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WINTER WHEAT GUIDE

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Winter Wheat

Variety Descriptions

Soft Red Wheat

Branson

- Consistently high yield potential
- Yield stable across environments and multiple years
- Early heading, early maturity variety
- Excellent flour quality, desirable by millers
- Superior harvestability
- Awnless

Measure

- Relatively new soft red winter wheat with good yield potential
- Excellent test weight
- Best DON rating score in inoculated provincial trials (OCCC 2018, table 5a+5b+5c)
- Awned

DS572SRW

- Highest yield variety in Area I (OCCC 2018 trials, table 2a)
- Responds very well to intensive management
- Early-mid maturity
- Tillers very well, good choice for relay wheat
- Tall plant height, good straw producer with above average standability
- Awned

Marker

- Consistently a top yield performer
- Responds very well to intensive management
- Highest rating for fusarium head blight resistance
- Tall variety with good straw yields, yet stands very well
- Sound agronomics (winter survival, disease reaction, lodging, etc.)
- Awnless

B743SRW

- Full season maturity
- Moderate resistance to fusarium head blight
- Excellent test weight
- Tall plant stature, good straw producer
- Awnless

B654SRW

- Highest yielding wheat variety in Area II (OCCC 2018 trials, table 3a)
- Yield stable across environments and multiple years
- Responds to intensive management
- Excellent winter survival scores
- Early maturity
- Above average stripe rust resistance
- Awnless

Soft White Wheat

Ava

- Excellent yielding variety, well suited for Area II
- Noted for being sprout resistant compared to other soft white wheat varieties
- Highest yielding variety in an intensive managed system (OCCC 2018 trials table 3a)
- Highest rating for fusarium head blight resistance
- Sound agronomics (winter survival, disease resistance, lodging, test weight, straw yield)
- Responds to slightly higher seed rates
- Awnless

Breeders Rights, for further details see **PBRfacts.ca**

Winter Wheat

CHARACTERISTICS

VARIETIES	Branson	Marker	B654SRW	B743SRW	DS572SRW	Measure	Ava (SWW)
Fusarium Data	MS	MR	S	MS	HS	MR	MR
Combined Fusarium Rating	S	MR	S	MS	S	MS	MR
Test Weight	BA	BA	A	AA	AA	AA	A
Approximate number of seeds/lb	12,400	14,000	10,900	12,500	9,750	11,000	12,000
Winter Survival	G	G	VG	G	G	G	VG
Lodging	F	VG	F	G	VG	F	VG
Height	Short	Short	Tall	Medium	Tall	Medium	Tall
Heading Date	157	159	159	162	160	158	161
Maturity Date	195	199	195	195	201	197	202
Powdery Mildew	F	VG	F	G	VG	VG	F
Leaf Rust	VG	G	VG	VG	F	G	VG
Stripe Rust	VG	VG	VG	VG	F	VG	F

*Always verify seed size by checking the seed tag
*Seed size varies by year and seed lot
*Chart derived from OCCC trials, Snobelen Farms plots, and field observations

Fusarium Data: MR=Moderately Resistant, MS= Moderately Susceptible, S=Susceptible, HS=Highly Susceptible

Combined Fusarium Ratings are based on both Fusarium head blight ratings and deoxynivalenol (DON) levels from inoculated provincial trials (OCCC 2018 trials table 5a, 5b, 5c)

Lodging, Powdery Mildew, Leaf Rust, & Stripe Rust, Winter Survival: VG=very good G=good F=fair

Test Weight: AA=above average A=average BA=below average

Heading Date: # of days from January 1 when 75% of heads are at Zodok 59

Maturity Date: # of days from January 1 when 75% of peduncles have changed colour

TABLE 1a – ONTARIO WINTER WHEAT PERFORMANCE TRIAL

Cumulative Yield Indices[1] Intensive Trials Area I & II Combined[2], OCCC, August 2018

		5-Year Index Fungicides		4-Year Index Fungicides		3-Year Index Fungicides		2-Year Index Fungicides		2018 Index Fungicides	
CLASS[3]	VARIETY	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
sww	**Ava**							**96[4]**	**103**	**99**	**100**
	E0028W									103	102
	25W31 (awned)			93	104	91	102	91	104	100	100
srw	**Branson**	**102**	**108**	**103**	**108**	**104**	**108**	**104**	**109**	**104**	**105**
	Wave	93	101	92	102	92	102	90	102	98	101
	CM614	100	106	100	107	100	107	100	108	104	105
	Secord (awned)	98	107	98	108	99	108	98	109	102	105
	25R40 (awned)	104	110	105	110	106	110	105	111	103	102
	Emperor	94	106	93	106	93	106	91	106	103	105
	Marker	**101**	**108**	**100**	**108**	**101**	**108**	**100**	**108**	**103**	**103**
	UGRC Ring (awned)	100	109	100	109	101	109	98	108	99	102
	25R46 (awned)			87	105	85	106	85	106	100	102
	Cruze (awned)			97	106	97	106	94	106	97	102
	DS572SRW (awned)			**98**	**112**	**98**	**112**	**98**	**113**	**107**	**108**
	Drew (awned)					89	104	87	104	95	98
	Measure							**99**	**103**	**97**	**101**
	B654SRW					**105**	**110**	**105**	**111**	**104**	**107**
	B743SRW					**100**	**105**	**99**	**105**	**96**	**97**
	25R61 (awned)							94	109	104	107
	25R74 (awned)							104	108	104	104
hrw	AC Morley	92	99	93	99	92	97	93	100	96	98
	Priesley	100	104	99	104	100	105	98	105	99	102
	Gallus (awned)	95	99	95	100	97	100	94	98	94	95
	JDC78					98	105	97	106	99	101
	Arnold (awned)							88	93	93	93
	Lexington (awned)									94	95
efw	Frontenac									102	101
Means (t/ha)		5.85	6.41	5.76	6.35	5.95	6.53	5.68	6.31	5.83	5.96
Means (bu/ac)		87	95	86	94	89	97	84	94	87	89
Locations (years)		23		19		15		10		4	

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TABLE 2a – ONTARIO WINTER WHEAT PERFORMANCE TRIAL

Cumulative Yield Indices[1] Intensive Trials Summary for Area I[2], OCCC, August 2018

		5-Year Index Fungicides		4-Year Index Fungicides		3-Year Index Fungicides		2-Year Index Fungicides		2018 Index Fungicides	
CLASS[3]	VARIETY	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
sww	**Ava**							**96**[4]	**98**	**97**	**96**
	E0028W							97	104	102	101
	25W31 (awned)			100	104	99	101	101	102	103	101
srw	**Branson**	**100**	**105**	**101**	**105**	**102**	**104**	**101**	**104**	**104**	**105**
	Wave	96	100	96	100	97	100	98	102	100	101
	CM614	100	105	101	105	100	104	102	105	103	103
	Secord (awned)	101	106	101	105	102	105	102	105	103	104
	25R40 (awned)	105	109	105	108	107	107	106	106	104	102
	Emperor	97	104	96	105	97	105	99	105	103	104
	Marker	**101**	**105**	**100**	**106**	**103**	**105**	**102**	**104**	**103**	**101**
	UGRC Ring (awned)	101	107	101	107	102	105	100	104	100	100
	25R46 (awned)	96	106	94	105	93	104	95	104	101	102
	Cruze (awned)			100	105	101	105	100	103	98	101
	DS572SRW (awned)			**101**	**110**	**102**	**109**	**105**	**109**	**107**	**108**
	Drew (awned)					94	104	94	102	96	98
	Measure							**99**	**100**	**97**	**100**
	B654SRW					**103**	**104**	**101**	**103**	**103**	**103**
	B743SRW					**99**	**102**	**98**	**100**	**97**	**97**
	25R61 (awned)							99	107	103	105
	25R74 (awned)							103	104	104	103
hrw	AC Morley	93	98	93	98	92	95	95	98	97	99
	Priesley	99	101	100	101	101	101	97	99	99	100
	Gallus (awned)	94	98	94	97	95	97	93	94	94	94
	JDC78					104	106	102	104	102	101
	Arnold (awned)							91	91	94	94
	Lexington (awned)									95	95
efw	Frontenac									102	99
Means (t/ha)		5.88	6.29	5.73	6.14	5.78	6.10	5.85	6.15	5.41	5.43
Means (bu/ac)		87	94	85	91	86	91	87	91	81	81
Locations (years)		12		10		8		6		3	

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Cumulative Yield Indices[1] Intensive Trials Summary for Area II[2], OCCC, August 2018

		5-Year Index Fungicides		4-Year Index Fungicides		3-Year Index Fungicides		2-Year Index Fungicides		2018 Index Fungicides	
CLASS[3]	VARIETY	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
sww	**Ava**	**101**[4]	**109**	**101**	**109**	**99**	**108**	**97**	**111**	**106**	**111**
	E0028W									103	105
	25W31 (awned)			85	103	82	103	75	106	92	98
srw	**Branson**	**104**	**112**	**105**	**112**	**105**	**112**	**107**	**116**	**103**	**106**
	Wave	91	101	89	103	87	104	77	102	92	101
	CM614	100	108	99	109	99	110	96	112	109	112
	Secord (awned)	96	109	95	111	96	112	91	114	100	107
	25R40 (awned)	103	112	105	113	104	113	105	119	99	102
	Emperor	92	107	91	107	88	107	80	107	105	108
	Marker	**101**	**112**	**100**	**110**	**99**	**111**	**98**	**114**	**104**	**110**
	UGRC Ring (awned)	99	112	99	111	100	113	95	114	96	108
	25R46 (awned)			79	106	76	107	71	111	96	101
	Cruze (awned)			94	107	93	108	86	110	94	104
	DS572SRW (awned)			**95**	**113**	**94**	**116**	**87**	**119**	**105**	**109**
	Drew (awned)					84	104	77	108	93	95
	Measure							**101**	**107**	**97**	**102**
	B654SRW					**107**	**116**	**110**	**121**	**108**	**117**
	B743SRW					**101**	**108**	**101**	**112**	**92**	**98**
	25R61 (awned)							86	112	105	113
	25R74 (awned)							107	114	104	105
hrw	AC Morley	92	101	92	100	91	99	92	104	92	96
	Princeton	93	105	92	104	95	106	92	107	91	105
	Priesley	101	108	98	107	99	108	100	114	99	107
	Gallus (awned)	97	101	97	103	98	103	95	103	95	99
	JDC78					92	105	89	109	91	100
	Arnold (awned)							84	95	88	91
	Lexington (awned)									92	94
efw	Frontenac									102	106
Means (t/ha)		5.82	6.53	5.79	6.57	6.13	6.98	5.43	6.56	7.07	7.53
Means (bu/ac)		87	97	86	98	91	104	81	98	105	112
Locations (years)		11		9		7		4		1	

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Seeding Rates

Earlier Than Optimum Planting Date by 10 days	**Optimum Planting Date**	7 Days Past Optimum Planting Date	14 Days Past Optimum Planting Date	21 Days Past Optimum Planting Date
1.0 – 1.2	**1.4 – 1.5**	**1.6 – 1.8**	**1.8 – 2.0**	**2.0 – 2.2**

*seeding rates are expressed in millions of seeds per acre

*seeding rates derived from Crop Advances 2013, OMAFRA Publication 811 and University of Guelph

The above seeding rate chart is a general recommendation based on years of Ontario based research. However, seeding rates need to be adjusted for soil type, fertility levels, soil structure, and planting dates. Heavy clay soils may require as much as 20% more seed than other soil types. Ideally, 60 heads per square foot is the target. Winter wheat planted early allows for prolific tillering and strong tillers to develop and therefore fewer seeds per acre are required. If the plant density is too high for early planting dates, lodging can be an issue. Wheat planted well after the optimum planting date typically does not tiller much and therefore requires a heavier seeding rate to achieve 60 heads per square foot.

Calculating Seeding Rate by Amount of Seed to Achieve Target Plant Density
Use the number of seeds per lb (often found on the seed tag) to determine the required seeding rate in (lb/acre)

Amount of Seed	**Desired Plant Population (x 1,000)**							
	809/ acre	**1,012/ acre**	**1,213/ acre**	**1,416/ acre**	**1,619/ acre**	**1,861/ acre**	**2,024/ acre**	**2,226/ acre**
8,000/lb	101	127	152	178	202	233	253	278
9,000/lb	90	112	135	158	157	207	225	247
10,000/lb	81	101	121	142	162	186	202	223
11,000/lb	73	91	109	127	145	164	185	204
12,000/lb	67	83	100	117	133	150	170	187
13,000/lb	62	77	92	108	123	138	157	172
14,000/lb	55	71	86	100	114	128	146	160
15,000/lb	53	67	80	93	107	120	136	149
16,000/lb	50	63	75	88	100	113	127	140

Seeds Per Foot Row

Seeds per foot row (7.5" rows) conversion to millions of seed per acre							
Seeds per foot row	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Seed per acre (million)	1.115	1.195	1.254	1.324	1.394	1.463	1.533

Seeds per foot row	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Seed per acre (million)	1.603	1.673	1.742	1.812	1.882	1.951	2.021

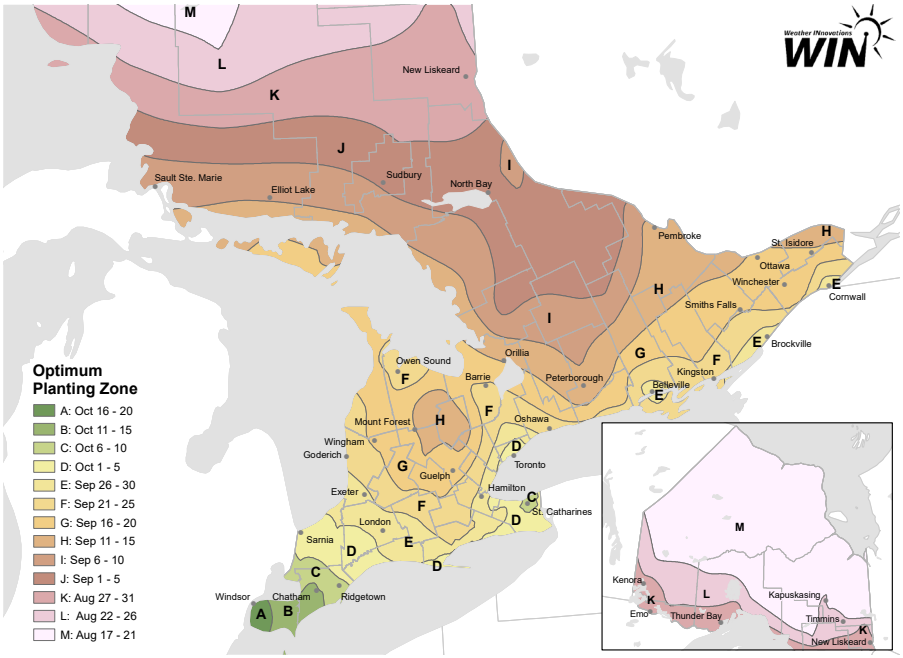
Seeding Depth

Wheat should be planted no less than 1.0" deep (2.5cm). The preferred range of seeding depth is 1.0 – 1.25". Any shallower and the crop becomes more vulnerable during the winter months. It takes approximately 80 growing degree days for winter wheat to germinate and an additional 50 GDD for every inch of seeding depth to achieve emergence.

Agronomic TIP

It is important to use multi-year data when selecting a variety. This is especially critical when the number of testing locations are limited in any one year.

Optimum Planting Date



Source: Ontario Cereal Crop Committee, 2018

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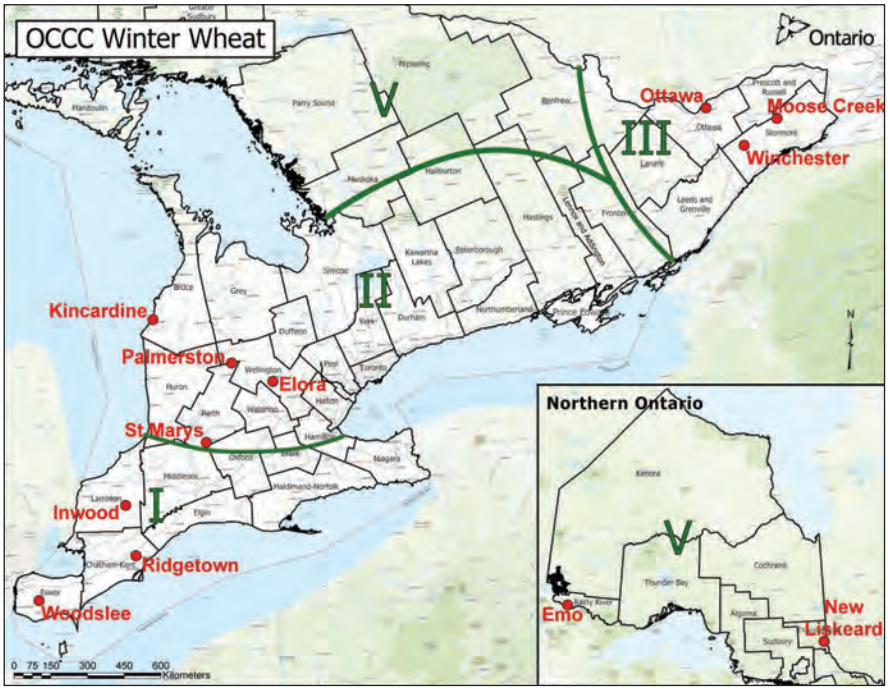
Winter Wheat Testing Areas



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Additional Information and Resources

- Cereal Staging Guide: Bayer Crop Science
- PUB 811: Agronomy Guide for Field Crops (OMAFRA)
- PUB 812: Field Crop Protection Guide (OMAFRA)
- PUB 611: Soil Fertility Handbook (OMAFRA)
- PUB 75: Guide to Weed Control-Field Crops (OMAFRA)
- Head Disorders of Wheat: University of Nebraska
- NCERA 184: Identify Wheat Diseases (affecting Heads & Grain)
- NCERA 184: Wheat Fungicide Efficiency for Control of Wheat Diseases
- OSCIA Crop Advances: Field Crop Reports
- Guide to Early Season Field Crop Pests
- Field Crop News
- OMAFRA: Weed ID Guide
- USDA: Guide to Wheat Diseases & Pests

Wheat Stand Assessment

Number of Plants		% Yield Potential	Planting Date	
per metre of row	per foot of row		October 5	October 15
			Yield t/ha (bu/ac)	
66	20	100	5.34 (80)	4.84 (72)
33	10	95	5.11 (76)	4.57 (68)
23	7	90	4.84 (72)	4.37 (65)
20	6	85	4.57 (68)	4.10 (61)
16	5	80	4.30 (64)	3.90 (58)

Source: A Smid, Ridgetown College, University of Guelph, 1986-90.

Agronomic TIP

2020 OCCC Performance Trial information is typically compiled and released near the end of August

Diseases*

Powdery Mildew

Symptoms: On all hosts, the first visible symptoms of this disease are white to pale grey, fuzzy or powdery colonies of mycelia, and conidia on the upper surfaces of leaves and leaf sheaths (especially on lower leaves), and sometimes on the spikes. Older fungal tissue is yellowish gray. This superficial fungal material can be rubbed off easily with the fingers. Host tissue beneath the fungal material becomes chlorotic or necrotic and, with severe infections, the leaves may die. Eventually, black spherical fruiting structures (cleistothecia) may develop in the mycelia, and can be seen without magnification.

Development: The development of powdery mildew is favoured by cool (15-22°C), cloudy, and humid (75-100% relative humidity) conditions.

Threshold: 5-10% lower leaves affected early in the season, 1% of the flag leaf affected and 3-5% of the second leaf later in the season.

Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus

Symptoms: The symptoms of barley yellow dwarf virus (BYD) vary with the affected crop cultivar, the age of the plant at the time of infection, the strain of the virus, and environmental conditions. Symptoms often are masked by or confused with other problems. Affected plants show a yellowing or reddening (on oats and some wheats) of leaves, stunting, an upright posture of thickened stiff leaves, reduced root growth, delayed (or no) heading, and a reduction in yield. The heads of affected plants tend to remain erect and become black and discolored during ripening due to colonization by saprophytic fungi.

Development: Temperatures of approximately 20°C are favorable for disease development and symptoms appear approximately 14 days after infection.

Threshold: 5-10% of lower leaves affected early in the season, 1% of the flag leaf affected and 3-5% of the second leaf later in the season.

Disease descriptions derived from USDA: Guide to Wheat Diseases and Pests.

Take-All

Symptoms: This fungus causes rotting of the roots and lower stems. Basal stem and leaf sheath tissues, as well as roots, may turn a shiny black color. When examined with a hand lens (10x), dark fungal hyphae may often be found on the subcrown internode beneath the old leaf sheaths. Coarse, black runner hyphae or conspicuous on roots. Severe disease development is indicated by stunted plants with whitened stems and spikes. When infection occurs early in the crop cycle, the number of tillers is often reduced and spikes are often sterile.

Development: The fungus persists on crop debris in the soil. Initial infections come from contact with hyphae or ascospores in the soil. Infection can occur throughout the crop cycle, but is favored by cool (12-18°C) soil temperatures and alkaline or nutrient deficient soils. Nitrate also appears to enhance disease development. Infections of the roots occurring in the fall and early spring generally progress to the crown and lower stem tissues; infections occurring later in the crop cycle cause less damage since they usually are confined to the roots.

Leaf Rust

Symptoms: The postules are circular or slightly elliptical, smaller than those of stem rust, usually do not coalesce, and contain masses of orange to orange-brown urediospores. Infection sites primarily are found on the upper surfaces of leaves and leaf sheaths, and occasionally on the neck and awns.

Development: Primary infections usually are light and develop from wind-borne urediospores that may have travelled long distances. The disease can develop rapidly when free moisture is available and temperatures are near 20°C. Successive generations of urediospores can be produced every 10-14 days if conditions are favorable. As plants mature or when environmental conditions are not favorable, masses of black teliospores may become evident.

Threshold: Use foliar fungicide treatments when the flag leaf has 5-10 pustules or 1% of the flag leaf area is affected (during head emergence to the end of flowering) and when the weather forecast predicts rainy, wet weather.

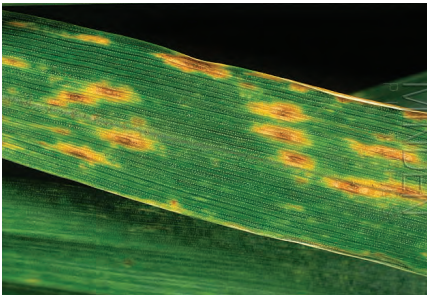
Diseases

Stem Rust

Symptoms: Pustules are dark reddish brown, and may occur on both sides of the leaves, on the stems, and on the spikes. With light infections the pustules are usually separate and scattered, but with heavy infections they may coalesce. Prior to pustule formation, "flecks" may appear. Before the spore masses break through the epidermis, the infection sites feel rough to the touch; as the spore masses break through, the surface tissues take on a ragged and torn appearance.

Development: Primary infections are usually light and develop from wind-borne urediospores that may have travelled long distances. The disease can develop rapidly when free moisture (rain or dew) and moderate temperatures prevail. If temperatures average about 20°C or more, the first generation of urediospores will be produced in 10-15 days. As plants mature, masses of black teliospores may be produced.

Threshold: See Leaf Rust threshold on page 13.

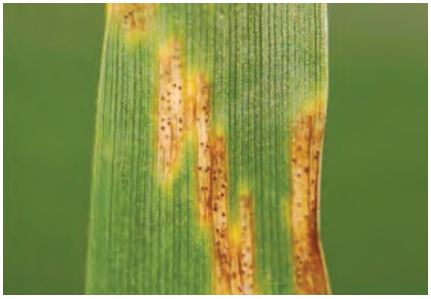


Tan Spot

Symptoms: At first, lesions appear as tan to brown flecks, which expand into large, irregular, oval- or lens-shaped tan blotches with a yellow or chlorotic margin. As these spots coalesce, large blotches are formed. The development of a dark brown to black spot in the center of the lesion is characteristic of the disease. As the disease progresses, entire leaves, spikes, and even whole plants may be killed.

Development: Initial infections come from diseased crop debris in the soil or from diseased grass hosts. Usually the lower leaves are infected first, and the disease progresses to the upper leaves and leaf sheaths if conditions are favorable. This disease develops over a wide range of temperatures and is favored by long periods (18 hours or more) of dew or rain.

Threshold: Generally, 25% of leaves with one or more lesions.



Septoria Leaf Spot

Symptoms: Initial infection sites tend to be irregular in shape, oval to elongated chlorotic spots or lesions. As these sites expand, the centers of the lesions become pale, straw colored, and slightly necrotic, often with numerous small black dots (pycnidia). The lesions of septoria tritici blotch tend to be linear and restricted laterally, while those of septoria nodorum blotch and septoria avenae blotch are more lens-shaped. All above ground plant parts can be affected. Light infection produces only scattered lesions, but heavy infection can kill leaves, spikes, or even the entire plant. Identification of species in the field can be difficult, and microscopic examination is often necessary.

Development: Initial infections tend to be on the lower leaves, progressing to the upper leaves and spikes if environmental conditions remain favourable. Cool temperatures (10-15°C) and prolonged wet, cloudy weather favours the development of these diseases.

Threshold: 1-2 lesions on the leaf below the flag leaf up to booting, or 1-2 lesions on the flag leaf at head emergence.

Stripe Rust

Symptoms: The pustules of stripe rust, which contain yellow to orange-yellow urediospores, usually form narrow stripes on the leaves. Pustules also can be found on leaf sheaths, necks, and glumes.

Development: Primary infections are caused by wind-borne urediospores that may have travelled long distances. The disease may develop rapidly when free moisture (rain or dew) occurs and temperatures range between 10-20°C. At temperatures above 25°C, the production of urediospores is reduced or ceases and black teliospores are often produced.

Threshold: See Leaf Rust threshold on page 13.

Agronomic TIP

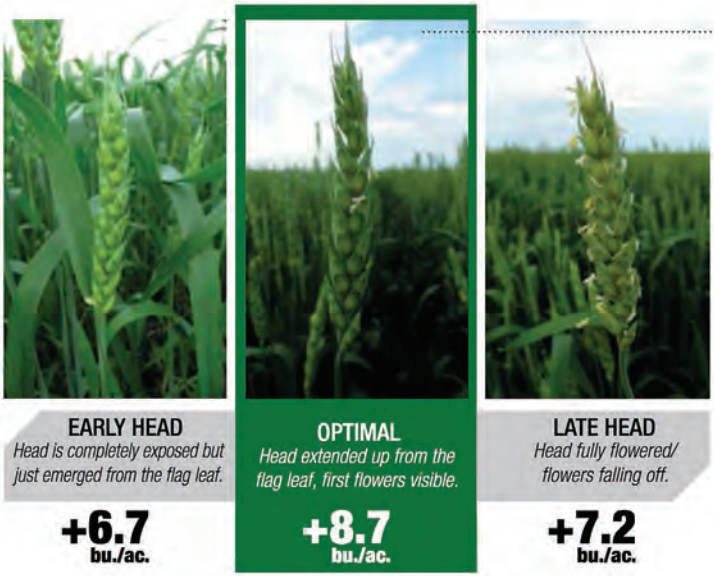
For the optimum seeding date, the target plant population is 22 seeds/foot row on 7.5" rows

Diseases

Fusarium Head Blight

Fusarium head blight (FHB), sometimes called Scab, is one of the most serious diseases of winter wheat, spring wheat and other small grains such as barley and oats. FHB can cause significant loss of quality (incurring grade discounts) and grain yield (due to lightweight, shrunken kernels). Infected kernels can produce harmful toxins such as DON (deoxynivalenol) to which there is very low tolerance by millers and animal feed manufacturers. The fungus overwinters, primarily on infected kernels and stubble or straw/stalk residue left on the soil surface. The proliferation of the disease is favoured by extended periods of warm (22-27°C), wet, and humid weather. Infection occurs at flowering time as the anthers emerge from the spikelet.

The most practical way to control FHB is by growing resistant varieties and by correctly applying fungicides at heading time. It is critical to scout fields as heads emerge from the boot and to use high water volume and multi-directional nozzles. The chart below helps stage the wheat for proper timing.



Publication 812 (the Ontario Field Crop Production Guide) and the NCERA-184 Management of Small Grain Diseases publication will help identify products that help reduce the impact of FHB.

Image Courtesy of Bayer Crop Science Canada

Insects*

Armyworm

Symptoms: The primary symptom is defoliation of the plant. Larvae feed on leaves, chewing from the edges to the midrib, or on the heads of cereal plants. Heavy infestations can be very destructive; larvae may climb the plant and sever the neck just below the head. Some species may be found feeding at the soil surface, others underground feeding on roots, and still others feeding inside the stem.

Life Cycle: Adult cutworms and army worms are moths, and the females lay eggs on leaves and leaf sheaths near the ground. These eggs hatch within a few days and initially the larvae feed close to where they hatch. The larvae are found in cracks in the soil or under rocks during the day, feeding at night or early in the morning. In damp weather, they may feed all day.

Cereal Aphids

Symptoms: Aphids are nearly transparent, soft-bodied sucking insects. When present in sufficient numbers, aphids can cause yellowing and premature death of leaves. They exude drops of sugary liquid known as “honeydew”, which may cause tiny scorch marks on the foliage and tends to encourage the development of sooty molds. The feeding is especially damaging, resulting in the development of necrotic areas sometimes accompanied by purpling and rolling of the infested leaves. The feeding of Russian Wheat Aphid produces long white stripes on the leaves, leaf rolling, prostrate growth habit, and sterile heads.

Life Cycle: The life cycle of aphids involves winged, wingless, sexual, and asexual forms. When feeding on cereals, the females of most aphid species reproduce asexually (without being fertilized), giving rise to nymphs rather than eggs.

**Insect descriptions derived from USDA: Guide to Wheat Diseases and Pests.*

Insects

Cereal Leaf Beetle

Symptoms: Adult beetles are 4-5 mm long, have a black head, light brown thorax, and a shiny blue-green wing cover with parallel lines of small dots. Larvae are a dull to bright yellow color, but soon take on the appearance of a slimy, globular, black mass due to the mound of fecal material they produce and accumulate on their backs. The most prominent symptom of cereal leaf beetle infestations is the distinct, longitudinal stripes on leaves; these stripes are produced by the feeding of adult beetles and of larvae.

Life Cycle: The insect produces one generation per year. Adults begin their feeding activity in the spring. They lay yellow eggs, either singly or in small chains, covering them with a sticky film. Young larvae feed on the leaf surface and when mature, drop to the soil surface. Adults overwinter underneath plant debris on the soil surface, in leaf sheaths and ears of standing maize, or under the bark of trees.

Slugs

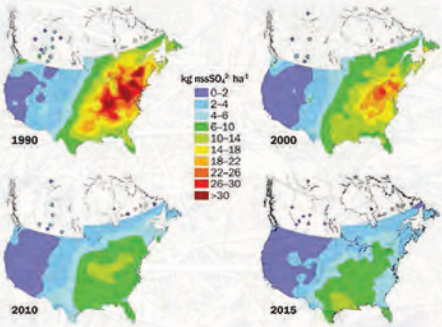
Symptoms: Slugs and snails can feed on the endosperm of germinating seed, bite seedlings off at ground level, and graze older plants, chewing longitudinal stripes on the leaves. This gives the adult plant a frayed appearance.

Agronomic TIP

Long term research conducted by Dr. Bill Deen at the University of Guelph determined that on average, the addition of winter wheat to a corn/soybean rotation yielded 10 more bu/ac corn and 4-5 more bu/ac soybeans. Winter wheat contributes to overall soil health and structure.

Fertility

- A 90 bu/ac crop of grain (only) removes approximately 53 lbs/ac actual phosphorus and 32 lbs/ac potassium
- A 90 bu/ac crop of grain and straw removes approximately 64 lbs/ac actual phosphorus and 148 lbs/ac potassium
- Wheat is highly responsive to phosphorus fertilizer
  - Seed placed phosphorus starter yields 7.5 more bu/ac than without (on average)
  - Increases fall tillers
  - Promotes root development
  - Increases winter survival
- Nitrogen is extremely important in driving yield. Higher nitrogen rates require the use of fungicides and wheat treated with a fungicide will respond to higher nitrogen rates. They work together. Ontario research suggests that the most economical rate of nitrogen is 120-150 lbs/ac with the use of fungicides and 90 lbs/ac without fungicides. Keep in mind that nitrogen rates are farm specific and depend on field history, fertility levels, history of manure, soil structure, rotation, compaction, etc.
- Wheat is also responsive to sulphur. The deposition of sulphur in the great lakes area has dramatically been reduced (see deposition map below), to the point where grass crops such as winter wheat show an economical response.



Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada, 2018.

Seed Treatments

Vibrance® Quattro

Chemistry group:
Group 3, 4, 7 and 12 fungicides

Mode of action:
Vibrance Quattro is a combination of the fungicides difenoconazole, metalaxyl-M and S-isomer, sedaxane and fludioxonil, which control or suppress certain seed- and/or soil-borne diseases of cereal crops.

Resistance management:
Where possible, rotate the use of Vibrance Quattro or other Group 3, 4, 7 and 12 fungicides with different groups that control the same pathogens/insect pests.

Disease controlled:
- Seed Rots
- Seeding Blight/ Damping Off
- Seed-borne Alternaria
- Loose Smut
- Common Bunt
- Dwarf Bunt
- Common Root Rot (suppressed)
- Fusarium Crown & Foot Rot
- Take All (suppressed)

Courtesy of: Syngenta Canada

Cruiser® Vibrance® Quattro

Chemistry group:
Group 4 insecticide; Group 3, Group 4, Group 7 and Group 12 fungicides.

Mode of action:
Cruiser Vibrance Quattro contains the active ingredients thiamethoxam, difenoconazole, sedaxane, metalaxyl-M (and S-isomer) and fludioxonil.

How it works:
- Difenoconazole is a Group 3 triazole that inhibits sterol biosynthesis
- Metalaxyl-M is a Group 4 phenylamide that targets RNA polymerase I
- Sedaxane is a Group 7 succinate dehydrogenase inhibitor that affects respiration
- Fludioxonil is a Group 12 phenylpyrrole that affects signal transduction

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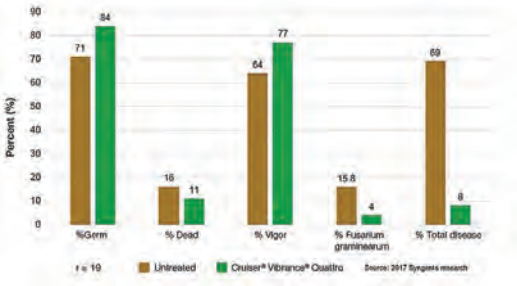

- Thiamethoxam is a Group 4A neonicotinoid that affects nerve action
- In addition to the diseases controlled and supressed, Cruiser Vibrance Quattro controls wireworms and European Chafers

Metric & Imperial Conversion Charts

Length	
1 millimetre (mm)	0.04 in
1 centimetre (cm)	0.39 in
1 metre (m)	3.28 ft: 1.09 yd
1 kilometre (km)	0.62 mi
1 inch (in)	25.4 mm: 2.54 cm
1 foot (ft)	0.30 m: 0.33 yd
1 yard (yd)	3 ft: 0.91 m
1 mile (mi)	1.61 km

Area	
1 sq cm (cm^2)	0.16 in^2
1 sq metre (m^2)	10.76 ft^2: 1.2 yd
1 hectare (ha)	2.47 ac: 10,000 m^2
1 sq km (km^2)	0.39 mi^2: 247.11 ac
1 sq inch (in^2)	6.45 cm^2
1 sq foot (ft^2)	0.09 m^2: 929 cm^2
1 sq yard (yd^2)	0.84 m^2: 8361 cm^2
1 acre (ac)	0.40 ha
1 sq mile (mi^2)	2.59 kms^2: 258.9 ha

Product Conversion Factors		
	Bu/Tonne	Lbs./Bu
Wheat	36.74	60
Oats	64.84	34
Barley	45.93	48
Rye	39.37	56
Canola	44.09	50
Soybeans	36.74	60
Buckwheat	45.93	48
Corn	39.37	56

Volume	
1 cubic cm (cu cm)	0.06 cu in
1 cubic decimetre (cu dm)	61.02 cu in: 0.04 cu ft
1 cubic metre (cu m)	35.32 cu ft: 1.31 cu yd
1 litre (1 L)	0.26 U.S. gal: 1.06 U.S. qt
	0.22 imp gal: 0.88 imp qt
	61.02 cu in: 1,000 cm3
1 cu in (cu in)	16.39 cu cm
1 cu foot (cu ft)	28.32 L
1 cubic yard (cu yd)	0.76 cu m: 764 L
1 quart (U.S.)	0.95L
1 quart (British)	1.14 L
1 gallon (U.S.)	3.79 L
1 gallon (British)	4.55 L

Weight	
1 gram (g)	0.035 oz
1 kilogram (kg)	2.205 lbs
1 metric ton (1,000 kg)	2,205 lbs
1 US ounce (oz)	28.35 g
1 pound (lb)	0.454 kgs
1 ton (2,000 lbs)	907 kgs

Agronomic TIP

RUST PROBLEMS in the southern US states and Mexico could mean the same for Ontario as storm systems carry the spores north

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