will be the foundation for supply chains in both extensive commercial crop production and in niche market opportunities.

With the growing season almost upon us, I know you will be using this guide to make important planting decisions.

I hope that 2011 will be a productive and prosperous year for producers across Alberta.

Jack Hayden

Minister of Agriculture and Food

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Making Glyphosate Use Sustainable

Canada is taking the right approach to managing this valuable technology.

ACCORDING to two scientists who have spent years researching glyphosate resistance, Canada is setting an example for proper management of this weed technology. In a recent report titled “Glyphosate-Resistant Crops and Weeds: Now and in the Future” published in the journal *AgBioForum*, Stephen Powles from the University of Western Australia and Stephen Duke from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service examine the pitfalls of glyphosate resistance while singling out Canada as a country that is effectively managing this technology.

The report states that overuse of this single weed management technology is jeopardizing it as an effective tool due to the emergence of new weed species that are only poorly controlled by glyphosate and the evolution of glyphosate-resistant weeds.

According to the authors, the problem is that there has been a massive increase in the use of glyphosate-tolerant crops in the United States, Argentina and Brazil, reducing herbicide diversity. “This is starkly evident for soybean production in the United States,” says the report. “As GT soybeans and glyphosate were adopted, other herbicides largely disappeared from most fields, minimizing herbicide diversity in U.S. soybean fields. It is well known that herbicide resistance evolution will be fastest where diversity is minimal. There can be no better example of this lack of diversity in weed control than multiple applications of glyphosate on the same field every year in GT crops.”

Canada’s Approach

The authors point out that Canada is taking the right approach to glyphosate resistance. By rotating crops and promoting diversity by choosing varieties with resistance to other herbicides such as glufosinate, Canada is setting a positive example.

“Relative to the massive GT crop adoption in the United States and Argentina, it is instructive to contrast the situation in Canada,” says the report. “While GT soybean and maize are grown in Ontario, canola is the only GT crop in the western provinces. In this region, the non-GT cereal crops wheat and barley dominate, with canola as an important rotational crop. In 2006, of the 6 million hectares of canola in Canada, 70 per cent was GT, but there is also canola resistant to other herbicides such as glufosinate, imidazolinones. Therefore, producers are able to diversify by alternating between GT and glufosinate- or imidazolinone-resistant canola. It is important to recognize that, on average, canola is grown on a particular cropping field in only one year in four. Clearly, the glyphosate selection intensity in this



Canadian canola-cereal cropping agro-ecosystem is much less than in U.S., Argentinean or Brazilian GT soybean, maize and cotton regions.”

“Unsurprisingly, there are currently no known cases of evolved GT weeds in Canada,” the report continues. “This is undoubtedly due to the diversity, as it refers to glyphosate, evident in the non-GT crop cereal/GT canola Canadian cropping system, relative to that in the GT soybean/maize/cotton agroecosystems to the south. Thus, GT canola should remain sustainable in Canada if this diversity is maintained. There are important lessons that other parts of the world can learn in this sustainable use of GT crops in Canada.”

Maintaining Resistance

However, the Canadian industry cannot afford to get too confident just yet. Last spring, after the report was published,

University of Guelph weed scientists completed evaluations of a giant ragweed (*Ambrosia trifida*) population in Ontario and confirmed the first case of a GT weed in Canada.

"We have been able to demonstrate that plants from this population of giant ragweed meet all five requirements necessary to confirm resistance, including surviving increased rates of glyphosate and the ability to pass resistance along to the next generation," said François Tardif of the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph at the time.

The population in question underwent both greenhouse and field testing by university researchers, working in conjunction with Monsanto Canada, in order to confirm resistance. While over 30 other species of weeds in Canada have developed resistance to herbicides, this was the first confirmation of a GR weed in Canada. In other countries around the world, 20 weed species—including giant ragweed—have been confirmed as resistant to glyphosate. Ten of those species are in the United States.

Since then, other giant ragweed populations in Southwestern Ontario were also tested for susceptibility to glyphosate, and last fall University of Guelph weed scientists confirmed the presence of additional glyphosate-resistant populations in soybean fields in Southwestern Ontario.

Greenhouse testing of seed samples collected in the fall of 2009 showed an additional 16 fields had populations of giant ragweed resistant to glyphosate.

"As was the case in our initial finding on a field near Windsor in 2008, we have been able to demonstrate that plants from the populations of giant ragweed we collected in 16 of the 57 fields survived when they were sprayed with glyphosate in the greenhouse," says Tardif.


Diversification

So what can be done to make glyphosate use sustainable? "A major lesson evident from more than three decades of glyphosate use worldwide is that, where diversity in weed management systems is maintained, weed control by glyphosate can be sustainable," says the report. "It is clear that, where there is very intense glyphosate selection without diversity, GT weed populations will evolve. In particular, the evolution of GR weed populations is a looming threat in areas where transgenic GT crops dominate the landscape and in which glyphosate selection is intense and without diversity. If current practices continue in these areas, GR weeds will become a major problem."

Therefore, the report concludes that the United States, Argentina and Brazil need to follow Canada's lead and introduce diversity in the GR crop areas. "What specifically constitutes 'diversity' will vary according to region, ecosystem, enterprises, economics, and many other factors. However, diversity will involve herbicide rotations, sequences, combinations of robust rates of different modes of action and use of non-herbicide weed-control tools. Such diversity must be introduced now in the GT crop areas of the United States, Argentina, and Brazil. Mixtures of glyphosate with effective doses of soil-residual herbicides are already being adopted, and transgenic crops with additional herbicide resistance genes are in development," the report says. "Alternative herbicides and integration with non-herbicide weed-control tools will be required."




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Best Practices

Farmers need to include diversity in their cropping systems to reduce the likelihood of glyphosate resistance materializing in their fields. This includes a diverse crop rotation with multiple herbicide modes of action over time. Farmers are advised to use appropriate rates and other herbicides in their program where possible, including existing residual herbicides, to reduce the likelihood of glyphosate resistance developing in their fields. Best management practices include:

- Start with a clean field by either utilizing a burn down herbicide or tillage to control weeds early.
- Use an effective herbicide tolerant system as the foundation of a total weed management program.
- Add other herbicides or cultural practices where appropriate as part of the herbicide tolerant cropping system.
- Use the right herbicide rate at the right time.
- Control weeds throughout the season and reduce the weed seed bank.
- Rotation to other crops will add opportunities for introduction of other modes of action.

While Canada is certainly an example to follow when it comes to proper management of GT crops, the recent appearance of a GR population in Ontario is an important reminder for seed companies to help growers consider diversity in their weed management strategies and crop management practices.

Peter Sikkema, a plant agriculture professor at the University of Guelph’s Ridgetown campus, says this means advising growers to include diversity in their cropping systems, including a diverse crop rotation with multiple herbicide modes of action over time. Growers are advised to use appropriate rates and other herbicides in their program where possible, including existing residual herbicides, to reduce the likelihood of glyphosate resistance developing in their fields.

“We know that farmers view glyphosate as an important weed control tool so the appearance of glyphosate-resistant populations and solutions to address this challenge are an important area of research for us and the farmers who have been impacted,” says Sikkema. “Where crop rotation occurs, familiar herbicides such as 2,4-D in winter wheat and dicamba based herbicides in corn are very effective at controlling these glyphosate-resistant populations of giant ragweed. Our current research is focused on solutions to manage these populations in soybean production.”

Based on the field research conducted this past year, Eragon and FirstRate herbicide were the most effective commercial products for control of the glyphosate-resistant giant ragweed.

There were also a few new experimental treatments in soybeans that also worked very well in controlling the glyphosate-resistant giant ragweed. “Use of dicamba with dicamba tolerant soybeans was one of those new treatments that was very effective in controlling glyphosate-resistant giant ragweed,” explains Sikkema. “We are encouraging companies to pursue some of these new management strategies in soybeans to expand our control options for this issue.”

By not relying solely on glyphosate and maintaining some diversity in weed-management techniques, Canada is taking the right approach to ensuring the longevity of glyphosate and its use for future harvests. **julie.mcnaab**

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Wheat and Barley Research Gets Funding Boost

Western Canadian wheat and barley research and development programs recently received a big boost from the federal government

GOOD news for wheat and barley growers in Alberta. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is contributing \$11.8 million in funding towards grain research to improve crop performance and give Canadian producers an advantage in the marketplace. Additional funding will be provided from producer wheat and barley check-offs by the Western Grains Research Foundation. "This additional funding will be used to enhance the kinds of wheat and barley breeding programs we have had in place with AAFC and Canadian universities in the past," says Terry Scott, acting executive director of the WGRF. "The main impact of that will be to accelerate the process of getting new and improved varieties into farmer's fields."

Development of varieties with improved disease and pest resistance will remain a priority across all barley and wheat classes, with particular attention given to fusarium head blight, as well as other diseases like leaf and stem rust.

The Canadian Agri-Science Clusters Initiative will deliver \$8 million of the funding to create a Wheat Breeding Cluster, bringing together the best scientific expertise to improve wheat varieties that help farmers obtain higher yields with lower production costs.

"This provides secure funding for on-going high priority work to reduce business risk for producers and meet the requirements of consumers for safe and nutritious food and keep Canadian wheat competitive in world markets," says Ron DePauw, head of the wheat breeding program at Swift Current, Sask.

The funding will help advance ongoing wheat breeding that focuses on increasing yield and quality through performance factors such as improved water- and nitrogen-use efficiency, improved heat and drought tolerance, prevention of pre-harvest problems like early sprouting and adaptations to regional climate variations.

Crop Development Centre's wheat breeding programs concentrate on the genetics, breeding and production of short-season spring wheat varieties for the baking industry, as well as durum and alternative varieties, with emphasis on yield and quality considerations.

The cost benefit to producers on the wheat check-off funds invested in research through WGRF has been about four to

one, says DePauw. The return on investment for barley research is even higher. An independent study conducted on behalf of WGRF found that each dollar of investment generated \$12.

The other \$2.8 million of federal funds will be delivered through the Developing Innovative Agri-Products initiative for barley breeding, agronomy, pathology and food quality. The barley DIAP, also partly funded by WGRF, brings together other private and public sector partners, including the Canadian Wheat Board, Alberta Barley Commission, Brewing and Malting Barley Research Institute and Rahr Malting Canada Ltd.

Work will be conducted at AAFC's Brandon Research Centre and at other AAFC centres at Lacombe, Beaverlodge, Lethbridge, Scott, Melfort, Swift Current, Indian Head and Winnipeg. In addition, in Eastern Canada, AAFC's Ottawa and Charlottetown research centres are collaborating on a fusarium head blight project on barley.

Ongoing programs are aimed at improving the agronomic performance of new malt barley varieties to make them more consistent in quality and yield. Part of that work is looking at ways to reduce disease and pest pressure and improve nitrogen-use efficiency. Researchers will also continue to look specifically at two- and six-row malting barley, forage barley and human food barley varieties with an emphasis on both yield and quality.

Apart from malting barley, very little barley is currently used for human consumption. A new variety developed by Mario Therrien, a barley breeder at AAFC, is currently being evaluated for use in flour by a potential end-user. If accepted by the industry, Therrien hopes a larger market can be established for flour grade barley to give another option for growers in the future.

In the case of forage varieties, the aim is to improve on dual-purpose varieties that will provide consistent quantity and quality of grain. "We want to reduce costs as far as possible, whilst improving yield and maintaining quality," says Therrien. "So the cattle producer can have a feed ingredient for his animals that is less costly to grow and to feed."

The federal funds are part of the Growing Forward framework under the five-year Agri-Innovations Program that has allocated \$158 million to support industry-led science and technology projects. **angela.lovell**

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“Depending on the crop, we have yearly data from 3 to 19 sites across the province,” explains Gayah Sieusahai, the RVT co-ordinator and the province’s pest regulatory officer. “We want to see the varieties grown in as many climatic zones and soil conditions as possible.”

Some time ago, the trials were in jeopardy over funding issues, but that has been sorted out, with the Province of Alberta paying for the trial co-ordinator position, office space and other incidentals. Various industry stakeholders also provide funds, with additional funding coming from the fee charged if a company wants its variety to be included in a trial. Most companies opt in because inclusion in the trials means every grower in the province will learn about their varieties.

“If a variety does not appear in the annual publication, knowledge of that variety will take much longer to reach farmers,” explains Robert Graf, a research scientist and winter wheat breeder with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Lethbridge. “Farmers use the publication as their first source of variety information because it provides third-party information on yield as well as other important characteristics. There is also information on seed size, test weight, protein content, lodging and disease resistance, to name a few.” All of the information helps growers to make informed choices on which varieties will grow successfully in an area.

The companies paying to have their varieties included in the trial get “a great deal”, according to Graf. For \$1,200 per variety, the company will have replicated tests at 11 sites across the province. This is a minor expenditure when compared to what it would cost the company to hire staff and set up its own trials in that many locations. While getting this data is an important aspect of companies supporting the RVT, it is also a smart marketing strategy because producers see the trials results and the varieties tested will be listed in the annual report in front of every grower’s eyes.

A minimum of two years of data is required before a variety is included in the report. As Sieusahai says, one year of data is not conclusive. So, if one of the trials is taken out by drought or hail

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and the data is poor or non-existent, the variety being tested will not be listed until it has proven itself for two years. “If we don’t get two years of data, we don’t publish because one year is just not enough,” he says.

The results of the trials are made available to growers across the province, but they are not the only people who get valuable information from the results. Seed growers use the results to predict how much seed to reproduce and they can also use the data to help customers choose which varieties to grow.

“We look at the seed guide to know what multiplication we need to do,” explains Ryan Mercer of Mercer Seeds in Lethbridge. Knowing that the trial results are not generated by special interests, such as a company that might want its new variety to do well in the marketplace, adds credibility to the results. “This is impartial third-party data,” he adds. “In our operation we grow many of the varieties in the trials and then we compare our observations with the data from the trials.”

“Of course seed companies market their varieties because they believe in them,” Graf continues. “But the RVT system looks at adaptation in many areas under many conditions, so we may find that some varieties perform better under certain conditions than others.”

Another seed grower says the “wacky weather” his area has experienced over the last few years has made the data from the trials even more valuable. “It helps to see how the varieties performed in those conditions and that helps us give our growers better information,” explains Greg Stamp of Stamp’s Select Seeds in Enchant. “You can do year-to-year comparisons, which will smooth out seasonal variability.”

“Farmers can use the data to make management decisions,” says Graf. “For example, if a farmer is expecting a wet year, production practices and varieties can be chosen that will provide optimal results under those conditions.”

Stamp agrees. He says the information is not always about yield, but making good management decisions. While there are farmers who are keen to try a new variety that offers a yield advantage, he says there are other reasons to use the data. “An older variety called Lillian has a tough stem that resists the attack of saw flies,” he explains. “If a grower knows there is saw fly pressure in his area, then choosing to grow Lillian might be a good decision.” The RVT data gives growers that kind of useful information, he adds.

The information generated by the RVT gives growers more than just yield data and has become a “trusted publication”,

according to Graf. That is why the renewed funding setup is being welcomed by all the stakeholders involved in crop production in Alberta.

“Having the trials is great,” comments Stamp. “Otherwise you have no way to compare old and new varieties.”

For growers, the rejuvenated RVTs are giving them information that is not available anywhere else in a format that invites easy comparison. Mercer has the last word on the merit of the trials: “This is money well spent because the information is valuable.” **rosalie.tennison**

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2011 Seed Quality

Fusarium and fusarium lookalikes to watch out for in 2011.

PRODUCTION challenges from higher than average rainfall during the 2010 growing season was the greatest topic of discussion and focus this summer among producers across most of the country. The next worry is what effects those production challenges had on seed quality—particularly germination and levels of seed-borne *Fusarium graminearum*.

Barry Little at 20/20 Seed Labs based out of Nisku has been looking closely at submitted samples to determine if the area of infection of *F. graminearum* has been changing and if infection levels per sample have changed from 2009. "Results are showing not huge increases in the incidence of fusarium-damaged kernels from 2009. However, saying that, we are definitely seeing minor increases in disease incidence. In 2009, infection levels in Alberta seed samples averaged from 0.5 to 2 per cent. For the 2010 crop, we are seeing disease levels averaging 1 to 4 per cent on a per sample basis. There are even a handful of samples reaching 20 per cent infection levels. The higher levels appear to be localized south of the Trans-Canada highway, with some incidence levels creeping north—however not significant at this time."

Little also goes on to explain that there appears to be only minor loss of germination in Alberta wheat samples caused by *F. graminearum* in the 2010 crop season.

Data compiled at BioVision Seed Labs by Holly Gelech tells a similar story in regards to the *F. graminearum* presence in Alberta. BioVision's findings show that "*F. graminearum* is rarely detected in wheat samples submitted from Northern Alberta (780 area code). In contrast, samples submitted from Southern Alberta (403 area code) have infection levels ranging from 0.5 to 15 per cent and *F. graminearum* was detected in 29 per cent of the samples tested since harvest. The average Alberta wheat germination of the 2010 crop is 92 per cent, which is a 3 per cent reduction from the 2009 wheat crop. For the most part, the primary influence impacting germination is dormancy, but other contributing factors include frost damage and fusarium infection."

So, it Looks Like FHB, but is it Really?

A multitude of pests exist that mimic tombstone symptoms on the kernel. According to Tom Gräfenhan, program manager,

microbiology, at the Canadian Grain Commission, there are at least three other commonly mistaken causes of the typical tombstone characteristics. They include:




- a) Midge damage with mould: feeding by the larva of the orange wheat blossom midge can result in shrunken, misshapen seeds, especially on durum wheat. Depending upon the growing conditions, midge-damaged seeds may become visibly mouldy. Whitish fungal mycelia can result in seeds similar in appearance to seeds formed as a result of FHB. This type of fungal growth is frequently that of *Septoria nodorum* or one of the fusaria.
- b) *Asteromella* species: this fungus is recovered from seeds with a somewhat chalky appearance and visible mycelial growth. The seeds characteristically have an orangish translucence and black pycnidia on the surface, frequently at the brush end. In culture, *Asteromella* grows very quickly and forms a dense, white mycelium.
- c) *Septoria nodorum*: infection of the seed by this fungus, which causes glume blotch in wheat, can result in a seed visually indistinguishable from those formed by FHB.

Gräfenhan explains that "most notable from the 2010 growing season is *Septoria nodorum*. *S. nodorum* has been present in almost all samples from Central Alberta and Western Saskatchewan seen at the CGC this year. The symptoms are very similar and almost indistinguishable from FHB." The same is true for another fusarium species, *F. avenaceum*, which does not produce DON (vomitoxin). Even for an experienced grain inspector or laboratory technician, it is not possible to distinguish these causal agents of FDK without plating the samples and identifying the fungi through a microscope.

Barry Little at 20/20 Seed Labs confirms these findings. The same is true for another fusarium species, *F. avenaceum*, which does not produce DON (vomitoxin). Even for an experienced grain inspector or laboratory technician, it is not possible to distinguish these causal agents of FDK without plating the samples and identifying the fungi through a microscope. "We are finding that producers are being downgraded for what looks like FDK. Growing conditions in Alberta were ideal for the development of *S. nodorum* in 2010 even more than *F. graminearum*. I strongly encourage that producers do their due diligence to ensure that they do in fact have FHB infected samples." **jennifer.stow**

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THE manager of St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Association Ltd. goes the distance, literally, for the 800 shareholders and producer-owners he works for. Diversifying into the export market has taken Ron Wirsta to many far-flung corners of the world.

In the mid-1990s it was necessary to diversify, says Wirsta. At that time, direct exporting to other parts of the world looked like a lucrative market for the association, so Wirsta packed his bags, traveling overseas to meet buyers from Europe, the Middle East and Asia. "I went to Marseilles, France, to see what world trade was about and who some of the buyers overseas were, and it exploded from there. We've been direct exporting and eliminating that other person—and that's making money for us," says Wirsta. Last August, he traveled to China on a trade mission for pulses and other commodities, touring facilities and showcasing not only the St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Association but also the Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants.

According to Wirsta, the export market facilitates, on average, 35 per cent of the St. Paul plant's business, and as high as 60 per cent of its annual processing. Diversification has always been important to St. Paul's board of directors, shareholders and Wirsta as a way of moving forward and helping growers use the facility to its full potential. In the early 1980s, the facility hosted plot trials for peas under the direction of the district agriculturalist. "The [district agriculturalist] convinced growers to grow peas and we did some plot trials right here at the seed plant. It exploded from that. We've maintained good acreage on specific varieties and these have been asked for in specific countries," says Wirsta.

In 1987, the plant also started selling feed and seed, which proved to be another excellent fit for the community and producers. "With our customer base being producers, there's a need for it because they are looking for products to look after their livestock," says Wirsta. Two years ago, St. Paul's became a dealer for Pioneer Hi-Bred. Becoming an area representative for canola and corn seed helped the association's bottom line, says Wirsta.

Now, 90 per cent of St. Paul's business is edible pulses; mostly field peas, grown in the area. The association has also played a role in bringing red lentils to central Alberta, which overseas buyers are demanding, increasing the acreage on lentils in the area. So far, says Wirsta, the lentil crop is looking good. "It's one of the first years we're seeing lentils up here again. Now we've got some products in the marketplace that actually have some maturity dates that work with our climate and we've also got demand from overseas to ship that product through our facility," says Wirsta, who brought the seed in and got it out to producers for reproduction.

The facility has been in operation since 1957, three years after the formation of the association. Rebuilt in 1982 following a fire, the plant is updated and maintained annually, most recently with an office rejuvenation and expansion. Four years ago, the seed treating system was completely updated with two G3 side-by-side seed treating systems, doubling the plant's treating capacity to 40 bushels per minute. "It doubled our seed treating totals in one year, which really helped the business on the seed treating side," says Wirsta. The association also installed a dual application system on both sides that has two nozzles per side. The new system applies seed enhancement products in sequential application with the seed treatment.

In the near future, Wirsta has hopes of installing a colour sorter as well as putting in a second line of equipment for processing for his customers.

As one of the major agricultural businesses in St. Paul, the facility is of great importance to the community. "In St. Paul, we're very important to our community. Our customers expect good service, someone they can rely on, and someone they know is working for them now and in the future," says Wirsta.

For now, Wirsta continues to travel far and wide expanding markets and profit for St. Paul's Municipal Seed Cleaning Association. **kari.belanger**

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OVER the last 20 years, the value seen by producers when purchasing good quality seed has increased. According to Statistics Canada, in 1990 \$532 million was spent on commercial seed expenditures in Canada. Fast forward 10 years to 2000 and that figure increased to \$897 million Canada-wide. And in 2009, total seed expenditures reached a whopping \$1.4 billion.

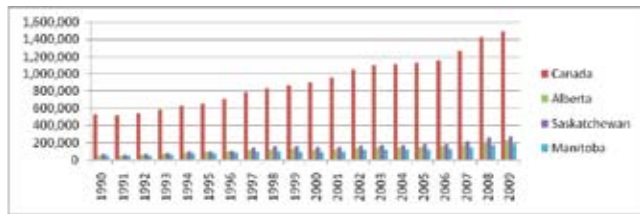


Figure 1: Commercial Seed Expenditures (in 1,000s of dollars) 1990-2009 (Source: Statistics Canada)

While the perceived value placed on seed purchases has increased astronomically over the past 20 years, net farm income tells a different story. With the exception of record breaking prices in 2008, farm income in Canada and the Western Prairies over the past 20 years has stayed fairly fixed with peaks and troughs typically brought about by extreme weather patterns. This is linked directly to crop input costs, which include seed.

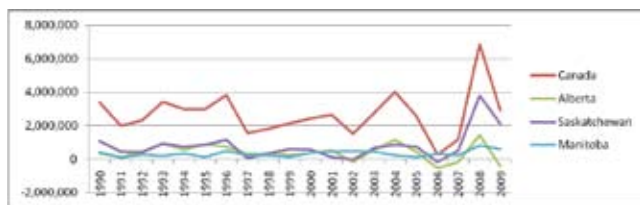


Figure 2: Net Farm Income (in 1,000s of dollars) 1990-2009 (Source: Statistics Canada)

These statistics, while appearing dismal, don't necessarily tell the entire story. If seed sales for Alberta are broken down further, it becomes clear that dollars spent on cereal crops—which have seen little research investment—have stayed static, while crop types such as canola—that have higher value traits, benefits and markets—are skyrocketing. Clearly, Western Canadian farmers find value in the improved traits and genetics offered in these systems.

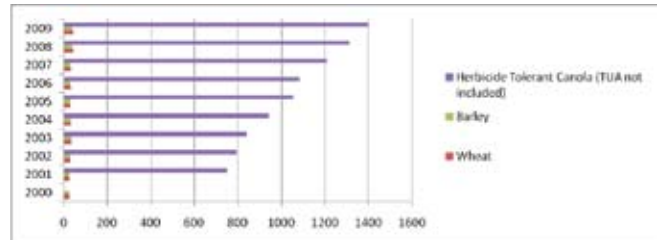


Figure 3: Price/100kg Bulk for Three Common Crop Types in Alberta (Source: Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Economics and Competitiveness Division, Statistics and Data Development Branch)

How is Price Determined?

Cereal seed prices are set according to current trends in commercial grain prices, explains Todd Hyra from SeCan. "Occasionally 'blips' occur when a new variety is released with exceptional genetics, but that too will go back to normal after seed stocks are established," he says.

Randy Court of Court Seeds and Greenhouses at Plumas, Man., reiterates this statement and adds: "When a seed grower is setting his prices, in the case of wheat, the current CWB PROs are the basis of the pricing, then supply, quality and finally other factors involved with the production of certified seed are brought into play."

Hyra goes on to explain the often undervalued prices that seed growers are forced to take depending on current market demands. "Seed production is a costly business, and in order to assure customers the ultimate in seed quality, purity and the latest genetics, there are many factors a seed grower operation must consider when setting prices," he says. "They include such things as cost of purchasing stock seed, isolation strips, profit, royalties, interest, loss due to cleanout, field inspections, testing, rouging, errors and omissions insurance, cleaning costs, advertising, distribution and handling. There is a tremendous amount of work and value that seed growers provide to their customers—the product is far more than grain in a bin—it is pedigreed seed backed by testing and a century old proven certification process."

This may be the story with cereal crops, but as stated earlier, cereal seed prices have remained fairly static over the past 10 years. What has caused the rapid and steady jump in other crop types with higher value such as canola, soybeans and corn?

The easy answer is that farmers are finding value in certain commodities and are willing to pay for it. Looking more closely at canola—sometimes referred to as "Canada's greatest

agricultural success story”—the picture becomes more clear.

When Baldur Stefansson developed the edible oil version of rapeseed and called it canola, the future of the industry had no limits. With the release of the first edible oil canola variety Tower in 1974, the crop moved steadily from special crop to farm staple. In 1996, Canadian farmers from Ontario to British Columbia grew nearly 6.5 million acres and in 2008 harvested acres rose to nearly 16 million. Dramatic yield increases came about with the release of hybrid lines in the 1980s and in 1995 Roundup Ready and Liberty Link traits were introduced to the farming community.

Benefits such as improved genetics, better agronomic practices, increased crop protection products and decent cash returns afforded canola its high rank in Canadian agriculture. With the introduction of genetically modified lines, knowledge around the benefits of conservation tillage and more precise nutrient management increased. Herbicide tolerant crops in general offer greater options for soil fertility, rotations and tillage.

The Canola Council of Canada website quotes a study done in 2001 showing several benefits to growing GM canola. Canola growers reported an average 10 per cent yield increase (three bu/ac) for GM canola compared to conventional canola. Dockage dropped due to fewer weed seeds in samples by 1.27 per cent in GM canola, resulting in higher canola prices for growers. Less fuel was consumed due to fewer field operations (tillage, harrowing, fertilizing and less summer fallow). Growers used 31 million less litres of fuel in 2000, saving them \$13 million. Growers of GM canola in the study used less herbicide, applying 6,000 tonnes less chemical in both 1999 and 2000. As a result, herbicide costs for growers using GM canola were 40 per cent lower than for conventional growers.

The study goes on to say that growers reported an average of \$5.80/acre increase in net return on their GM canola acres compared to conventional acres in 2000. An economic model developed for the study calculated a \$10.62 profit advantage. Revenue was higher due to increased yields, less dockage and lower herbicide costs. The direct economic impact to growers due to the adoption of GM canola from 1997 to 2000 was between \$144 and \$249 million.

From 1997 to 2000, the study also estimated the indirect impact from GM canola was from \$58 to \$215 million. Therefore, the total value to the industry from 1997 to 2000, including both direct revenue to the growers and the indirect value, was up to \$464 million.

Other high value seed crops like soybeans and corn will provide similar benefits to farmers. Demand indicators are strong—for instance in 2010, Manitoba seed growers produced record numbers of soybean seed (39,962 acres), second only to wheat acres in that province. This number is expected to climb as soybeans continue to rise in popularity.

Opening Doors

The value of seed will increase even more for Alberta growers in coming years, as the industry focuses on three major pipeline categories of improvement in corn, soybeans and canola. They

include yield and stress traits, agronomic input traits and value added output traits. Drought tolerance, nitrogen use efficiency and increased yields represent the greatest areas of research.

Collaboration will also increase seed's value, as companies continue to form partnerships to combine competitors' traits. For example, Syngenta has obtained rights to Pioneer's Optimum GAT for use with Syngenta traits. Monsanto and Dow AgroSciences are working together to develop SmartStax corn, which will combine eight different genes for herbicide tolerance and insect protection.

As researchers and plant breeders unlock more yields from each bag of seed, prices will keep moving higher. But how high is too high? The value of any trait, currently in the market or in the pipeline, will be driven by how much better it performs. In other words, there will need to be a yield advantage in order to justify a price increase. **jennifer.stow**

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Closing the Gap

Traditionally there has been a slight yield gap between malting and feed barley varieties, but according to many professionals in the sector, that gap is slowly closing.

A barley breeder's task is no easy feat. They must maintain close contact with end-users, ensure the breeding program remains relevant and stay attuned to emerging trends in the food, feed and brewing industries. All while staying focused on the main goal: to produce new varieties for Western Canadian growers.

In the past, there has been a significant gap between malt and feed barley varieties in terms of yield and agronomics. But that gap is now closing. "The yield gap between malting and feed varieties used to be about 25 per cent, but with the newer varieties, such as CDC Copeland, CDC Meredith, Merit 57 and Bentley, that gap has narrowed to five to ten per cent," says Patricia Juskiw, a barley breeder at the Field Crop Development Centre in Lacombe, Alta.

It's a sentiment echoed by others in the industry. "With some of the newer malt varieties such as CDC Meredith, Major and Bentley coming to commercialization soon versus the top feeds like Xena, Champion and CDC Austenson, the current gap is not that great at about five per cent," says Brian Rossnagel, a barley breeder at the Crop Development Centre in Saskatoon, Sask. "However, please keep in mind that AC Metcalfe, which is currently by far and away the most widely grown malt variety, versus Xena, which is currently the most widely grown feed, the yield difference is about 20 per cent. In other words, the most recent set of new malt varieties show a significant yield advantage. The gap usually goes in cycles since the malt and brewing industry is much slower to change varieties than the feed industry. So, as we release improved feeds, the gap widens for awhile before a new set of malt varieties comes out."

From an agronomic and disease standpoint, the gap might still be further apart. "From my perspective as a plant pathologist, feed varieties in general have a broader package in terms of disease resistance although this is improving in the malt varieties," says Kelly Turkington of the Lacombe Research Centre. "This will have an effect on yield potentials. It can be difficult to incorporate a broad package of resistance into malt lines, while still maintaining the quality characteristics that maltsters and brewers want."

Because malt varieties may not have the disease resistance package that feed types have, Turkington says "crop rotation and, potentially, fungicide use become more important when growing malt varieties. For feed varieties, fungicides are less important, while you may not need as long an interval between barley crops in terms of crop rotation with a feed."

What this means to the producer is that making a decision



on selecting barley varieties requires careful consideration in terms of market opportunities. "Malting barleys require careful management to obtain grade and this management may come at increased input costs," says Juskiw. "The premium for malting grade this year would probably be worth the risk; however, this is not always the case."

Rossnagel adds that when malt varieties are nearly as high yielding as the best feed varieties, "many growers will choose to grow the malt variety in the hope that they'll gain the malt barley premium, knowing that even if they don't, they'll still get a good yield for the feed market, and the chance of getting the malt premium is worth the risk of slightly lower yield."

Juskiw says it's also important to remember malting varieties are usually grown using lower nitrogen input to enhance chances of making malting grade with characteristics such as lower protein, higher extract and better modification traits. "Those lower N inputs that produce good malting quality can limit yield, so it may appear that malting varieties do not yield as well," she says.

Responding to the End-User

Malt and feed barley varieties have very specific end-uses, so it's important to look at what the gap means for end-users. When

it comes to malting, improvements in varieties would maintain and improve Alberta's reputation as a high-quality supplier of malt and malting barley around the world. Bob Sutton of Rahr Malting Company in Alberta says the existing varieties aren't necessarily missing anything, but "there are always areas where improvements can be made that would be well received: extract; lower protein; field sprouting resistance without deep dormancy post-harvest; higher yields for farmers; and better flavours."

"Different customers require different types of malt and the varieties that are currently in the Canadian system fulfill most market niches," adds Rich Joy of Rahr. "We would like to have more of what the Europeans and Australians can deliver; which is lower protein and higher extract. From a processing standpoint, a variety that is malleable, allowing the maltster to process quicker, and with no special requirements, is also very desirable. Beta-glucans are a particularly important issue as high levels adversely affect the brewers' operations."

In the Pipeline

Fortunately, breeders expect the gap to narrow as greater emphasis is placed on developing new malting varieties that offer enhanced brewing characteristics, and it becomes more difficult for breeders to obtain industry support to develop new feed varieties.

In the next few years, malting programs across the Prairies will focus on low-protein and low beta glucan lines. Low phytate barley, which can improve fermentation and reduces the need for mineral supplementation during the brewing process may be more of a "stretch" goal. The barley programs will also continue work on hullless barley lines that are high in beta glucan content and have market potential in the specialty food processing industry.

The Lacombe Research Centre is conducting collaborative disease screening and pathogen variability work with the Field Crop Development Centre and other programs. "In addition, we run a large set of collaborative integrated crop management trials to address agronomic and disease management issues in malt barley," says Turkington.

The centres are also working together on production practices to enhance the sustainability of barley production. "We have been trying to incorporate scald resistance into malting types; this remains a challenge. Recently we have been using marker-assisted selection to try to break the linkages between malting quality and scald resistance," says Juskiw.

That's not to say there won't be new feed varieties developed as well. Feedlot operators need higher-yielding, more digestible feed barley for Canada's meat sector to remain competitive.

To that end, a research project at the Field Crop Development Centre has been investigating the use of a precise and rapid method for testing and analyzing organic materials. The multi-million-dollar near infrared reflectance spectroscopy project has examined thousands of samples of livestock feed for characteristics such as nutritional value and net digestible energy. The goal is to find definitive answers on quality characteristics.

Where Have the Acres Gone?

While breeders continue to work hard developing new varieties, barley acres continue to decrease mostly due to the poor relative

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returns feed barley gives farmers. This decrease in barley acres was the theme of the 6th Canadian Barley Symposium held last summer in Saskatoon.

"I think everyone realizes that barley acres have dropped because feed barley prices, which are essentially the floor price for barley, just aren't competitive with returns for other cereals like wheat and oats," says Rossnagel. "When a farmer is deciding which cereal to plant in his oilseed/cereal/pulse rotation, one of the things he/she looks for is the worst-case scenario, which, for barley, is being forced to sell it for feed. If that scenario won't cover your cost of production then you'll very likely look to grow oats, which requires lower cost of production and less product management than malting barley, or wheat, which requires less product management. If the price of feed barley isn't high enough, then the risk of whether or not you get malt price is just too high, so growers plant an alternative crop."

Jim Downey, research and development manager for Secan, who also owns and operates a family grain farm near Saskatoon, Sask., gave a presentation on the issue at the barley symposium and highlighted that moisture in malting barley is also a major reason for the reduction in acreage. He says 14.8 per cent is dry, but barley contracts specify 13.5 per cent moisture and drying grain costs 10 to 50-cents a bushel, therefore making barley production an unattractive option.

While price is something that can't be controlled, breeding can. Plant breeders in Alberta will continue to strive for varieties that close the yield and agronomic gap between malt and feed varieties, while adhering to the main goal—to make growing barley more attractive for producers through the betterment of agronomics and disease resistance. **julie.mcnabb**

Did You Know?

Barley Australia has introduced a new "food barley" classification for varieties that fail the malting category but are better than stockfeed. It came after the barley industry organization announced that the popular Hindmarsh variety had failed commercial malting tests. The decision would have meant Hindmarsh was downgraded to feed barley, although buyers were willing to export it as malt to some markets. Hindmarsh had shown potential as a variety suitable for the Shochu market in Japan.

Barley Australia executive manager Neil Barker says the "food barley" grade enables Hindmarsh and other future varieties with unique food processing or biochemical characteristics to be recognized independently of current malt and feed barley classifications, creating opportunities for both growers and marketers.

There are opportunities out there to market barley into niche markets based on unique characteristics and many are starting to wonder if the Canadian grain industry might be well served by a similar food or general purpose category for good varieties that fall into the gap between malting and feed categories.

Where Have the Acres Gone?

Example of 2010 Crop Planner

	Wheat	Malt	Feed	Oats	Canola	Lentils	Peas
Yield/Ac	38	60	60	75	32	1086 lb/ac	35
Price/bu	\$4.75	\$2.90	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$9.00	\$0.30	\$4.75
Gross Revenue/Acre	\$180	\$174	\$150	\$150	\$288	\$325	\$166
Total Variable Expense/Acre	\$120	\$108	\$108	\$103	\$150	\$143	\$107
Return over Variable Expense/Acre	\$60	\$66	\$42	\$47	\$138	\$182	\$59

Source: From Jim Downey's presentation at the 6th Canadian Barley Symposium, entitled "Barley—Why Grow it? Thoughts from Farmers and Seed Growers". Data from Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.

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Weighing Your Options



Food for thought when considering 2010 field trial data.

THE growing season of 2010 will go down in the books as one that was fraught with various issues caused mainly by Mother Nature. Excessive rains plagued the Canadian Prairies many times throughout the spring and summer of 2010.

It's the problems caused by these weather conditions that growers need to keep in mind when considering data from this past summer's field plot trials across the Prairies. Excessive rains in many locations led to the onslaught of disease across all crop types including wheat, canola and barley. Understanding the 2010 data is crucial for producers when considering seed selection.

According to Doug Moisey, agronomy specialist with the Canola Council of Canada, when considering trial data, it is important to look at several trial sites before making a seed purchase decision. "Producers should look at many sites and ask about fertility, moisture and seeding rates." As for yield, Moisey says it is important but "unless there is a 10 per cent difference in yield, it's not really significant." Moisey also stresses that producers should look at maturity and disease packages. "If possible look at two years of data and ask questions of company representatives and other producers around the region—ask people that toured plots."

Dave Harwood, technical services manager with Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited agrees that it is important for producers to use local information and longer term data to help make seed decisions. "Producers need to understand that this year was an exceptionally different year than most. Many areas experienced above average rainfall with below normal heat unit accumulation," explains Harwood. "When conditions are outside of the normal, the use of local information, in combination with a wide area and longer term data, is likely to result in decisions that most accurately reflect future performance of a product."

Regional Variety Trials

Regional variety trials are held across the Prairies each year in on-farm trials which are normally field-scale, as well as small-scale trials held by researchers which are normally plot size. Moisey explains that the regional variety trial data is very important and should be considered when producers are choosing varieties. "Regional data is important as it gives a sense of how the variety does within the region, but it's important to focus on other regions to see if the performance of the product is

consistent, as well as to look at the performance under different environmental conditions," explains Moisey.

Pioneer Hi-Bred is a proponent of on-farm variety trials in the company's grain and oilseed product lines—but they are especially important for canola, says Harwood. "Its architecture, herbicide systems and harvest management approaches make canola a unique crop, and all of these attributes make predictive small-scale variety evaluation very difficult."

However Harwood stresses that small-scale trials—like those used by researchers—are effective when making selections amongst thousands of experimental materials tested. "But when the objective is to identify the most productive materials from a select group of elite varieties, our experience tells us that field-scale, commercially-managed trials are most predictive." Harwood explains that Pioneer's product advancement decisions are based on grower-managed trials, and "we believe growers will benefit from using the same approach for variety selection."

Moisey says producers have access to various companies' trial data and as well can use independent Western Canada Canola/Rapeseed Recommending Committee data that is available each year. Harwood says producers, in collaboration with their seed suppliers, can select a number of the lead product choices and conduct their own on-farm trials. "Use your own experience along with other results in the area over multiple years. If you do not conduct your own on-farm trials, talk to your local sales representative who will provide you with detailed local data, plot tours and product information."

The Ultimate Measure

Both Moisey and Harwood explain while yield is the most important crop attribute, many factors come into play in determining a crop's final yield, which is why it is so important to look at all of the data for a particular variety. "Yield is the ultimate measure of how a particular variety has responded to the environment to which it was exposed," explains Harwood. "The variety's stand establishment, stress and disease tolerance, maturity and ease of harvest all contribute to its yield."

Moisey agrees that yield is the key focus but, because blackleg is on the radar again, producers need to look very closely at disease ratings as well as rotation systems and rotating varieties within a particular system. Each year, canola acreage continues to climb in Western Canada, and Moisey says 2011 may be another

record year. This may mean tighter rotations on some fields so he stresses the importance of disease management in 2011.



The 2010 growing season was proof that disease can severely impact yields and Harwood explains that managing disease should be a part of producers' risk management strategy on their individual farms. "In much of the Prairies, diseases such as Sclerotinia impacted yield more than usual. It demonstrates the merit of managing plant disease by planting a portfolio of products that brings a balance of risk-mitigating traits like sclerotinia-, backleg-, and in the areas affected, clubroot- resistance."

There are also many species of fusarium that affect wheat, barley and other cereals across Western Canada and this year's crops will have to be closely monitored for any outbreaks. The disease can cause yield loss, but more importantly, can result in mycotoxin production which at certain levels can lead to downgrading of these cereal grains. An integrated crop management approach to controlling fusarium in 2011 will be necessary as fusarium can pose a serious threat to crop establishment and final quality.

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Legend for Cereals & Oilseeds

Symbols

- † Denotes variety may not be described in 2009.
- NS Denotes variety generally not suited for area.
- XX Denotes insufficient test data to describe.
-  Denotes variety protected by Plant Breeders' Rights.
-  Denotes protection under Plant Breeders' Rights has been applied for.
- * Numerical yield data followed by a star (e.g. 101*) denotes limited data.

Resistance

- Ldg. Lodging.
- Shat. Shattering: EX = Excellent, VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor.
- Com. Rt. Rot Common root rot.
- Fl. & Cov. Smut False loose & covered smuts.
- Net Blt. Net Blotch: R = Resistant, I = Intermediate, S = Susceptible.
- Sprout Toler. Sprouting Tolerance: Ex = Excellent, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor.
- Leaf Spot VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor.

Abbreviations

- Comp. Mat. Comparative maturity in (+ or -) days from the check variety.
- Comp. Prot. Comparative protein in (+ or -) percent from the check variety.
- Te. Wt. Test Weight (lb/bu). Multiply lb/bu by 1.25 to get kilograms per hectolitre.
- Kn. Wt. Kernel Weight (grams/1,000 kernels).
- Seed size S = Small, M = Medium, M-L = Medium Large, L = Large.
- Ht. Height in centimeters.
- Awn type R = Rough, S = Smooth, SS = Semi-smooth.
- Toler. FHB Fusarium Head Blight Tolerance: G = Good, F+ = Somewhat better than fair, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor.

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Varieties of Cereal and Oilseed Crops for Alberta

THIS publication provides information on cereal and oilseed variety performance within Alberta and Northwestern British Columbia. Important agronomic characteristics are given in tabular form for varieties of wheat, oat, barley, rye, triticale, flax and canola.

The Alberta Regional Variety Testing program is coordinated by the Alberta/British Columbia Grain Advisory Committee and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. Funding for the program is provided by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, the Alberta Seed Growers' Association, the Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants, the Alberta Barley Commission, the Alberta Winter Wheat Producers' Commission and entry fees for the varieties in the tests.

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Test Yield Categories Described in 2011

In 2010, the Alberta/British Columbia Grain Advisory Committee discontinued reporting variety yields by geographic area for cereals and flax. In its place, Test Yield Categories are now reported exclusively. Variety yields are reported relative to a standard check in two ways:

- 1) As the overall average yield for all trials conducted in the AB/BC testing program, with the number of site-years of data indicated. These figures are a more reliable indication of average relative performance. When there are limited data for a new variety, yield information may only appear in the Overall Yield column.
- 2) As the average yields in Low, Medium, High and Very High Test Yield Categories for comparison with anticipated yields in a production environment. The average test yield for the standard check is also reported in bu/ac.

Varieties that are statistically higher (+) or lower (-) yielding than the standard check are indicated for each Test Yield Category. In many cases, no symbols are reported, indicating that the yields are not significantly different from the standard check. See the example below:

Variety	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low <60 bu/ac	Med 60-90 bu/ac	High 90-120 bu/ac	Very High >120 bu/ac
Variety bu/ac	97		45	77	105	136
Check Variety	100	(252)	100	100	100	100
Variety X	103	(95)	97	101	104+	99

On average, Variety X has yielded 4% more than the check variety and this difference is statistically significant.

Test Yield Categories allow producers to fine tune their variety choices for the productivity levels expected in particular fields in the coming season. This approach is similar to that used when making decisions on the levels for other inputs. Scientific studies conducted on crop varieties in Western Canada show that Test Yield Category analysis provides a more stable description of variety yield performance than descriptions organized by geographic groupings.

To make effective use the yield comparison tables, producers first need to assess where their target yield for the season fits within the Low, Medium, High and Very High Test Yield categories. It should be noted that the indicated yield levels are those from small plot trials, which are often 15 to 20% higher than yields expected under commercial production. Also remember that yield is not the only factor that affects net return. Be sure to consider the other important agronomic and disease resistance characteristics. The genetic yield potential of a variety is often masked by various crop management factors, some of which can be controlled.

For more information, please visit Alberta Agriculture's website, Ropin' the Web: www.agriculture.alberta.ca/rvt.

Yield Summarization Methods

Past versions of this publication summarized multi-year and multi-location yield data on a geographical zone basis (agro-climatic areas). Within each geographic zone, widely differing growth conditions will occur across different locations and from year to year. As a result, this method of analysis has not been a reliable indicator of varieties better adapted to varying levels of productivity, as influenced by moisture availability, soil fertility, etc. It has also given the false impression that varieties will respond close to the long term averages reported for each area.

Over the past several years, a new approach was introduced to better reflect the yield performance of varieties under varying growth conditions. For several crops, yield data was expressed on the basis of varying environmental productivity (Test Yield Categories of Low, Medium, High and Very High). Experience has shown that yield rankings can change substantially due to growing conditions. To reflect these differences and make the data more useful to producers, results from a test site that produced high yield in a particular year are now placed into the database for 'high' yielding environments. That same site may contribute to the 'low' yielding category in a drought year, when yields are low.

This new reporting method allows producers to select the most beneficial varieties for their particular situation. Consistent performance over all productivity environments indicates that the variety has good yield stability over a wide range of environments. For new varieties where sufficient data is not available to provide reasonable estimates of yield performance in each Yield Test Category, the overall provincial yield is a first indication of the

yield potential relative to the check. Variety choice based on yield performance in a specific Yield Test Category should be a reasonable predictor of fall yield, taking into account factors such as expected growth season rainfall, soil moisture status, disease forecasts, soil fertility and weed pressure. Producers are encouraged to consider other characteristics, such as maturity, straw strength and disease resistance, rather than settling on a variety based solely on yield performance.

It is important to note that some of the comparisons in the tables are not direct comparisons. Small plot agronomic trials are expensive to grow, and new varieties are registered every year. It is simply impractical to grow all of the varieties at the same time. Following several years of data collection, the yield data for a particular variety will stabilize relative to the standard check and testing will no longer be warranted. It is for this reason that the same standard reference check varieties are grown every year (e.g. AC Barrie for CWRS wheat, AC Metcalfe for barley) and changes do not occur very often. This means that the only direct comparison that you can be sure of is with that of the reference check. The "number of station-years" column provides some indication of the unbalanced nature of the data.

To help aid in the selection process, varieties that have yielded statistically higher (+) or lower (-) than the standard check are indicated. In many cases, no symbol is reported, indicating that the yields are not significantly different from the standard check. If a large difference from the check is reported but is not significant, this could mean that the yields of the new variety have varied widely, and/or there still is not enough data to prove a statistical difference. In all cases, for the yield data to be

presented, there must be a total of at least six station-years of data collected over two years. With additional years of testing, the reported yield differences will become more precise.

Maturity Ratings

New for 2011 is the adoption of relative maturity ratings for each of the crop types. In the past, the reported number of days to maturity was an average of all testing sites across the province. As is the case for yield, growing conditions have a tremendous influence on maturity. For example, a variety of CWRS wheat may mature in 98 days in Lethbridge, but take 103 days in Edmonton. In addition, a two day difference in maturity between varieties in Lethbridge may amount to a five day difference in Edmonton. To take this into account and eliminate any false impressions of when a particular variety should be mature, it was decided that a five category scale would be more useful: Very Early, Early, Medium, Late and Very Late. To aid producers with this relative scale, the average number of days to maturity for the standard check is reported. Note that this scale is different for each crop type. For example, an early barley variety will mature much earlier than an early flax variety.

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Other Variety Information

For additional variety information, including varieties not listed in this factsheet, check the Alberta Agriculture website or call the Alberta Ag-Info Centre toll-free at 310-FARM (3276).

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Yield Data	Overall Yield (1)				Yield by Test Yield Category (2)			
	No. of Row	Awn Type	All Sites	Stn. Yrs. of Testing	Low <60 bu/ac	Medium 60-90 bu/ac	High 90-120 bu/ac	Very High >120 bu/ac
AC Metcalfe ☼	2	R	100	(396)	45	77	105	136
	% AC Metcalfe				% of test mean			
GENERAL PURPOSE VARIETIES								
*AC Harper ☼	6	SS	103+	(166)	95	100	105+	104+
*AC Lacombe ☼	6	S	106+	(190)	102	105+	107+	109+
*AC Ranger	6	S	107+	(48)	103	102	114+	106
*AC Rosser ☼	6	S	110+	(54)	103	108+	111+	113+
*Stander	6	SS	104+	(76)	XX	103	105	104
Busby ▲	2	R	103	(46)	107	107	103	101
CDC Austenson ☼	2	R	108+	(46)	108	111+	107+	109+
CDC Coalition ☼	2	R	110+	(49)	107	115+	106+	110+
CDC Cowboy ☼	2	R	95-	(73)	107	95-	93-	94-
CDC Dolly	2	R	101	(184)	97	102	102	100
CDC Helgason ☼	2	R	101+	(101)	101	99	103+	102
CDC Mindon ☼	2	R	99	(47)	XX	102	99	96-
CDC Trey ☼	2	R	103+	(106)	103	106+	100	104+
Champion ☼	2	R	111+	(82)	127+	113+	108+	107+
Chigwell ▲	6	S	107+	(28)	XX	108	110+	XX
CONLON ☼	2	S	94-	(61)	97	95-	93-	94-
Harrington	2	R	93-	(284)	99	96-	92-	89-
Manny	6	R	108+	(59)	XX	108	106+	111+
McLeod ☼	2	R	107+	(95)	XX	109+	105+	106+
Niobe ☼	2	R	103+	(62)	XX	101	104	104
Ponoka ☼	2	R	108+	(117)	103	108+	109+	108+
Seebe	2	R	101	(228)	99	101	102+	98-
Sundre ☼	6	S	110+	(64)	104	105	111+	116+
Trochu ☼	6	S	106+	(66)	XX	107	104	111+
XENA ☼	2	R	111+	(214)	112+	111+	112+	110+
SEMI-DWARF								
CDC Bold	2	R	106+	(77)	115+	106+	106+	100
*Mahigan	6	SS	101	(111)	85-	99	103	103
Vivar ☼	6	R	110+	(91)	105	107+	110+	115+
HULLLESS								
*CDC McGwire ☼†	2	R	93-	(107)	88-	93-	95-	XX
CDC Carter ☼	2	R	97	(30)	XX	99	96	94-
Falcon ☼	6	S	85-	(96)	82-	84-	86-	87
Millhouse†	2	R	84-	(35)	86-	87-	80-	XX
Tyto	6	S	84-	(43)	78-	84-	85-	XX
RECOMMENDED MALTING VARIETIES								
AC Metcalfe ☼	2	R	100	(396)	100	100	100	100
CDC Copeland ☼	2	R	103+	(137)	100	103	104+	102
CDC Kendall ☼	2	R	98-	(165)	100	98	97-	96-
LEGACY ☼	6	SS	101	(74)	XX	100	100	103
Newdale ☼	2	R	105+	(88)	108+	105+	103+	107+
Stellar ND ☼	6	SS	95-	(58)	XX	88-	97	99
Tradition ☼	6	SS	100	(90)	92	100	100	101
MALTING VARIETIES UNDER TEST								
Bentley ▲	2	R	103+	(46)	109	102	103	103
CDC Clyde ☼	6	SS	102	(77)	99	100	103	103
CDC Kamsack ☼	6	R	97	(37)	XX	94	101	100
CDC Mayfair ☼	6	R	97	(37)	XX	99	96	95
CDC Meredith ☼	2	R	105+	(46)	102	110+	104+	103
CDC Reserve ☼	2	R	101	(46)	112	101	99	99
Cerveza ☼	2	R	107+	(30)	XX	109+	105+	107+
Major ▲	2	R	103	(30)	XX	104	106+	101
Merit 57 ☼	2	R	107+	(68)	110+	108+	105+	106+
TRO5671 †☼	2	R	102	(46)	98	106	100	103
OTHER MALTING VARIETIES								
*Excel †	6	SS	102	(50)	95	106	100	102
CDC Battleford ☼	6	S	102+	(76)	XX	99	102	107+
CDC Select	2	R	101	(76)	103	100	100	100
CDC YORKTON	6	S	100	(37)	XX	98	99	106
Formosa	2	R	98	(36)	XX	99	94-	102
Harrington	2	R	93-	(284)	99	96-	92-	89-

Alberta and British Columbia Pedigreed Seed Growers Directory of Varieties Produced in 2010

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Variety	Agronomic Characteristics				Resistance to:							
	Maturity Rating +/- Metcalfe	TWT lb/bu	KWT g/1000	Ht. (cm)	Ldg.	Loose Smut	Fl. & Cov. Smut	Com. Rt. Rot	Scald.	Spot Form Net Blotch	Net Form Blotch	Toler. FHB
GENERAL PURPOSE												
*AC Harper ☺	M	48	40	80	G	P	F	F	F	F	F	P
*AC Lacombe ☺	M	48	42	84	G	P	G	P	P	G	P	VP
*AC Ranger	L	49	43	74	F	P	F	G	P	G	F	VP
*AC Rosser ☺	L	48	41	82	F	P	VG	G	VP	G	F	VP
*Stander	M	51	41	85	G	P	P	F	VP	G	VP	VP
Busby ▲	M	52	48	78	G	VP	G	VP	F	G	P	F
CDC Austenson ☺	L	52	46	75	G	VP	VG	F	VP	G	P	F
CDC Coalition ☺	L	53	47	73	G	VG	VG	F	VP	G	VP	F
CDC Cowboy ☺	L	52	55	102	G	P	G	F	P	G	F	G
CDC Dolly	M	53	49	74	F	VP	F	F	F	P	VP	G
CDC Helgason ☺	E	52	46	75	G	VG	G	F	VP	G	G	P
CDC Mindon ☺	M	52	48	77	G	VG	VG	XX	VP	G	VP	G
CDC Trey ☺	M	52	50	80	G	P	VG	G	P	VG	F	F
Champion ☺	M	52	48	76	G	VP	VG	XX	VP	F	VP	F
Chigwell ▲	M	49	40	72	G	P	G	P	G	G	F	VP
CONLON ☺	VE	52	52	79	G	F	F	G	VP	G	F	G
Harrington	M	50	44	78	F	P	P	F	VP	P	VP	G
Manny	E	48	41	86	G	XX	VG	P	VG	F	P	P
McLeod ☺	L	51	49	76	G	VP	VG	F	VP	F	VP	F
Niobe ☺	E	50	45	75	G	P	G	P	F	VG	P	P
Ponoka ☺	L	50	46	79	G	VG	VG	F	G	G	P	F
Seebe	VL	52	50	86	G	VP	VG	F	G	P	VP	G
Sundre ☺	L	51	43	84	G	P	VG	P	VG	F	P	VP
Trochu ☺	M	49	42	77	G	P	G	G	F	G	VP	F
XENA ☺	M	52	49	78	G	P	P	G	VP	F	VP	G
SEMI-DWARF												
CDC Bold	M	53	48	72	VG	P	G	G	F	F	VP	VP
*Mahigan	M	49	36	47	VG	VP	VG	P	G	F	F	VP
Vivar ☺	M	49	44	73	VG	F	VG	G	F	G	VG	VP
HULLLESS												
*CDC McGwire ☺†	M	61	39	80	VG	P	G	G	F	G	F	G
CDC Carter ☺	M	57	39	73	VG	VG	VG	VP	P	G	F	F
Falcon ☺	E	58	35	68	VG	P	G	F	F	F	F	VP
Millhouse†	M	57	42	87	F	VP	G	F	P	P	P	F
Tyto	M	55	39	73	VG	VP	VG	F	P	F	VP	P
RECOMMENDED MALTING VARIETIES												
AC Metcalfe ☺	M	46	52	80	F	VG	F	F	VP	F	VP	F
CDC Copeland ☺	M	47	51	81	F	P	F	F	VP	F	F	F
CDC Kendall ☺	E	45	52	78	F	P	P	G	VP	G	F	F
LEGACY ☺	M	40	49	85	G	F	G	G	VP	G	VP	P
Newdale ☺	M	46	52	71	F	VP	G	G	P	G	F	F
Stellar ND ☺	E	41	48	77	G	G	G	F	P	F	P	F
Tradition ☺	E	41	49	82	G	VP	G	G	VP	F	VP	VP
MALTING VARIETIES UNDER TEST												
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CDC Clyde ☺	VE	40	49	76	G	F	VG	G	P	G	F	VP
CDC Kamsack ☺	M	41	48	69	G	F	G	F	P	F	VP	VP
CDC Mayfair ☺	VE	41	48	72	G	VP	G	F	VP	G	P	P
CDC Meredith ☺	L	46	50	73	F	VG	G	G	VP	VG	VP	F
CDC Reserve ☺	M	44	52	75	F	VP	P	F	P	P	VP	P
Cerveza ☺	M	45	50	72	F	VG	VG	F	VP	G	P	F
Major ▲	M	45	51	72	G	VG	G	F	P	G	F	F
Merit 57 ☺	VL	44	50	78	F	P	VP	F	P	G	P	G
TR05671 †☺	L	47	51	76	G	VP	VG	G	F	G	VP	G
OTHER MALTING VARIETIES												
*Excel †	M	75	40	50	G	P	F	G	VP	F	VP	VP
CDC Battleford ☺	M	41	49	84	G	P	G	G	P	VG	P	VP
CDC Select	M	45	50	75	F	G	G	P	VP	G	P	P
CDC YORKTON	M	39	47	81	G	P	G	G	P	G	F	VP
Formosa	M	48	53	79	XX	XX	XX	XX	VP	F	VP	XX
Harrington	M	44	50	78	F	P	P	F	VP	P	VP	G

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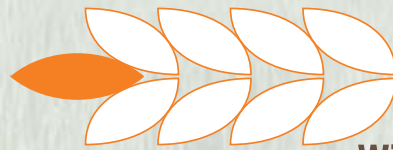
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BI: Viterra, Dist: Viterra									
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BI: NDSU, Dist: Seed Depot		
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Welsh, Donald Alan / Milk River / (403) 647-2228		C
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BI: CDC, Dist: SeCan Members		
Airth, Jock & Linda & Shawna / Brooks / (403) 362-4372		C
FALCON		
BI: AAF, Dist: N/A		
Stickland, Melvin G. & Irma & B. / Red Deer / (403) 886-4875		C
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BI: C&M Seeds, Dist: FP Genetics		
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BI: N/A, Dist: N/A		
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BI: Newfield Seed Co. Ltd., Dist: FP Genetics		
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BI: Busch Ag. Res., Dist: Viterra/FP Genetics/Viterra		
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MAJOR		
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MERIT 57		
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NEWDALE		
BI: AAFC (Brandon), Dist: FP Genetics		
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BI: N/A, Dist: N/A		
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Cross, Douglas / Westlock / (780) 349-2587		R
Meinczinger, Matthew Jr. / Busby / (780) 349-2456		C
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BI: AAFRD (Lacombe), Dist: Mastin Seeds		
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Webber, Curtis / Stony Plain / (780) 963-6897		C
VIVAR		
BI: AAFRD (Lacombe), Dist: SeCan Members		
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Beamish, Dale / Jarvie / (780) 954-3960		R
Crop Production Services-Canada / Didsbury / (403) 335-9171		C
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Mans, John / Nobleford / (403) 824-3585		C
McDonald, Grant / Didsbury / (403) 335-8188		C
Sim, Darwin & Derek / Ponoka / (780) 372-2111		C
Thompson, M. Ellwood & K. / Innisfail / (403) 728-3535		C
Webber, Curtis / Stony Plain / (780) 963-6897		C
Witdouck, Dale & Calvin / Iron Springs / (403) 738-4395		C
XENA		
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Recommended Malting Barley Varieties 2011-12

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RECOMMENDED TWO-ROW BARLEY VARIETIES

VARIETY	DOMESTIC	EXPORT	MARKET DEMAND
AC METCALFE ⁴	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	STABLE DEMAND
CDC COPELAND ⁴	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	STABLE DEMAND
NEWDALE ³	LIMITED	LIMITED	STABLE DEMAND
CDC KENDALL ¹	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	DECLINING DEMAND
CDC POLARSTAR ^{5 **}	LIMITED	LIMITED	INCREASING DEMAND

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RECOMMENDED SIX-ROW BARLEY VARIETIES

VARIETY	DOMESTIC	EXPORT	MARKET DEMAND
LEGACY ^{1,2,3}	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	DECLINING DEMAND
TRADITION ^{1,2,3}	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	DECLINING DEMAND
STELLAR-ND ⁵	LIMITED	LIMITED	INCREASING DEMAND

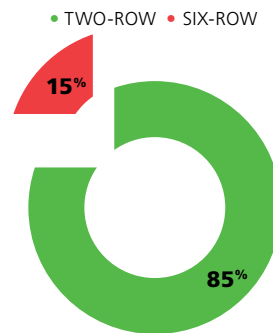
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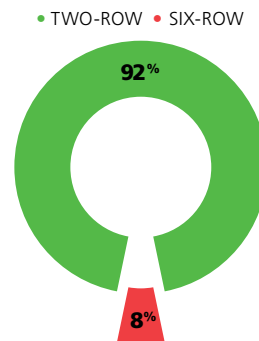
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OATS

Yield Data	Overall Yield (1)		Yield by Test Yield Category				Comp. Mat. Rating	Height cm	Te. Wt. lb/bu	Kn. Wt. g/1000	Resistance to:	
	All Sites	Stn. Yrs of Testing	Low <70 bu/ac	Medium 70 to 100 bu/ac	High 100 to 130 bu/ac	Very High >130 bu/ac					Ldg.	Smuts
CDC Dancer Aug/bu/ac	93		50	86	114	147						
YIELD AS % CDC DANCER												
MILLING												
CDC Dancer	100	(88)	100	100	100	100	E	91	41	37	G	VG
AC Juniper	104+	(29)	104	102	103	108+	E	90	41	38	VG	F
AC Morgan	112+	(65)	113+	111+	111+	110+	M	90	40	40	VG	P
Bradley ▲	105+	(21)	XX	105	XX	XX	E	85	39	39	VG	VG
Cascade	101	(77)	104	100	102	99	E	95	39	36	G	VP
CDC Boyer	99	(26)	103	96	95-	99	M	99	39	48	G	VP
CDC Minstrel ☉	102+	(41)	99	103	103	102	M	85	39	38	VG	VG
CDC Orrin ☉	111+	(42)	113+	111+	109	XX	M	83	42	39	G	VG
CDC ProFi †	93-	(30)	98	96	XX	87-	M	80	38	41	G	P
CDC Weaver ☉	105+	(33)	108+	105	XX	100	M	88	40	41	F	VG
Derby	101	(79)	108	101	97	99	L	103	41	39	G	P
Jordan ☉	112+	(36)	112+	110+	118+	XX	VL	87	38	44	G	VG
Leggett ☉	95-	(40)	98	95-	92	95	M	88	41	39	G	VG
Ronald ☉	97-	(47)	98	95	98	95	M	84	42	36	VG	VG
SW Betania ☉†	103	(32)	107	103	100	XX	E	86	39	38	G	VG
Triactor ☉	109+	(41)	109	108+	111+	108+	M	87	38	39	G	G
FEED												
*AC Mustang	114+	(102)	121+	111+	110+	112+	L	104	42	38	G	F
*Lu	99	(52)	100	97	103	99	VE	83	41	39	G	VG
FORAGE												
*CDC Baler	97	(23)	93	XX	102	XX	L	99	40	43	XX	VP
*Murphy ☉	97	(32)	95	98	106	XX	M	108	39	36	XX	VP

Remarks: The check variety is CDC Dancer. Use a higher seeding rate for large seeded varieties. OT3037, OT3039 and OT3044, insufficient data to describe. Yield is described by the following two methods. 1) All Station Yields: variety yields compared to CDC Dancer at a similar number of stations. To compare Triactor to CDC Dancer - Triactor is 109% of CDC Dancer at 41 stations where these varieties were grown together. 2) Yield by Test Category: Described as the % of CDC Dancer in bu/ac under low, medium, high and very high growing conditions. Varieties designated with a * have limited data compared to CDC Dancer - as a result, yields for these varieties have been adjusted to CDC Dancer from Cascade. Lodging & Disease Tolerance Ratings: VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor. Maturity: Long term average for days to maturity for CDC Dance is 98 days and rated as E (early maturing). Maturity is described as VE (very early), E (early), M (medium), L (late) and VL (very late) in relation to CDC Dancer.

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BI: AAFC (Lacombe), Dist: SeCan Members

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2010 Regional Variety Trials were conducted for oats at the sites indicated on the map above.

SPRING TRITICALE

Yield Data	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			
	All Sites	Station Years of Testing	Low <60 bu/ac	Med 60-80 bu/ac	High 80-110 bu/ac	V. High >110 bu/ac
Pronghorn bu/ac	88		45	72	96	132
Pronghorn	100	(202)	100	100	100	100
AC Ultima	101	(141)	105	99	100	96-
Bumper	107	(24)	116+	XX	98	XX
Bunker	90-	(49)	92	88-	90-	89-
Companion	92-	(50)	101	90-	91	85-
Tyndal	101	(51)	108+	101	96	93-

Variety	Rel Mat.	Resistance to:				Tolerance to:				
		Test Wt (lb/bu)	Kernel Wt (g/1000)	Plant Height (cm)	Ldg.	Shat.	Loose Smut	Bunt	Sprout	FHB
Pronghorn	M	55	43	101	G	G	VG	VG	F	G
AC Ultima	E	56	45	96	G	G	VG	VG	F	F
Bumper	E	58	45	86	VG	G	XX	VG	F	P
Bunker	VL	57	48	107	F	G	VG	VG	F	F
Companion	M	55	51	116	XX	XX	VG	VG	XX	XX
Tyndal	L	57	44	96	G	G	VG	VG	P	P

REMARKS: Remarks: All varieties are late maturing compared to CWRS wheat (approximately 5 days later). Companion is a forage type. Bunker, Taza and Tyndal are reduced-awn varieties. Pronghorn yields about 30% greater than AC Barrie CWRS wheat in areas of adaptation. XX: insufficient data. Taza (T198) - insufficient data to describe. Ratings: VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor. Yield is described as Overall Yield (1) and by Yield Test Category (2). 1) Province wide yields compared to the check with similar stations years of testing. 2) Yield by Test Category is described as the % of Pronghorn in bu/ac categories under low, medium, high and very high conditions. Yield followed by + is significantly higher than Pronghorn, yield followed by - is significantly lower than Pronghorn and yield without + or - is not significantly different than Pronghorn. Maturity: Long term average for days to maturity for Pronghorn is 112 days and rated as M (medium maturing). Maturity is described as VE (very early), E (early), M (medium), L (late) and VL (very late) in relation to Pronghorn.



2010 Regional Variety Trials were conducted for triticale at the sites indicated on the map above.

WINTER TRITICALE

Yield Data	Overall Yield		Agronomic Characteristics					
	All Sites	Station Years of Testing	Mat. Rating	Ht. (cm)	Winter Survival	Resist to Ldg.	Test Wt. (lb/bu)	Seed Wt. (mg)
Pika (bu/ac)	73							
	(% Pika)							
Bobcat	94	(40)	VL	99	F	G	54	36
CDC Osprey	111 +	(28)	M	88	VG	G	64	32
Luoma	105	(14)	VL	118	VG	F	54	39
Metzger	102	(14)	L	107	VG	G	54	35
Pika	100	(42)	L	119	VG	VP	54	38

REMARKS: The provincial average maturity date for Pika is August 12 (224 days after January 1) or about a week later than winter wheat. Winter triticale has a winter hardiness potential slightly lower than winter wheat. Bobcat, Luoma and Metzger have heads with reduced awn length (awnletted), making them more palatable in forage applications. No data for winter triticale were collected in 2009 and 2010. Fridge and High Octane are forage varieties for which data are not available. Ratings: VE = Very Early, E = Early, M = Medium, L = Late, VL = Very Late. VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor.

TRITICALE - SPRING

AC ULTIMA

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BI: N/A, Dist: N/A

Kittle, James William & Andrew / Viking / (780) 336-2583

BUNKER

BI: AAFRD (Lacombe), Dist: FP Genetics

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TYNDAL

BI: N/A, Dist: N/A

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TRITICALE - WINTER

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FRIDGE

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Wood, Robert & Patricia & M. / Bowden / (403) 224-3928

HY OCTANE

BI: N/A, Dist: N/A

Haney Farms (1985) Limited / Picture Butte / (403) 738-4517

LUOMA

BI: N/A, Dist: N/A

Corns, Bryan & Gary / Grassy Lake / (403) 655-2464

METZGER

BI: N/A, Dist: N/A

Helm, James, Dr. / Lacombe / (403) 782-8696

PIKA

BI: AFC, Dist: N/A

Crop Production Services-Canada / Didsbury / (403) 335-9171

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AMBER DURUM WHEAT

Variety	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			Mat. Rating	Test. Wt.	Kn. Wt.	Ht.	Ldg.	Shat.	Resistance To:				Tolerance to:	
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low <45 bu/ac	Med 45-75 bu/ac	High >75 bu/ac							Loose Smut	Bunt	Stripe Rust	Leaf Spot	Sprout	FHB
	Yield as % of Strongfield						lb/bu	g/1000	cm								
Strongfield bu/ac	62		34	61	91												
Strongfield	100	(82)	100	100	100	M	62	45	85	F	VG	VP	G	G	P	F	VP
AC Avonlea ☉	96-	(20)	XX	96	95	M	63	43	94	F	G	VP	VG	F	P	F	P
AC Morse	97-	(18)	XX	99	XX	E	60	45	89	F	G	VP	VG	F	VP	F	VP
AC Navigator ☉	96-	(31)	XX	97	93-	M	63	45	79	G	G	VP	VG	F	VP	F	VP
Brigade ☉	102	(33)	102	103	97	L	63	46	86	G	XX	P	G	G	F	F	P
CDC Verona ▲	98	(23)	96	100	97	M	62	45	75	G	XX	P	G	XX	P	F	P
Commander ☉†	103	(39)	XX	106+	99	M	62	45	78	VG	VG	F	VG	F	P	F	VP
Enterprise ▲	101	(23)	104	98	100	M	63	42	76	G	XX	P	G	XX	G	F	P
Eurostar ☉	101	(33)	99	102	100	L	64	46	86	G	XX	P	VG	G	F	F	P
Kyle	89-	(68)	91-	91-	84-	M	62	45	100	P	G	VP	VG	G	P	F	P

WHEAT - DURUM

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PRAIRIE SPRING WHEAT

Variety	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			Resistance To:							Tolerance to:				
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low <45 bu/ac	Med 50-90 bu/ac	High >90 bu/ac	Comp. Mat.	Prot.	Test Wt.	Kn. Wt.	Ht.	Ldg.	Loose Smut	Bunt	Stripe Rust	Leaf Spot	Sprout	FHB
AC Taber bu/ac	71		39	69	107												
AC Taber	100	(282)	100	100	100	L	12.3	62	42	79	G	P	VG	P	F	P	VP
5700PR ☉	102+	(115)	105+	101	102	M	0.4	62	42	75	VG	P	G	P	P	P	VP
5701PR ☉	101	(91)	103	101	96-	M	0.4	60	43	77	G	F	F	G	P	P	VP
5702PR ☉	101	(50)	113	99	97	M	0.4	61	40	78	G	P	F	F	F	F	P
AC Crystal ☉	99	(204)	98	98	100	L	0.3	62	43	78	G	F	VG	P	F	F	VP
AC Foremost	98-	(122)	100	96-	99	M	XX	62	43	73	VG	F	VG	P	P	F	VP

REMARKS: Varieties with fair (F) or poor (P) ratings to loose smut or bunt require a systemic fungicide seed treatment. CPS varieties is more susceptible to take-all root rot than other wheat classes. AC Taber yields about 20 % higher than AC Barrie. AC Crystal, 5700PR and 5701PR have improved quality compared to AC Foremost and AC Taber. AC Vista and 5700PR are grown under contract with the CWB market development program. Conquer VB and CDC NRG003 - insufficient data to describe. Maturity: Long term average for days to maturity for AC Taber is 108 days and rated as M (medium maturing). Maturity is described as VE (very early), E (early), M (medium), L (late) and VL (very late) in relation to the check variety. Ratings: VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor. Yield is described as Overall Yield (1) and by Yield Test Category (2). 1) Province wide yields compared to the check with similar stations years of testing. 2) Yield by Test Category is described as the % of the check variety in bu/ac categories under low, medium, high and very high conditions. Yield followed by + is significantly higher than the check, yield followed by - is significantly lower than the check and yield without + or - is not significantly different than the check.

SOFT WHITE SPRING WHEAT

Variety	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			Resistance To:							Tolerance to:					
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low <55 bu/ac	Med 55-85 bu/ac	High >85 bu/ac	Comp. Mat.	Prot.	Test Wt.	Kn. Wt.	Ht.	Ldg.	Shat.	Loose Smut	Bunt	Stripe Rust	Leaf Spot	Sprout	FHB
AC Andrew bu/ac	81		49	70	109													
AC Andrew	100	(102)	100	100	100	M	11.5	62	38	78	VG	VP	P	G	G	F	VP	
AC Meena	97-	(51)	102	98	94-	L	-0.6	61	37	80	G	G	VP	VP	G	F	F	P
Bhishaj	100	(24)	XX	102	100	M	XX	62	37	85	VG	VG	G	VP	G	F	F	VP
Sadash ☉	110+	(51)	120+	107+	108+	M	-0.4	63	39	82	VG	VG	VP	VP	VG	F	F	P

REMARKS: Yield is described as Overall Yield (1) and by Yield Test Category (2). 1) Province wide yields compared to the check with similar stations years of testing. Yield by Test Category is described as the % of the check variety in bu/ac categories under low, medium, high and very high conditions. Yield followed by + is significantly higher than the check, yield followed by - is significantly lower than the check and yield without + or - is not significantly different than the check. All soft white spring wheat varieties have a semi-dwarf stature and excellent straw strength. Seed should be treated with a systemic fungicide to control seed borne diseases. AC Andrew yields about 35% more than AC Barrie. XX: insufficient data. Ratings: VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor.

EXTRA STRONG WHEAT

Variety	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			Resistance To:							Tolerance to:				
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low <45 bu/ac	Med 45-70 bu/ac	High >70 bu/ac	Comp. Mat.	Test Wt.	Kn. Wt.	Ht.	Ldg.	Shat.	Loose Smut	Bunt	Stripe Rust	Leaf Spot	Sprout	FHB
Amazon bu/ac	58		38	67	95												
Amazon ☉	100	(154)	100	100	100	L	61	46	97	G	G	VG	F	XX	F	P	P
Bluesky	99	(59)	96	101	XX	E	61	44	96	F	G	XX	XX	P	P	P	P
CDC Rama	108+	(60)	108+	108+	XX	L	63	48	98	F	G	VG	G	G	P	P	F
Laser	97	(59)	100	100	XX	E	61	39	88	VG	G	VG	VP	XX	P	F	P

REMARKS: Amazon yields approximately 10% more than Katcpwa. CDC Bison, not enough data to describe. Long term average for days to maturity for Amazon is 110 days and rated as M (medium maturing). Maturity is described as VE (very early), E (early), M (medium), L (late) and VL (very late) in relation to the check variety. Ratings: VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor. CWES varieties have limited market potential at present and growers are advised to contact the Canadian Wheat Board. Yield is described as Overall Yield (1) and by Yield Test Category (2). 1) Province wide yields compared to the check with similar stations years of testing. 2) Yield by Test Category is described as the % of the check variety in bu/ac categories under low, medium, high and very high conditions. Yield followed by + is significantly higher than the check, yield followed by - is significantly lower than the check and yield without + or - is not significantly different than the check.

GENERAL PURPOSE WHEAT

Variety	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			Resistance To:							Tolerance to:					
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low <50 bu/ac	Med 50-90 bu/ac	High >90 bu/ac	Comp. Mat.	Prot.	Test Wt.	Kn. Wt.	Ht.	Ldg.	Shat.	Loose Smut	Bunt	Stripe Rust	Leaf Spot	Sprout	FHB
AC Taber bu/ac	71		39	69	107													
AC Taber	100	(282)	100	100	100	L	12.3	62	42	79	G	VG	P	VG	P	F	P	VP
Minnedosa ☉	105	(30)	XX	107	XX	L	XX	61	43	80	G	XX	F	G	XX	P	G	P
NRG010▲	114+	(28)	XX	109+	107	M	XX	61	41	80	G	VG	VG	VG	XX	P	XX	VP

REMARKS: Varieties with fair (F) or poor (P) ratings to loose smut or bunt require a systemic fungicide seed treatment. AC Taber yields about 20 % higher than AC Barrie. Conquer VB and CDC NRG003 - insufficient data to describe. Maturity: Long term average for days to maturity for AC Taber is 108 days and rated as M (medium maturing). Maturity is described as VE (very early), E (early), M (medium), L (late) and VL (very late) in relation to the check variety. Ratings: VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor. Yield is described as Overall Yield (1) and by Yield Test Category (2). 1) Province wide yields compared to the check with similar stations years of testing. 2) Yield by Test Category is described as the % of the check variety in bu/ac categories under low, medium, high and very high conditions. Yield followed by + is significantly higher than the check, yield followed by - is significantly lower than the check and yield without + or - is not significantly different than the check.

SPRING WHEAT

	Overall Yield (1)		Test Yield Category (2)			Resistance to:							Tolerance to:				
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low < 45 bu/ac	Med 45 - 70 bu/ac	High >70 bu/ac	Mat. Rating	Prot. %	Test Wt. lb/bu	Kn. Wt. g/1000	Ht. cm	Ldg.	Loose Smut	Bunt	Stripe Rust	Leaf Spot	Sprout	FHB
			Yield as % of AC Barrie														
AC Barrie bu/ac	59		36	57	82												
AC Barrie ☼	100	(340)	100	100	100	M	14.3	63	37	88	G	G	F	P	P	G	F
5602HR ☼	105+	(80)	103	105+	104+	M	0.5	63	37	91	G	VG	G	G	F	F	G
5603HR ☼	105+	(50)	103	107+	104	M	-0.3	63	34	87	G	G	G	P	F	XX	F
AC Cadillac ☼	96-	(103)	97	98	94-	M	0.2	64	39	98	F	VG	VG	F	F	F	F
AC Eatonia ☼	94-	(78)	98	96	88-	M	-0.1	62	35	92	P	F	G	G	P	G	X
AC Elsa ☼	103+	(110)	104	106+	100	M	-0.4	62	35	89	G	G	F	F	G	F	P
AC Intrepid ☼	102	(107)	103	104	99	E	-0.5	62	39	90	G	F	G	F	F	P	P
AC Splendor	95-	(149)	96	96-	94-	VE	0.4	61	37	89	F	F	F	F	F	F	P
Alikat	96-	(70)	100	94-	94-	E	-0.4	63	36	87	F	G	XX	VP	P	F	F
Alvena ☼	101	(66)	100	102	100	E	0.3	63	37	90	G	G	G	G	XX	F	P
5604HR CL	99	(32)	100	99	96	M	-0.2	63	34	84	G	P	F	XX	P	G	F
Carberry ▲	101	(32)	108	99	98	M	0.1	63	38	77	VG	G	G	G	P	F	G
CDC Kernen ▲	104+	(32)	107	102	105	M	0.1	63	38	90	G	VG	F	XX	F	F	F
CDC Abound ☼	110+	(82)	110+	111+	108+	M	0.0	63	40	82	G	F	F	F	P	G	P
CDC Alsask ☼	107+	(98)	107+	108+	105+	M	0.1	62	36	91	F	G	G	F	P	F	P
CDC Bounty	104+	(65)	107	104	101	M	-0.4	64	37	94	F	G	F	F	P	F	F
CDC Go	110+	(84)	106	113+	110+	M	0.1	61	42	82	G	P	G	F	P	P	P
CDC Imagine ☼	104+	(76)	104	104	105	M	-0.2	61	37	83	G	G	G	P	P	F	VP
CDC Osler	106+	(68)	107	106+	103	E	0.0	61	35	84	G	G	G	G	F	F	VP
CDC Stanley ▲	107+	(32)	108	108+	105	M	-0.3	62	33	82	G	G	VP	XX	F	VG	P
CDC Teal	100	(84)	99	103	97	E	-0.2	62	36	89	G	F	F	G	P	P	VP
CDC Thrive ▲	106+	(32)	110	106	104	E	0.1	62	36	85	G	G	F	XX	F	P	P
CDCUtmostVB ▲	107+	(32)	107	108	107	M	0.2	62	36	83	G	P	VP	XX	F	G	P
Fieldstar VB ☼	102	(50)	102	103	102	M	-0.3	63	33	88	F	F	G	F	XX	G	F
Glenn ☼	98	(32)	104	96	98	L	0.3	64	37	82	VG	F	F	XX	F	F	F
Goodeve VB ☼	103	(67)	105+	103	100	E	0.1	62	37	87	VG	G	P	G	P	G	VP
Harvest ☼	102	(110)	99	103+	101	M	0.0	62	36	83	VG	G	F	F	P	VG	VP
Infinity ☼	104+	(68)	107+	102	102	M	-0.3	62	33	88	G	G	F	P	P	G	VP
Journey	99	(69)	98	99	99	M	0.6	62	36	83	VG	F	G	F	P	G	P
Kane ☼	99	(51)	96-	100	100	M	0.1	64	36	85	G	P	F	G	F	VG	F
Katepwa	98-	(284)	100	99	96-	M	-0.3	61	35	92	F	G	P	P	P	F	F
Lillian ☼	103	(80)	107	102	100	M	-0.1	61	37	86	G	F	G	G	P	G	VP
Lovitt ☼	97	(37)	98	97	98	M	-0.3	62	35	89	G	G	F	P	XX	VG	VP
McKenzie	103+	(104)	107+	103	101	M	-0.9	62	34	90	F	P	VG	P	F	VG	F
Muchmore ▲	104	(32)	110+	102	101	M	-0.3	62	37	72	VG	G	G	XX	P	F	P
Park	97	(45)	93	99	96	VE	0.0	62	35	92	F	G	XX	P	P	G	VP
Peace	100	(53)	101	100	99	M	0.2	63	37	92	G	VG	VG	G	XX	P	VP
Prodigy †	104+	(84)	106+	105+	100	M	0.3	63	35	94	G	F	G	F	P	F	VP
Roblin	95-	(82)	96	98	91-	VE	0.1	62	36	87	G	G	VP	F	VP	F	VP
Shaw VB	107+	(32)	109+	106+	106+	M	-0.2	63	37	89	G	P	G	XX	P	G	P
Somerset ☼	100	(50)	102	100	97	M	-0.2	62	36	97	G	VG	F	P	P	F	P
Stettler ☼	109+	(50)	115+	107+	105	M	0.1	63	37	83	G	G	G	G	P	G	P
Superb ☼	112+	(173)	112+	112+	111+	M	-0.1	62	42	84	G	F	G	P	P	G	P
Unity VB	107+	(50)	108+	109+	105+	M	-0.3	64	36	88	F	P	VG	P	P	G	P
BW878	103	(50)	106+	103	102	M	-0.1	63	35	79	G	VG	VG	XX	P	G	G
Waskada ☼	100	(67)	102	99	101	M	0.1	64	37	92	G	G	G	G	P	G	G

C.W. HARD WHITE SPRING WHEAT

Kanata †	90-	(45)	92-	89-	91	E	0.2	60	33	82	G	F	P	F	P	G	F
Snowbird	101	(87)	100	102	98	M	-0.4	62	36	88	G	F	F	F	P	G	P
Snowstar ☼	101	(52)	101	102	99	M	-0.9	64	30	83	XX	P	P	P	F	F	P

REMARKS: AC Eatonia and Lillian - adapted to sawfly areas. Varieties having a rating of fair (F) or poor (P) to loose smut or bunt require a systemic fungicide seed treatment. C.W. Red Spring Wheat grown under irrigation tends to have lower grades. Alikat - special adaptation to acid soils. CDC Imagine, CDC Abound, WR859CL, CDC Thrive are Clearfield tolerant. Maturity: Long term average for days to maturity for AC Barrie is 106 days and rated as M (medium maturing). Maturity is described as VE (very early), E (early), M (medium), L (late) and VL (very late) in relation to the check variety. Ratings: VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor. Yield is described as Overall Yield (1) and by Yield Test Category (2). 1) Province wide yields compared to the check with similar stations years of testing. 2) Yield by Test Category is described as the % of the check variety in bu/ac categories under low, medium, high and very high conditions. Yield followed by + is significantly higher than the check, yield followed by - is significantly lower than the check and yield without + or - is not significantly different than the check.

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Davidson, E. Daryl & Dean / Kitscoty / (780) 846-2456					C
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Pare, Raymond A. / Wainwright / (780) 842-2073					C
Sand, Ron W. & David R. / McLaughlin / (780) 745-2251					C

AC EATONIA

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Willms, Henry & Timothy H. / Grassy Lake / (403) 655-2434				R	C
Willms, Kevin J. / Grassy Lake / (403) 655-2450	S			R	

AC ELSA

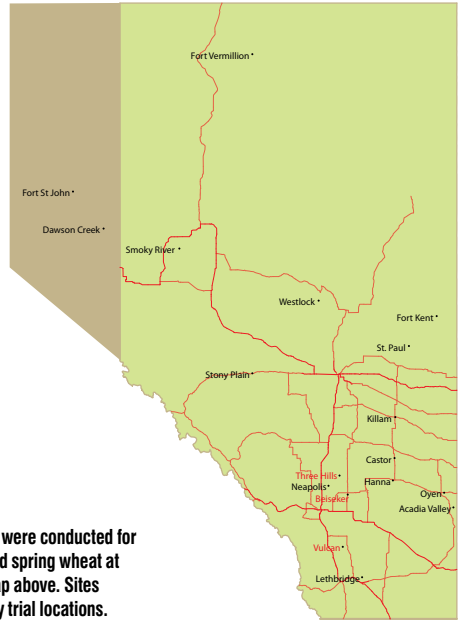
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Meinczinger, Matthew Jr. / Busby / (780) 349-2456						R
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Radke, Bryan Victor / Barrhead / (780) 674-5715						C
Smith, Gary W. / Eckville / (403) 746-5878						C
Thompson, M. Ellwood & K. / Innisfail / (403) 728-3535						C
Victoor, Rene & Jamie / Sturgeon County / (780) 459-3253						C
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AC SPLENDOR						
BI: AAFC (Winnipeg), Dist: SeCan Members						
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ALIKAT						
BI: U of Alberta (Edmonton), Dist: N/A						
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Variety	Overall Yield		Test Yield Category				Resistance To:													
	All Sites	Station years of testing	Low <45 bu/ac	Med 45-75 bu/ac	High 75-105 bu/ac	Very High >105 bu/ac	Comp. Mat.	Prot.	Ht. cm	Test Wt lb/bu	Seed Wt. mg	Wint. Surv.	Knl. Hard. & Col.	Ldg.	Shat.	Bunt	Stripe Rust	Leaf Spot	Stem Rust	FHB
Yield as % of CDC Osprey																				
CDC Osprey (bu/ac)	76		35	62	86	118														
CDC OSPREY	100 (194)		100	100	100	100	M	12.3	88	63	32	VG	HR	G	G	VP	XX	P	P	P
AC Bellatrix	103+ (159)		110+	102	101	101	L	+0.3	87	64	36	F	HR	G	G	F	VP	VP	VP	F
AC Readymade	96- (83)		99	96-	95-	97	VL	+1.7	89	63	37	P	HR	VG	F	P	XX	VP	VP	XX
AC Tempest	98 (132)		100	96-	99	98	VL	+1.5	88	64	38	P	HR	VG	G	P	XX	VP	VP	F
CDC Buteo	98 (85)		102	97	98	101	M	+0.2	87	65	34	VG	HR	F	G	VP	P	G	G	G
McClintock	96- (78)		89	97	95	100	L	0.0	90	64	32	F	HR	VG	G	VP	G	G	VG	VP
Norstar	95- (131)		103	96-	92-	88-	L	-0.1	106	64	34	VG	HR	VP	G	VP	XX	VP	VP	G
Radiant	102+ (129)		104	100	105+	100	L	-0.1	86	63	36	VG	HR	VG	G	P	F	VP	VP	VP
C. W. Red Winter "Generic"																				
CDC CLAIR	103+ (125)		103	103+	104	105+	M	-0.4	87	63	34	VG	HR	F	G	VP	XX	P	P	XX
CDC Falcon	102 (135)		93	102	102	103	E	-0.5	73	63	31	F	HR	VG	G	VP	XX	G	G	VP
CDC Harrier	106+ (120)		108	106+	106+	104	M	-1.1	92	62	32	G	HR	G	G	VP	XX	P	G	P
CDC Kestrel	104+ (108)		106	104	105+	102	M	-1.4	92	62	33	VG	HR	G	G	VP	XX	P	P	XX
CDC Raptor	101 (95)		96	102	102	98	M	-0.4	80	63	30	G	HR	VG	G	VP	XX	G	VG	XX
C.W. General Purpose																				
Accipiter	108+ (21)		XX	XX	110+	105+	M	-0.1	81	64	30	G	HR	VG	G	VP	XX	G	VG	VP
Broadview	105+ (35)		XX	104	105	XX	E	-0.8	77	63	33	G	HR	G	G	VP	XX	VG	VG	VP
CDC Ptarmigan	113+ (53)		XX	113+	113+	111+	L	-2.0	89	61	34	G	SW	F	G	VP	XX	P	P	XX
Peregrine	106+ (22)		XX	XX	106+	105	M	-0.3	93	65	34	VG	HR	F	G	VP	G	VG	VG	P
Sunrise	110+ (14)		XX	XX	111+	XX	M	-0.6	87	62	33	G	SR	G	G	VP	G	G	G	XX

REMARKS: Winter wheat can be grown successfully in all areas of Alberta if seeded into standing stubble within the optimal seeding date period (generally before September 15) and if there is adequate snowfall. Varieties with Poor winter survival are generally not suitable outside of southern Alberta. Yield figures are from trials with good winter survival. Yield Test Categories are based on the individual site means for small plot trials. Note that small plot yields are often 10-15% higher than field scale results. All comparisons are relative to CDC OSPREY, the current standard check variety. The provincial average maturity date for CDC OSPREY is August 7 (219 days after January 1). Radiant has resistance to the wheat curl mite, the vector that carries Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus. AC Bellatrix is the only variety with resistance to common bunt; other varieties should be treated with a systemic seed treatment to reduce the potential for plant infection. Fields in southern Alberta should be inspected in the fall for infestation by Russian wheat aphid, as it may reduce winter survival. Winter wheat will normally escape Fusarium head blight infection if seeded before September 15. CWRW Select varieties receive price and protein premiums under a CWB identity preserved contract program. For details see <http://www.cwb.ca>. Winter wheat is a good feedstock for ethanol production. Note that the Canadian Grain Commission advises that CDC CLAIR, CDC Falcon, CDC Harrier, CDC Kestrel and CDC Raptor will be moved to the Canada Western General Purpose class effective August 1, 2013. XX = insufficient data to report. Plus (+) or minus (-) symbols following relative yield figures indicate significantly higher or lower yields than the common check (CDC OSPREY). Ratings: VE = Very Early, E = Early, M = Medium, L = Late, VL = Very Late. VG = Very Good, G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, VP = Very Poor. Hardness & Colour: HR = Hard Red, SW = Soft White, SR = Soft Red.

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Canola Variety Information for 2011

WITH the absence of the Prairie Canola Variety Trials in 2010, the only other independent, prairie-wide source of canola variety performance data is registration data. This data is accepted by the Western Canadian Canola/Rapeseed Recommending Committee and used to register varieties with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Variety Registration office. The data presented in the table includes most commercial varieties with seed available for 2011 planting.

The Alberta Cereal and Oilseed Committee does not take any responsibility for the accuracy or validity of the canola performance data.

The WCC/RRC trial data is a two year data set, where the first year “private” data is from trials conducted only by the breeding organization, and the second year “co-op” data is from sites publicly organized through WCC/RRC. The varieties are tested at 25 or more locations over the two years and compared to standard check varieties. Trial design was small plot replicated trials, with weed control managed through conventional herbicides (not by herbicide tolerance specific products). Trial protocols aim for minimal weed competition in order to only show the genetic (yield, height, maturity, lodging, quality) differences between the varieties under various conditions. Contact Raymond Gadoua with the Canola Council of Canada for a complete summary of canola registration data from 1998–2009 (gadouar@canolacouncil.org or (306) 683-2403).

Note that data shown is from different years and all varieties are NOT tested within the same year and location. The table indicates which years the variety data is derived from. Although the numbers are an average of performance at all locations, an individual variety may perform unpredictably different at specific location/years. Industry variety performance data from individual seed companies can be used to complement the registration data for variety purchase decisions.

Blackleg Rating

The blackleg rating represents disease tolerance relative to the highly susceptible variety Westar. Varieties with a resistant (R) or moderately resistant (MR) rating for blackleg have shown the greatest ability to suppress blackleg incidence and severity, but can still develop some lesions or cankers. Newer pathotypes of blackleg have been confirmed and not all varieties will have resistance in all fields. As a result, individual field performance may vary from performance in the registration trials. Lengthening rotation to improve blackleg control may be needed in fields where newer blackleg pathotypes have been confirmed, or where fall field scouting shows higher than expected levels of blackleg, or where there is a history of tight rotation canola.

Clubroot Rating

The clubroot rating identifies varieties with resistance that greatly reduced root galls in Alberta field nurseries relative to susceptible varieties. Clubroot-resistant varieties should be grown on fields infested by this disease, but not more frequently than once every four years to delay resistance breakdown.

Early Maturing Canola

Canola growers in short season zones, or in areas with adverse spring conditions that greatly delay seeding have several options of varieties with shorter maturity. There are several varieties that were tested in special early napus trials, where maturity targets were about one week earlier than normal Argentine (B. napus) canola. Three early napus varieties currently available are 43E01, 43H57 (Pioneer Hi-Bred) and 9350 (Viterra); all are early Roundup Ready hybrids with similar to slightly higher yield than normal open-pollinated canola varieties, and about 50 per cent higher yield than Polish types. Another option is to grow Polish types of canola, which mature approximately two weeks earlier than normal Argentine canola. Although seed sources of Polish canola have greatly diminished over the past decade, there are several varieties available: AC Sunbeam (Secan); Early One (Mastin Seeds). Polish types of canola only have tolerance to conventional herbicides, and are susceptible to blackleg and clubroot.

Canola Quality Juncea

Canola quality Brassica juncea is a relatively new class that is slightly better adapted to areas with periods of hot, dry conditions. Juncea canola has very good blackleg resistance, and similar shattering resistance as Polish canola. Production is through contract system only. Viterra has several juncea canola varieties available: XCEED brands VT Oasis CL and 8571. XCEED varieties are Clearfield tolerant.

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CANOLA PERFORMANCE DATA

ARGENTINE CANOLA (*Brassica napus*)

WCC/RRC Registration Data

Variety	Type	Yield (% of checks)	Years Tested	Maturity (+/- days)	Height (+/-cm)	Blackleg Resistance	Clubroot Resistance	Distributor
Checks								
46A65 and Q2	OP	100		0	0			
Clearfield								
1651 H	H	120	2005-06	0	6	R		Canterra Seeds
45H73	H	122	2004-05	-2	2	R		Pioneer Hi-Bred
45H74	H	126	2008-09	-1	1	R		Pioneer Hi-Bred
45P70	H	119	2004-05	-1	5	R		Viterra
5525 CL	H	126	2007-08	1	11	R		BrettYoung
5535 CL	H	127	2008-09	-2	4	R		BrettYoung
71-40 CL	H	117	2006-07	0	7	R		Dekalb
NX4-205 CL *	OP	108	2008-09	0	7	R		Dow AgroSciences
Liberty Link								
5020	H	125	2001-02	0	2	R		Bayer CropScience
5030	H	131	2001-02	0	20	R		Bayer CropScience
5440	H	135	2004-05	-0	7	R		Bayer CropScience
5770	H	135	2007-08	3	8	R		Bayer CropScience
8440	H	132	2004-05	-1	-0	R		Bayer CropScience
1141 *	H	120	2005-06	-2	3	MR		Bayer CropScience
L130	H	136	2008-09	-0	4	R		Bayer CropScience
L150	H	143	2008-09	1	9	R		Bayer CropScience
3303 LL	Syn	115	2004-05	-1	-2	MR		BrettYoung
1145 *	H	133	2007-08	1	9	R		Cargill
9590	H	130	2003-04	-0	4	R		Viterra
Roundup Ready								
4414 RR	H	113	2004-05	0	3	R		BrettYoung
4424 RR	H	112	2006-07	1	11	MR		BrettYoung
4434 RR	H	111	2006-07	0	4	MR		BrettYoung
6020 RR	H	119	2007-08	1	0	MR		BrettYoung
6040 RR	H	121	2007-08	1	9	R		BrettYoung
6060 RR	H	134	2008-09	2	10	R		BrettYoung
6130 RR	Syn	118	2007-08	-1	-0	R		BrettYoung
997 RR	OP	105	2004-05	-1	-3	R		BrettYoung
1818	OP	106	2002-03	1	-8	R		Canterra Seeds
1841	H	114	2000-01	2	6	R		Canterra Seeds
1896	H	106	2002-03	-1	2	R		Canterra Seeds
1918	OP	115	2007-08	0	1	MR		Canterra Seeds
1950	H	123	2007-08	0	5	MR		Canterra Seeds
1956	Syn	119	2007-08	0	4	R		Canterra Seeds
1970	H	128	2008-09	2	7	R		Canterra Seeds
1852H	H	108	2004-05	-1	3	R		Canterra Seeds
1855H	H	110	2004-05	-1	0	R		Canterra Seeds
1960 **	H	121	2009	2		R	R	Canterra Seeds
v1037 *	H	114	2005-06	-1	8	R		Cargill - Victory Hybrid Canola
v1040 *	H	123	2008-09	1	4	R		Cargill - Victory Hybrid Canola
v2035 *	H	118	2008-09	-1	2	R		Cargill - Victory Hybrid Canola
32-75	OP	107	2002-03	-3	-6	R		Dekalb
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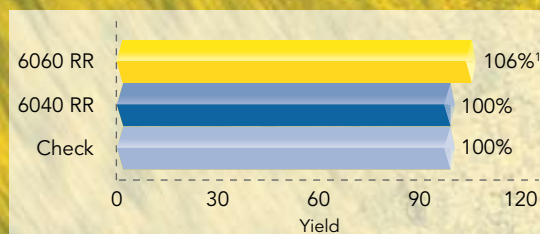
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72-35 RR	H	116	2005-06	-3	-6	MR	Dekalb
72-55 RR	H	121	2006-07	-1	-4	MR	Dekalb
72-65 RR	H	117	2007-08	1	0	R	Dekalb
73-35 RR	H	122	2008-09	-2	-6	R	Dekalb
73-45 RR	H	126	2008-09	-3	-5	R	Dekalb
73-55 RR	H	129	2008-09	-1	-2	R	Dekalb
73-65 RR	H	126	2008-09	-1	1	R	Dekalb
73-67 RR **	H	113	2009	-1		R R	Dekalb
73-77 RR **	H	114	2009	-0		R R	Dekalb
NX4-105 RR *	OP	109	2007-08	2	3	R	Dow AgroSciences
NX4-106 RR *	OP	106	2008-09	1	6	R	Dow AgroSciences
D3150	H	117	2006-07	-1	10	MR	DuPont
D3151	H	118	2006-07	-1	6	MR	DuPont
D3152	H	126	2008-09	-2	4	R R	DuPont
83S01 RR	Syn	117	2005-06	-2	6	MR	FP Genetics
93H01 RR	H	118	2005-06	-0	7	MR	FP Genetics
45H26	H	119	2004-05	-1	0	R	Pioneer Hi-Bred
45H28	H	122	2006-07	-1	2	R	Pioneer Hi-Bred
45H29	H	131	2008-09	-1	10	R R	Pioneer Hi-Bred
45S51	H	115	2006-07	-0	-0	R	Pioneer Hi-Bred
45S52	H	119	2008-09	-1	5	MR	Pioneer Hi-Bred
Café	OP	104	2004-05	-5	-5	R	Secan
RUGBY	OP	106	2005-06	0	1	R	Secan
	H	121	2006-07	-1	3	R	Viterra
46P50	H	119	2004-05	1	3	R	Viterra
9557S	H	125	2008-09	-2	5	R	Viterra
9558C	H	124	2008-09	-1	9	R R	Viterra
VT 500	H	117	2008-09	-0	4	R	Viterra
VT Barrier	OP	111	2006-07	-1	1	R	Viterra
VT Remarkable	Syn	120	2007-08	1	9	R	Viterra

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72-65 RR	GENRR	45H29	GENRR	57	1	61.4	47.7	47.5	0.2
72-65 RR	GENRR	5440	LL	24	1	45.8	45.8	46.4	-0.6
72-65 RR	GENRR	5770	LL	20	1	65.0	44.2	43.5	0.7
73-45 RR	GENRR	45H28	GENRR	10	1	90.0	48.7	46.7	2.0
73-45 RR	GENRR	45H29	GENRR	32	1	68.8	48.4	46.8	1.6
73-45 RR	GENRR	5440	LL	27	1	40.7	48.2	48.1	0.1
73-45 RR	GENRR	5770	LL	27	1	63.0	48.1	47.8	0.3

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2010 Regional Silage Variety Trials

THE grain and livestock industries have been well served through the advent of the Regional Variety Testing program in Alberta and the subsequent publishing of results in seed.ab.ca. However, one key element was missing. As cattle producers grow ever increasing amounts of annual crops for feed (silage, green feed and swath grazing), measuring those that produce the highest forage yield becomes increasingly important. Silage is an integral forage source in feedlots across the province and has become more prevalent in cow herds as well. With many producers trying to lower production costs, swath grazing of cow herds has increased dramatically in the last few years. It could also be argued that there is more grain forage than cereal grain fed to take a market animal from conception to plate. With these facts in mind, the Regional Silage Variety Trial concept was born.

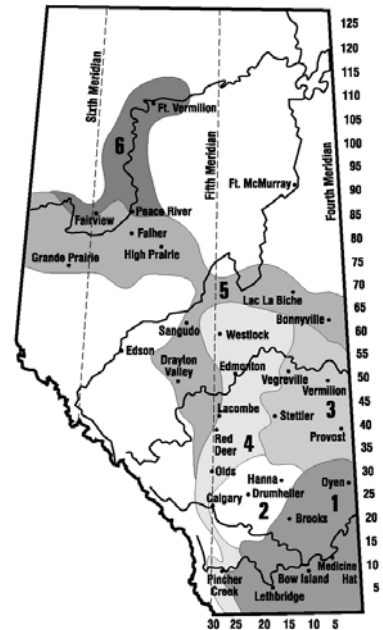
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Under the umbrella of the Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta, six applied research groups initiated the project.

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Trial Information

This is only the second year of the trials and concrete conclusions shouldn't be drawn, however, many of the groups involved have been growing silage trials for several years, the involved groups would willingly share this information with anyone who is interested.

The barley, oat, and triticale silage trials are self explanatory, however we thought the late seeded and pulse mixture trials required a little more explanation. The late seeded trial was born of the increasing number of companies promoting, and producers growing, C4 crops for forage. Millet and sorghum fall into this category. Several of the groups have grown sorghum in past years and yields had been very disappointing, therefore it was left out of this trial. Millet has shown more promise and there seems to be more producer interest in growing it. Both these crops need to be sown into warm soil (approximately mid-June) and thus the trial name. Cereals were seeded at the same time to measure them against the millet.

The pulse mixture trial looked at decreasing nitrogen costs, and/or increasing nutritional value of silage. The pulse mix plots were seeded with 50 pounds of 11-52-0-0 while the straight cereal comparison plots were fertilized with 50 per cent of the recommended cereal rates. Peas were seeded at 75 per cent of their recommended seeding rate and cereals at 50 per cent when in mixtures. Monocrop cereals were seeded at 100 per cent the recommended seeding rate.

Site Information

There were 11 sites across the province. Sites were located near Castor, Concert, Evansburg, Ft. Kent, , Lac La Biche, St. Paul, Stanmore, Stettler, Stony Plain, Tawatinaw and Valleyview. Several sites were lost to flooding and weather pressure in the 2010 growing season, the data was not reported. Maturity, plant height and lodging were not measured in the trials as it was felt that most have already gone through the Cereal RVT program, and have been extensively reported on.

Nutritional Analysis

Nutrition was assessed using wet chemistry analysis, and the samples are also being tested by the Field Crop Development Centre in Lacombe (by Mary Lou Swift) using near infra-red technology to strengthen the NIR database for forages.

Full nutritional analysis was done on each sample, however, we have only reported on six nutritional categories; crude protein (CP), total digestible nutrients (TDN) which is an estimation of energy, calcium (Ca), phosphorus (P), potassium (K) and magnesium (Mg).



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Yield Data			Yield by Area (see map)				Nutritional Data					
Variety	Row Type	Awn Type	1	3	4	5	CP	TDN	Ca	P	K	Mg
			% of Vivar				% of Vivar					
AC Lacombe	6	S	121	94	122	89	103	99	117	105	104	102
AC Ranger	6	S	133	108	91	91	106	100	99	111	105	93
CDC Austenson	2	R	141	116	119	107	100	99	78	99	99	77
Chigwell	6	S	123	101	95	94	104	98	92	101	104	97
Cowboy	2	R	140	111	100	95	95	101	94	101	98	87
Ponoka	2	R	151	117	106	106	103	99	99	94	94	86
Seebe	2	R	129	112	118	108	100	98	86	101	91	80
Sundre	6	S	128	96	118	87	101	100	97	102	103	94
Trochu	6	S	124	92	105	83	101	101	97	98	98	96
Vivar	6	R	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Xena	2	R	118	100	119	93	100	100	78	110	95	80

OATS

Yield Data		Yield by Area (see map)				Nutritional Data					
Variety		1	3	4	5	CP	TDN	Ca	P	K	Mg
		% of Murphy				% of Murphy					
Baler	129	107	92	95	96	105	100	101	96	90	
Everleaf	97	101	91	71	111	101	109	100	113	94	
Foothills	97	114	91	96	95	102	108	98	104	94	
Jordan	88	102	109	90	105	104	103	103	107	99	
Morgan	101	99	99	86	95	103	106	109	97	88	
Murphy	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Mustang	102	97	102	92	104	101	106	99	98	96	
Waldern	95	102	100	98	93	102	111	97	99	93	

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Yield Data		Yield by Area (see map)				Nutritional Data					
Variety		1	3	4	5	CP	TDN	Ca	P	K	Mg
		% of Pronghorn				% of Pronghorn					
AC Ultima	107	102	97	96	93	102	96	104	89	107	
Bunker	103	93	95	94	96	97	115	95	93	100	
Companion	101	83		103	94	95	123	92	95	101	
Pronghorn	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Tyndal	99	98	93	87	100	98	107	109	99	100	

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Yield Data		Yield by Area (see map)				Nutritional Data					
Variety		1	3	4	5	CP	TDN	Ca	P	K	Mg
		% of Vivar				% of Vivar					
Crown Millet	51	62	79	69	105	97	93	103	137	178	
Golden German Millet	52	60	51	57	104	93	118	93	138	146	
Millet King Red Proso	52	55	53	75	100	94	84	96	144	149	
Murphy	158	118	134	101	82	88	93	91	119	93	
Pronghorn	126	120	151	115	88	94	79	121	104	85	
Siberian Millet	32	70	51	57	104	95	94	107	148	177	
Vivar	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

PULSE MIXTURES

Variety	Yield by Area (see map)				Nutritional Data					
	1	3	4	5	CP	TDN	Ca	P	K	Mg
	% of Vivar				% of Vivar					
Vivar	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Murphy	136	118	104	88	88	88	75	91	122	89
Pronghorn	111	124	108	81	94	94	64	103	100	71
40-10/Vivar	98	65	92	131	100	100	171	109	95	127
40-10/Murphy	112	78	106	115	93	93	172	109	114	122
40-10/Pronghorn	86	103	92	123	96	96	144	119	114	116
Cooper/Vivar	87	91	83	115	97	97	135	102	101	110
Cooper/Murphy	147	96	94	103	93	93	114	110	121	97
Cooper/Pronghorn	90	112	91	88	95	95	111	97	96	90




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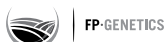
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2010 Data

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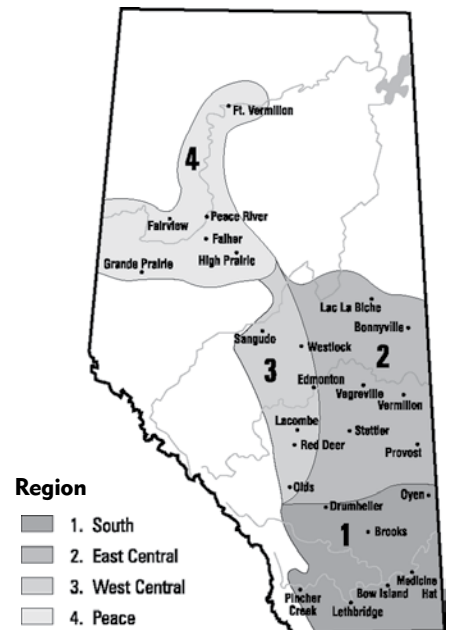
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Fully tested varieties were not tested in 2010. Direct comparison between field peas fully tested and the 2000-2010 data cannot be made.

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AC Black Diamond (check)	black (shiny)	14	100	56	0	253	37	2.4	II
AC Black Violet	black (matte)	7	93	59	5	166	40	2.3	II
AC Black Diamond - maturity = 100 days from seeding, yield 2776 kg/ha									
AC Polaris (check)	great northern	15	100	56	0	305	40	3.5	II
AC Alert	great northern	12	96	56	1	333	48	2.8	II
AC Resolute	great northern	11	83	54	-3	334	40	2.5	II
AC Polaris - maturity = 101 days from seeding, yield 2970 kg/ha									
AC Island (check)	pinto	4	100	60	0	334	44	3.0	II
CDC WM-1 (CDC 2005s-1) (A)	pinto	1	75	59	-11	347	35	2.8	I
CDC WM-2 (2793CBB) (A)	pinto	1	74	60	-6	350	50	2.8	II
Winchester (A)	pinto	1	90	58	-5	336	55	3.0	II
AC Island - maturity = 93 days from seeding, 2636 yield kg/ha									
AC Redbond (check)	small red	15	100	51	0	301	38	2.4	II
AC Redbond - maturity = 98 days from seeding, yield 2573 kg/ha									
Viva (check)	pink	14	100	52	0	248	32	3.5	III
Viva - maturity = 99 days from seeding, 2260 yield kg/ha									
Arikara Yellow (check)	yellow	12	100	50	0	388	35	2.0	I
Arikara Yellow - maturity = 96 days from seeding, 2430 yield kg/ha									

Remarks: ^ Trials failed in 2010, so the data presented is the same as that from 2009 * Days from seeding. (A) first year entry in 2009 + Growth habit I = determinate bush, II = indeterminate bush, III = indeterminate prostrate.

DRY BEANS – WIDE ROW

Variety	Type	Station Years 1997-10	Yield as % of Check	Days to Bloom*	Days to Maturity (+/-)	Seed Weight (g/1000)	Plant Height (cm)	Lodge (1-5) 1= erect	Growth Habit +
AC Black Diamond (check)	black (shiny)	34	100	57	0	263	38	2.1	II
AC Black Violet	black (matte)	26	83	61	4	175	41	2.0	II
AC Black Diamond - maturity = 104 days from seeding, yield 2994 kg/ha									
AC Polaris (check)	great northern	34	100	56	0	313	41	3.5	II
AC Resolute	great northern	17	87	53	-4	340	41	2.3	II
AC Polaris - maturity = 105 days from seeding, yield 3275 kg/ha									
Viva (check)	pink	37	100	55	0	255	36	3.0	III
Viva - maturity = 104 days from seeding, yield 3087 kg/ha									
AC Island	pinto	8	100	57	0	362	38	2.8	II
CDC WM-1	pinto	3	64	60	-2	332	36	2.1	I
CDC WM-2	pinto	3	78	59	1	362	45	1.8	II
Othello	pinto	8	90	58	0	353	36	3.5	III
Pecos	pinto	3	87	54	3	314	48	2.5	II
Winchester	pinto	8	88	55	-2	339	38	2.3	II
AC Island - maturity = 103 days from seeding, yield 3507 kg/ha									
AC Redbond (check)	small red	34	100	53	0	318	41	1.3	II
Viva - maturity = 105 days from seeding, 3272 yield kg/ha									
Myasi (A) (check)	yellow	1	100	67	0	377	23	1.0	I
CDC 2253-4 (A)	yellow	1	143	66	-7	441	28	1.0	I
Myasi - maturity = 114 days from seeding, yield 1477 kg/ha									

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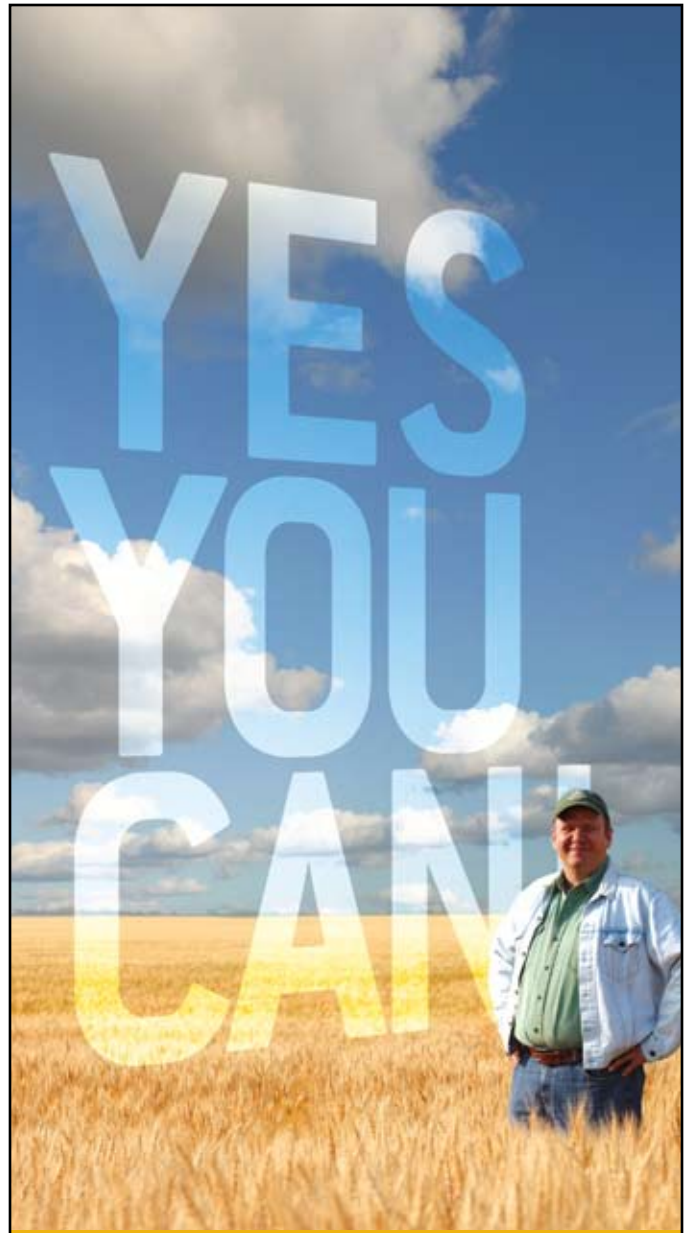


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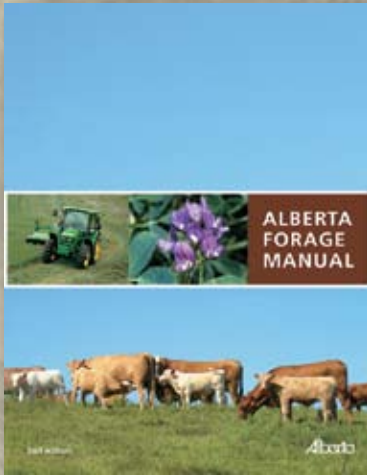
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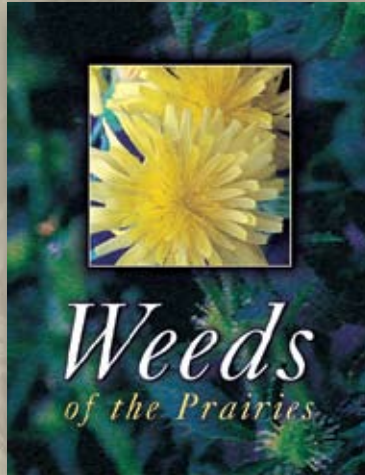




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Relative yield % of Earlibird 2000-2008

Variety	Station Years	Yield as % of Earlibird	Relative Maturity >	Plant Height (cm)	Weight (g/1000)	Flower Colour**
Earlibird ☼	27	100	E	86	543	C
CDC Blitz (R)	37	98	M-L	96	463	C
CDC Fatima (R)	31	94	M	92	533	C
Snowbird ☼	24	105	E	93	526	W
Earlibird - Yield (kg/ha)	5462					

Remarks: Trials failed in 2010 due to wet and late season, so the data presented is the same as that from 2008. Varieties with more than 10 station years are fully tested. Varieties with (R) are registered with CFIA, (P) have Plant Breeder's Rights. ** W - white flowered, zero tannin, C - colored flower, tannin. Fully tested varieties not tested in 2008. > Maturity E = early, M = medium, ML = medium-late L = late.

Fully Tested Varieties

Variety	Station Years	Yield as % of Earlibird	Relative Maturity >	Plant Height (cm)	Weight (g/1000)	Flower Colour**
Aladin (R)	Fully Tested	82	L	100	431	C
Ben (P)	Fully Tested	110	E	101	584	C
Cresta	Fully Tested	98	M	86	591	W
Hertz Freya	Fully Tested	80	L	111	398	C
Orion (R)	Fully Tested	84	M	77	347	C
Outlook	Fully Tested	92	L	100	373	C
Pegasus	Fully Tested	88	L	99	393	C
Scirocco	Fully Tested	104	ML	89	576	C

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Relative yield % of CDC Redberry 2004-2010


Variety	Region (see map)								Total Station Years	Yield as % of CDC Redberry	Seed Weight (g/1000)	Height (cm)	Relative Maturity Rating >	Coty- ledon Col.	Seed ct. colour ***	Market Class	Disease Resistance	
	1 Sty* %	2 Sty %	3 Sty %	4 Sty %	Asco- chyta	Anthr- acnose												
CDC Redberry	7	100	2	100	1	100	1	100	11	100	43	36	E	R	GR	SR	G	G
CDC Impala (A) (CL)	1	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	95	-	33	E	R	GR	ESR	G	P
CDC Imperial (R) (CL)	3	79	1	87	-	-	-	-	4	81	29	30	E	R	GR	ESR	G	G
CDC Redbow (A)	2	116	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	116	33	-	E	R	GR	ESR	-	-
CDC Robin (R)	7	90	2	92	1	65	1	71	11	86	28	33	E	R	GR/BR	ESR	G	G
CDC Rosebud (A)	2	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	106	30	-	E	R	T	ESR	-	-
CDC Rosetown	4	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	123	30	43	E	R	GR	ESR	-	-
CDC Invincible (A) (CL)	1	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	129	32	-	E	Y	G	SG	-	-
CDC Milestone (R)	7	115	2	89	1	58	1	90	11	104	37	32	E	Y	G	SG	G	VP
CDC Viceroy (R) +	5	112	1	120	1	94	1	100	8	109	32	34	E	Y	G	SG	G	G
Eston (R)	3	93	-	-	-	-	1	70	4	87	34	35	E	Y	G	SG	VP	VP
CDC Blaze (R) +	5	103	1	70	1	66	1	64	8	89	35	31	E	R	GR	SR	G	P
CDC lmax (A)	1	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	106	45	-	M	R	GR	SR	-	-
CDC Impact (R) (CL)	3	86	1	56	-	-	-	-	4	78	34	36	E	R	GR	SR	G	G
CDC Maxim (R) (A) (CL)	1	117	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	117	41	-	E	R	GR	SR	F	VP
CDC Redcoat (A)	2	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	103	41	-	E	R	GR	SR	-	-
CDC Rouleau (R)	3	103	-	-	-	-	1	117	4	106	37	37	M	R	GR	SR	G	G
Crimson (R) +	3	94	1	70	1	42	1	92	6	81	35	26	E	R	BR	SR	VP	VP
CDC Peridot (A)	1	116	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	116	37	-	E	Y	MRB	FG	-	-
Pardina (A)	1	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	106	40	-	-	Y	GR/DT	SB	VP	VP
CDC Redberry - Yield kg/ha	2214		1454		4034		1883		2211									

LENTILS – LATE

Relative yield % of CDC Plato 2003-2010

Variety	Region (see map)								Total Station Years	Yield as % of CDC Plato	Seed Weight (g/1000)	Height (cm)	Relative Maturity Rating >	Coty- ledon Colour	Seed ct. colour ***	Market Class	Disease Resistance	
	1 Sty* %	2 Sty %	3 Sty %	4 Sty %	Asco- chyta	Anthr- acnose												
CDC Plato (R)	13	100	-	-	-	-	2	100	15	100	68	36	L	Y	G	LG	G	P
CDC Imigreen (A) (CL)	3	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	83	62	-	M	Y	G	MG	-	-
CDC Impress (R) (CL)	5	89	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	89	57	31	VL	Y	G	MG	G	VP
CDC Meteor (R) +	6	100	-	-	-	-	1	88	7	98	53	41	M	Y	G	MG	G	VP
CDC Richlea (R) +	6	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	104	53	37	M	Y	G	MG	VP	VP
CDC Vantage (R) +	6	97	-	-	-	-	2	100	8	98	58	33	M	Y	G	MG	G	VP
CDC Glamis (R) +	6	90	-	-	-	-	2	104	8	93	70	35	VL	Y	G	LG	G	VP
CDC Grandora (R) (A) +	3	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	81	68	44	L	Y	G	LG	G	VP
CDC Greenland (R)	7	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	80	69	38	M	Y	G	LG	G	P
CDC Impower (A) (CL)	3	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	90	71	-	ML	Y	G	LG	-	-
CDC Improve (R) (CL)	7	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	90	75	38	L	Y	G	LG	F	VP
CDC Sedley (R) +	6	96	-	-	-	-	1	103	7	97	76	30	M	Y	G	LG	F	VP
CDC Sovereign (R) +	8	83	-	-	-	-	2	102	10	87	72	40	L	Y	G	LG	G	P
Laird	12	84	-	-	-	-	2	101	14	86	74	38	VL	Y	G	LG	VP	VP
CDC KR-1 (A)	4	113	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	113	59	34	M	R	GR	LR	-	-
CDC QG-1 (A)	4	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	99	51	28	M	G	G	GC	-	-
CDC Plato - Yield kg/ha	1925		-		-		1573		1878									

Remarks: Varieties marked with (A) are first year entries in 2010. (R) - Registered with CFIA; (CL) - Clearfield variety; + not entered in 2010; Stn - station years. Maturity - E = early, M = medium, L = late, VL = very late. Cotyledon Colour - R = red, Y = yellow, G = green; Seed Coat Color/Pattern G = green, GR = grey, BR = brown FG=french green, T = tan, MRB = marbled, DT = dotted. Market class - SG = small green, MG = medium green, LG = large green, FG = french green, ESR = extra small red, SR = Small Red, LR = large red, GC = green cotyledon, SB = spanish brown. "-" no data Resistance - VP = very poor, P = poor, F = fair, G = good.



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	1- Irri. Sty*		1-Dryland Sty		2 Sty		3 Sty		4 Sty+							
Relative yield % of Cutlass 2003-2010																
Cutlass (R)	1	100	21	100	34	100	24	100	47	100	127	100	E	68	230	3.9
Argus	-	-	2	97	5	112	2	103	5	98	14	103	M	76	228	4.1
Canstar	-	-	10	95	20	104	14	103	21	101	65	102	E	75	247	3.3
CDC Hornet (CDC 1749-8)	-	-	5	96	8	110	5	111	10	105	28	106	M	80	223	3.5
CDC 1897-14 (R) (A)	-	-	2	111	5	113	2	124	5	103	14	111	M	76	201	4.7
CDC Meadow	-	-	8	104	15	114	10	104	21	107	54	108	E	77	217	3.1
CDC Prosper	-	-	6	93	12	97	8	97	13	100	39	97	E	72	150	4
CDC Treasure	-	-	6	96	12	105	8	98	13	100	39	101	E	78	218	3.5
Hugo (A)	-	-	2	101	5	100	2	116	7	106	16	105	E	66	221	4.4
Stella (A) ^	-	-	2	89	5	98	2	98	5	82	14	91	L	84	222	4
Cutlass - Yield kg/ha	4003		3135		3485		5739		4362		4182					
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Agassiz (R)***	-	-	6	100	11	102	9	102	13	105	Fully Tested	103	E	76	238	2.9
CDC Centennial (R)***	-	-	5	101	12	99	9	104	13	100	Fully Tested	101	E	61	259	4.8
DS-Admiral (R)***	1	91	13	97	18	108	13	98	24	104	Fully Tested	102	M	68	246	3.2
Eclipse (R)***	1	108	17	103	27	103	20	99	33	103	Fully Tested	102	M	64	255	3.0
Miser (R)***	-	-	6	96	11	108	6	99	9	96	Fully Tested	101	E	66	205	5.2
Noble (R)***	-	-	3	88	8	95	6	99	8	92	Fully Tested	94	M	74	237	2.9
Polstead (R)***	-	-	5	97	12	99	9	99	13	104	Fully Tested	101	E	62	262	3.7
Reward (R)***	-	-	5	86	12	106	9	102	13	101	Fully Tested	101	M	76	248	2.5
SW MIDAS (R)***	-	-	10	103	17	106	11	91	20	100	Fully Tested	100	E	66	213	3.1
THUNDERBIRD (R)***	-	-	6	89	11	96	9	99	13	99	Fully Tested	97	M	76	228	2.1
Cutlass - Yield kg/ha	4003		2997		3326		5791		4525		4197					
Relative yield % of Carrera 2000-2005																
Carrera (R)	6	100	14	100	28	100	15	100	33	100	Fully Tested	100	E	52	257	4.6
CDC Bronco (R)***	1	93	11	91	16	100	8	94	15	117	Fully Tested	102	M	63	220	4.1
CDC Golden (R)***	1	109	11	101	14	105	8	102	15	109	Fully Tested	105	M	68	224	3.4
CDC Handel (R)***	2	116	8	95	17	94	7	87	14	102	Fully Tested	96	L	67	201	6.2
CDC Minuet (R)***	5	115	12	97	26	100	11	92	22	111	Fully Tested	102	M	64	192	4.9
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DS-Stalwarth (R)***	5	120	8	98	19	93	10	94	23	107	Fully Tested	101	M	69	231	3.4
Eiffel (R)	4	98	5	106	6	103	5	95	7	112	Fully Tested	103	M	77	268	4.4
Carrera - Yield kg/ha	4459		2593		2926		5098		3986		3677					

Remarks: (R) indicates varieties with Plant Breeders Rights. Varieties marked with (A) are first year entries in 2010, (R) registered with CFIA. Fully tested varieties were not tested in 2010. ^ Stella is a silage type pea. *Stn - station years **, standability - 1 = erect, 9 = flat, *** Powdery mildew resistant "-" no data Resistance - P = poor, F = fair, G = good, VG = very good Maturity - E = early, M = medium, L = late.



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Eclipse (R)***	VG	F	F	G	F	G
Miser (R)***	VG	F	F	G	G	G
Noble (R)***	VG	F	F	F	F	G
Polstead (R)***	VG	P	P	F	VG	F
Reward (R)***	VG	F	F	G	VG	F
SW MIDAS (R)***	VG	P	F	G	G	G
THUNDERBIRD (R)***	VG	F	F	G	VG	-
Carrera (R)	P	P	F	F	G	-
CDC Bronco (R)***	VG	F	F	G	G	G
CDC Golden (R)***	VG	F	F	G	G	G
CDC Handel (R)***	VG	F	P	G	G	F
CDC Minuet (R)***	VG	F	F	F	G	F
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FIELD PEAS – GREEN

Variety	Region (see map)										Total Station Years	Yield as % of Nitouche	Relative Maturity Rating>	Vine Length (cm)	Seed Weight (g/1000)	Standability (1E-9F)**
	1-Irri. Sty*		1-Dryland Sty		2 Sty		3 Sty		4 Sty							
Relative yield % of Cooper 2000-2010																
COOPER ☼***	-	-	13	100	29	100	19	100	33	100	94	100	L	71	276	3.1
CDC 1932-201 (A) ***	-	-	1	103	6	107	2	101	6	99	15	103	M	71	195	5.4
CDC Patrick ***	-	-	5	111	13	99	8	100	15	101	41	101	M	76	191	3.6
Mendel (A) ☼	-	-	1	91	6	97	2	86	10	90	19	92	M	74	207	3.8
Cooper - Yield kg/ha			3237		3846		5917		4525		4418					

FULLY TESTED VARIETIES

Variety	Relative yield % of Nitouche 2000-2009										Fully Tested	Maturity	Vine Length (cm)	Seed Weight (g/1000)	Standability	
	6	100	18	100	45	100	27	100	53	100						
Nitouche	6	100	18	100	45	100	27	100	53	100	Fully Tested	100	M	69	267	3.4
Camry ☼***	-	-	8	97	18	95	11	110	22	100	Fully Tested	100	M	57	258	3.0
CDC Striker	1	71	8	90	19	95	8	95	21	95	Fully Tested	94	M	66	244	2.9
CDC Sage ***	-	-	5	80	8	86	8	97	13	91	Fully Tested	90	M	71	199	3.1
Stratus ☼***	3	97	9	96	24	103	13	100	28	96	Fully Tested	99	M	55	260	4.5
SW PARADE ☼***	5	90	3	96	15	103	5	91	11	102	Fully Tested	99	M	64	196	4.6
TAMORA ☼***	-	-	4	90	10	95	9	110	14	97	Fully Tested	99	M	70	268	3.0
Nitouche - Yield kg/ha	4586		2568		2955		5047		3914		3691					

Remarks: All green peas in this table are registered with CFIA, ☼ indicates varieties with Plant Breeders Rights, varieties marked with (A) are first year entries in 2010. Fully tested varieties were not tested in 2010.
 *Stn - station years ** standability - 1 = erect, 9 = flat *** Powdery mildew resistant "-" no data Resistance - P = poor, F = fair, G = good, VG = very good Maturity - E = early, M = medium, L = late.

Other Characteristics

Variety	Resistance to:						
	Powdery Mildew	Myc. Blight	Fusarium Wilt	Bleaching	Seed Breakage	Coat Dimpling	Coat
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CDC 1932-201 (A) ***	VG	F	G	G	G	G	G
CDC Patrick ***	VG	F	G	G	G	G	G
Mendel (A) ☼	VG	F	F	G	F	G	G
Nitouche	P	P	P	G	F	F	F
Camry ☼***	VG	F	F	F	F	G	G
CDC Striker	P	F	G	G	G	F	F
CDC Sage ***	VG	F	G	G	VG	G	G
Stratus ☼***	VG	F	P	P	G	G	G
SW PARADE ☼***	VG	P	G	F	G	G	G
TAMORA ☼***	VG	F	P	F	F	G	G

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Hate Wheat Midge? Hate Spraying?

Prairie wheat growers have found an answer with midge tolerant wheat.

FOR Randy Cay, a farmer and seed grower southeast of Kinistino, Saskatchewan, the decision to plant midge tolerant wheat offers piece of mind and agronomic benefits. Cay runs a third-generation 5,500 acre farm, primarily growing wheat, barley, canola and peas. After many years of dealing with high midge pressure, this spring he planted the midge tolerant wheat variety AC Goodeve VB on over 800 acres – nearly all of his wheat crop.

“We’ve been in a bad midge area over the years, so not having to worry about the challenges of determining proper thresholds and insecticide application timing this year was a definite advantage,” says Cay, noting that from 2007 to 2009 he had to spray almost every wheat acre to control this damaging pest. In one field that wasn’t sprayed a few years ago, Cay recalls losing one grade and about 10 bushels per acre to midge damage, even though the stand looked similar.

“This year we were very satisfied with the yield and quality – all grading No. 2,” says Cay. “Plus, these new varieties offer great agronomic traits, and would be good varieties of wheat to grow even if they didn’t have the midge tolerance built in.”

Dave Cook, another Kinistino area farmer, is also greeting midge tolerant technology with enthusiasm. “After spending about \$50,000 on midge spray last year, we decided to grow midge tolerant wheat wall to wall this year,” says Cook, who planted over 3,000 acres of AC Goodeve VB. “We’re really pleased with the quality and yield of this variety. All our earlier seeded fields graded No. 1 with an average 14.2% protein.” He also likes the agronomic benefits, particularly the shorter height and standability which makes straight combining a lot easier.

“The best benefit for me is that I didn’t spray for midge – I didn’t even look this year,” he says. While many of Cook’s neighbours were out spraying, he didn’t really pay much attention to it. “I had confidence in the midge tolerant technology to do the job and it did.”

While this new technology is very effective, it does require proper stewardship in order to keep it viable for future generations. “Maintaining the interspersed refuge system is an important part of preserving this technology. The stewardship agreement is a simple, effective way to do that,” says Cay.

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“If this is going to preserve the midge tolerant technology, then it’s definitely worth it,” says Cook.

Visit www.midgetolerantwheat.ca to learn more about these new varieties and how the interspersed refuge system works.

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Fingerprinting Barley

Work done by crop scientists at SCRI, Scotland's world-leading research institute, could see Alberta's barley acres increase in the next few years. The SCRI scientists have released details of how they are using DNA fingerprinting techniques normally associated with police investigations to improve the quality of barley used in whisky making. Fortunately, it makes the processing easier, so it benefits the producer as well. The scientists have developed the ability to DNA fingerprint different barley varieties. In addition, they have developed collections of different barley types that either have been—or will be—scored for key aspects of barley yield and quality. The technique enables researchers to identify specific DNA markers that can be utilised by plant breeders and processors in the identification of varieties for growing and processing. One of the markers does the valuable job in the very early stages of production of enhancing the purity of Scotch whisky. Barley breeders are using the markers developed by SCRI to improve the long term sustainability of the distilling industry.

Protecting Pollinators

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has released the *2010 Colony Collapse Disorder Progress Report* highlighting current research on this still mysterious disease affecting the world's honey bees. The report summarizes research by federal agencies, state departments of agriculture, universities and private organizations to find the cause of CCD and how to stop or mitigate its impact. CCD, a syndrome characterized by the sudden disappearance of all adult honey bees in a colony, was first recognized in 2006. Since then, surveys of beekeepers indicate that the industry is suffering losses of more than 30 per cent annually. Before the



appearance of CCD, losses averaged 15-20 per cent annually from a variety of factors such as varroa mites and other pests and pathogens. During the past three years, numerous causes for CCD have been proposed and investigated. Although the cause or causes of CCD are still unknown, research summarized in the report supports the hypothesis that CCD may be a syndrome caused by many different factors, that work individually or in combination and the sequence and combination may not even be the same in every case.

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

A new study commissioned by the Canola Council of Canada shows the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with canola-based biodiesel are 90 per cent lower than emissions related to production and consumption of fossil-based diesel. Canola Council vice-president Robert Hunter explains the study looks at the product's complete lifespan. In the case of canola-based biodiesel, this is from planting all the way to the tailpipe. He says the study results strengthen the Canola Council's push for increased renewable fuel standards. This research may also open new export markets. Both the United States and European Union have sustainability requirements associated with their renewable fuel standards.



Increasing Ag's Footprint

Biofuel derived from crops such as switchgrass certainly holds promise, although some critics maintain that such crops use up too much agricultural land—land that could otherwise be used for growing food crops. A genetic discovery announced recently, however, reportedly allows individual plants to produce more biomass. This means that biofuel crops could have higher yields, without increasing their agricultural footprint. The research was conducted at the Plant Biology Division of Oklahoma's Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation. There scientists discovered a gene that controls the production of lignin within the stems of *Arabidopsis* and *Medicago truncatula*. Lignin is a compound that adds strength to plant cell walls, which gives stems their rigidity. When the scientists removed the gene, there was a marked increase in the production of lignin and other biomass throughout the plants' stems. Further research with associates at the University of Georgia revealed that by removing the gene, production of cellulose and hemicellulose material in the stem was also increased. These carbohydrate-rich compounds, when converted to sugars, are used to create advanced biofuels like cellulosic-derived ethanol or butanol.



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