

## QUALITY WITHOUT COMPROMISE



# WINTER CEREAL GUIDE



## CONTENTS

- 2 Our Seed Team
- 3 Winter Wheat Variety Descriptions
- 3 Winter Wheat Characteristics
- 6 Ontario Performance Trials August 2022
- 10 Seeding Rates
- 10 Seeds per Foot Row
- **11** Seeding Depth
- **11** Optimum Planting Dates
- 12 OCCC Winter Wheat Testing Areas
- 13 Wheat Stand Assessment
- 18 Diseases
- 19 Insects
- 21 Fertility
- 22 Seed Treatments
- 23 Metric & Imperial Conversion Charts





#### Lucknow

- Head office
- Food grade soybean facility
- Receiving facility
- Cleaning, processing, and packaging pedigree seed
- Seed treating



#### Palmerston

- · IP and Seed receiving facility
- Cleaning, processing, and packaging pedigree seed
- · Seed treating



Inset: Troy Snobelen, Tanya Leppington, and Sam Snobelen

# The Snobelen Farms Difference

Snobelen Farms Ltd. is an independent, family-owned company that was founded in 1971, specializing in the production, processing and sales of food grade soybeans, commercial grains and pedigreed seed for markets across Canada and internationally. We take pride in combining years of experience with attentive customer service to complement the premium quality of our agricultural products. With eight locations we are able to serve the needs of growers across Ontario.

#### Family

Snobelen Farms has been a family business from the beginning. We treat all our customers, employees and communities as part of the family as well.

### **Customer Service**

Unsurpassed service to customers before, during, and after your visit to Snobelen Farms.

#### **Quality & Development**

Continuously improving the Snobelen Farms experience.



### We specialize in:

- Multiplying, processing, and selling the best genetics for our area.
- Testing and growing the varieties that work for the farmer and the end users.
- Selling certified seed to farmers and retailers across Ontario.

With our state-of-the-art seed treating facilities we are able to offer the best seed treatment offerings on the market, providing solid agronomic choices and returns to the farmer.



# OUR SEED TEAM



## CALVIN BROWN

Seed Sales & Marketing Manger

Associate Diploma Agriculture Business, University of Guelph cbrown@snobelenfarms.com Cell: 519-851-0300 @SnobelenSeeds



SHERRI HALDENBY

Sales Representative/ Seed Administrator -Lucknow shaldenby@snobelenfarms.com Lucknow Office: 1-800-582-5669 🔰 @haldenbysherri



### Brendan ZETTLER

**Grain Originator & Identity Preserved Soybeans** 

B.Sc. Agriculture, University of Guelph CCA-ON bzettler@snobelenfarms.com

Cell: 519-389-7591 💓 @formosafarmer

TERESA TEUNE

Seed Administrator – **Palmerston** 

B.Sc. Agriculture, University of Guelph tteune@snobelenfarms.com Palmerston Office: 1-877-343-3630

# Winter Wheat VARIETY DESCRIPTIONS

91

### Soft Red Wheat

#### **B654SRW**

- · Highest yielding wheat variety in Area II over the last 5 years
- · Responds well to intensive management
- · Leaf architecture fills in rows quickly (absorbs more sunlight)
- Consistently high yielding
- Awnless

#### Branson

- A consistent top performer for years
- · Short plant height allows variety to be pushed (intensively managed)
- · Early maturing, superior harvestability
- · Excellent flour quality
- Awnless

### Marker

- · Consistently a top performer in both Area I and Area II
- · Responds very well to intensive management
- · Sound agronomics (winter survival, disease reaction, lodging, etc.)
- · Performs well on tougher soil types and challenging environments
- Awnless

### **OAC** Constellation

- Yield index of 109% in Area 2
- · Average (medium) plant height with strong straw
- · High test weight
- Responds well to intensive management
- · Excellent resistance to stripe rust
- · Easy to harvest

## Winter Wheat **CHARACTERISTICS**

VARIETIES	Branson	Marker	B654SRW	OAC Constellation
Fusarium Data	MS	MS	MS	MS
Combined Fusarium Rating	S	S	S	MS
Test Weight	BA	BA	A	AA
Approximate number of seeds/lb	12,200	13,500	12,00	12,800
Winter Survival	VG	G	G	G
Lodging	VG	F	VG	VG
Height	Short	Average	Tall	Medium
Heading Date	153	153	153	153
Maturity Date	192	194	193	193
Powdery Mildew	G	G	F	VG
Leaf Rust	G	G	VG	VG
Stripe Rust	VG	VG	VG	VG

\*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 hard 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





# Reach for a star.

## NEW OAC Constellation Soft Red Winter Wheat

- \star yield index of 109% in Area 2
- ★ average (medium) plant height with strong straw
- 🖈 high test weight
- $\star$  responds well to intensive management
- $\star$  excellent resistance to stripe rust
- $\star$  easy to harvest

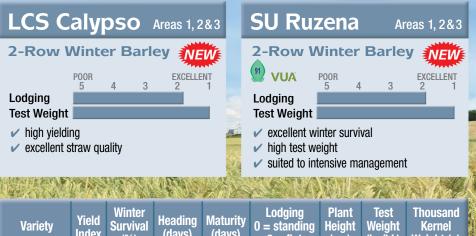
Genes that fit your farm?//



0]

## Winter Barley genes that fit your farm<sup>®</sup> from SNOBELEN FARMS

Two smart options for exceptional yields, diversified rotations and spreading management workloads.



C.	Variety	Index	Survival (%)	(days)	(days)	0 = standing 9 = flat	Height (cm)	Weight (kg/hL)	Kernel Weight (g)
in the second se	LCS Calypso <i>NEW</i>	100	93	142	173	3.6	82	63.2	52.1
	SU Ruzena 🔮	99	96	142	173	3.1	74	63.1	51.2

Certified

Data values were collected under different management practices at different locations in different years, and are for comparison purposes only. VUA = Variety is subject to a Variety Use Agreement. Genes that fit your farm® is a registered trademark of SeCan.



### Ontario Cereal Crop Committee Performance Trials 2022 Table 1a - Winter Wheat Cumulative Yield Indices<sup>1</sup>, Area 1 & 2 Combined, Intensive

		Inc	ear lex icides	Inc	'ear dex icides	Inc	ear lex icides	Inc	'ear lex icides	Inc	22 lex icides
CLASS <sup>3</sup>	VARIETY	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
sww	Ava	96 <sup>2</sup>	101	96	101	95	100	93	99	95	100
	25W38 (awned)			103	108	104	109	104	110	101	103
srw	Branson	97	103	95	102	94	102	93	103	94	99
	Secord (awned)	00	104	98	104	99	104	98	103	98	101
	25R40 (awned)	101	105	100	106	101	106	102	108	102	105
	Marker	98	103	96	103	97	102	95	102	98	103
	UGRC Ring (awned)	97	102	97	102	97	102	96	102	103	107
	Cruze (awned)	96	103	95	104	96	105	94	103	100	104
	B654SRW	99	105	97	104	96	103	95	104	97	101
	25R61 (awned)	98	105	96	105	96	105	96	106	102	109
	25R74 (awned)	99	104	98	104	98	104	98	105	99	103
	Blaze (awned)	102	108	102	109	103	110	100	109	103	107
	Hilliard (awned)			103	107	103	107	105	110	101	106
	OAC Constellation (awned)			100	105	100	105	101	107	101	106
	UGRC Comet									96	100
	Swoop							97	102	100	104
	B700 SRW (awned)							98	109	103	108
	OAC Moon (awned)							100	108	100	106
hrw	PRO 81 (awned)	100	101	100	101	100	101	98	100	96	96
	Adrianus (awned)			103	107	104	107	103	106	99	103
Means	(t/ha)	6.60	6.98	8.87	7.35	6.93	7.36	7.19	7.72	7.96	8.33
Means	(bu/ac)	98	104	102	109	103	110	107	115	118	124
Locatio	ns (years)	1	6	1	2	1	1	8	3	(	3

1 Values differing by less than 3 within a column may not represent true differences in yield. 2 Cultivar yield rankings may vary year to year. Decisions are best made using data with the greatest number of years. PBR status: indicated protected under PBR 91 or PBR78. Visit **pbrfacts.ca** to learn more

For the latest Provincial Trial Results visit our website.

#### TABLE 2a - ONTARIO WINTER WHEAT PERFORMANCE TRIAL

### **Ontario Cereal Crop Committee Performance Trials 2022**

 Table 2a - Winter Wheat Cumulative Yield Indices<sup>1</sup>, Area 1

 Intensive

		In	'ear dex icides	Inc	'ear lex icides	Inc	'ear dex icides	Inc	22 lex icides
<b>CLASS</b> <sup>3</sup>	VARIETY	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
sww	Ava	95 <sup>2</sup>	97	94	97	91	95	94	97
	25W38 (awned)			105	108	106	110	105	103
srw	Branson	98	101	94	97	91	95	94	97
	Secord (awned)	101	104	100	103	99	102	100	102
	25R40 (awned)	102	104	102	105	102	16	100	101
	Marker	98	100	96	100	96	99	99	101
	UGRC Ring (awned)	99	101	99	102	98	103	106	107
	Cruze (awned)	98	103	97	103	96	102	103	105
	DS572SRW	104	107	105	106	103	105	99	102
	B654SRW		101	96	100	94	99	94	96
	25R61 (awned)		104	98	104	99	106	104	108
	25R74 (awned)	102	105	103	105	101	105	100	101
	Blaze (awned)	103	106	104	108	101	106	104	106
	Hilliard (awned)			103	106	105	108	100	102
	OAC Constellation (awned)			101	105	102	107	101	104
	UGRC Comet							95	99
	Swoop					95	99	97	99
	B700SRW (awned)					103	110	106	107
	OAC Moon (awned)					102	108	100	105
	PRO 81 (awned)		100	100	100	98	98	97	93
	Adrianus (awned)			106	109	105	108	101	102
Means	(t/ha)	6.37	6.57	6.84	7.12	7.2	7.54	7.72	7.90
Means	(bu/ac)	95	98	102	106	107	112	115	118
Locatio	ns (years)	1	0		7	ļ	5	1	2

1 Values differing by less than 3 within a column may not represent true differences in yield. 2 Cultivar yield rankings may vary year to year. Decisions are best made using data with the greatest number of years. PBR status: indicated protected under PBR 91 or PBR78. Visit **pbrfacts.ca** to learn more

Di status. Indicated protected under F Di 91 of F Di 70. Visit por acts.ca to te

For the latest Provincial Trial Results visit our website.

### **Ontario Cereal Crop Committee Performance Trials 2022**

Table 3 - Winter Wheat, Cumulative Yield Indices1, Area 2Intensive

		In	'ear dex icides	In	/ear dex icides	Inc	'ear dex icides	Inc	/ear dex icides	In	)22 dex icides
CLASS <sup>3</sup>	VARIETY	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
sww	Ava	97 <sup>2</sup>	107	96	96	106	97	93	106	98	105
	25W38 (awned)			101	109	101	110	101	110	94	102
srw	Branson	97	106	95	106	93	105	94	107	96	103
	Secord (awned)	97	106	95	104	96	105	96	105	95	100
	25R40 (awned)	98	106	98	106	96	106	101	110	108	113
	Marker	98	108	97	108	98	107	94	106	98	107
	UGRC Ring (awned)	94	104	93	103	93	102	92	102	98	108
	UGRC C2-5							94	102	90	97
	25R46 (awned)	90	106	93	104	93	104	93	103	91	104
	Cruze (awned)	93	104	92	104	92	103	92	104	94	103
	UGRC GL164							98	104	96	103
	B654SRW	101	112	96	111	98	110	96	111	102	111
	25R61 (awned)	94	107	92	106	93	106	91	105	99	109
	25R74 (awned)	95	104	93	103	92	103	94	105	99	107
	Blaze (awned)	99	110	100	111	101	112	100	113	102	109
	Hilliard (awned)			103	108	103	108	105	112	103	109
	OAC Constellation (awned)			99	105	98	105	98	106	101	109
	UGRC Comet									97	103
	Swoop							100	108	105	114
	B700SRW (awned)							91	108	97	109
	25R76									88	108
	OAC Moon (awned)							96	108	100	108
hrw	PRO 81 (awned)	99	102	100	103	101	104	99	103	95	100
	Adrianus (awned)		100	103	100	105	99	103	104	97	103
	Montcalm							84	89	77	81
Means (t	/ha)	6.94	7.61	6.91	7.63	7.06	7.75	7.17	7.97	8.43	9.16
Means (b	ou/ac)	103	113	103	113	105	115	107	119	125	136
Location	s (years)	(	6		5	4	4	;	3		1

1 Values differing by less than 3 within a column may not represent true differences in yield. 2 Cultivar yield rankings may vary year to year. Decisions are best made using data with the greatest number of years. PBR status: indicated protected under PBR 91 or PBR78. Visit **pbrfacts.ca** to learn more

For the latest Provincial Trial Results visit our website.



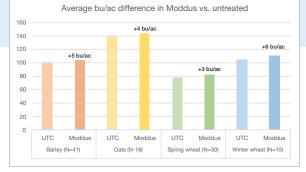
### Grow your best cereal crop with Moddus

A lodged cereal crop can result in lost yield, reduced quality, and decreased harvest efficiencies which ultimately reduce profits for growers. With Moddus® plant growth regulator (PGR) working to mitigate lodging, growers have the freedom to plant the varieties they want, choose higher fertility input programs, or better capture upsides from seasons with plentiful rainfall for maximum ROI – all while helping maximize harvest efficiencies to save time, money and effort. Moddus lets growers manage their cereals the way they want. It inhibits cell elongation, resulting in sturdier plants that can resist lodging so the crop stays standing until the combine is ready to roll. That strong, standing crop has more potential to fill for maximum yield and improved quality.

Moddus gives you a stronger crop to reach for higher yields



### Moddus helps maintain yield



Yield differences vary depending on variety, degree of lodging, fertility, etc. Source: Syngenta research authorization trials conducted across Canada from 2018 to 2020.

# SEEDING RATES

Planting Date	Planting	Optimum	Optimum	Optimum
by 10 days	Date	Planting Date	Planting Date	Planting Date
Earlier Than	Optimum	7 Days	14 Days	21 Days
Optimum		Past	Past	Past

\*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.

Calculatin	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	Desired Plant Population (x 1,000)								
of Seed	809/ 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
<b>Seeds per foot row</b> 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

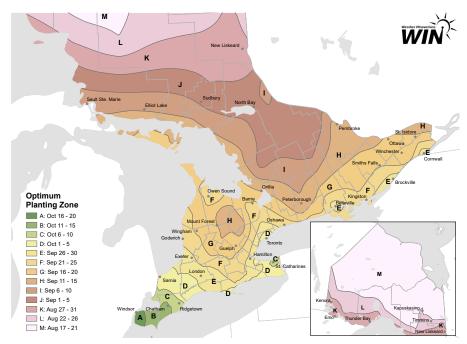
# SEEDING DEPTH

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.



data when selecting a variety. This is especially critical when the number of testing locations are limited in any one year.

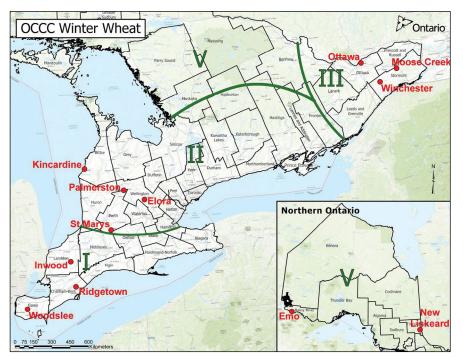
# OPTIMUM Planting Date



Source: Ontario Cereal Crop Committee, 2018

**6**11

# Ontario Cereal Crop Committee WINTER WHEAT TESTING AREAS



Source: Ontario Cereals Crop Committee, 2018

### **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

Number	of Plants		Plantin	g Date			
per metre	per foot	% Yield Potential	October 5	October 15			
of row	of row	FUlentiai	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.

2023 OCCC Performance Trial information is typically compiled and released near the end of

13

Agronomic





### **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.

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



### 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.



### **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 are 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.



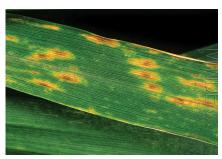


### **Stem Rust**

**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 15.



### 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 15.



on 7.5" rows

Snobelen Farms Winter Cereal Guide 2023

DISEASES

Nº ON

### **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.



### Armyworm

INSECTS\*

**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 lav 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.



EARLY HEAD Head is completely exposed but just emerged from the flag leaf.













**OPTIMAL** 

Optimal timing

provides best results.

Publication 812 (the Ontario

Management of Small Grain

Diseases publication will help identify products that

help reduce the impact

Image Courtesy of Bayer

Crop Science Canada

of FHB

Field Crop Production Guide) and the NCERA-184

# FERTILITY

# 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

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.

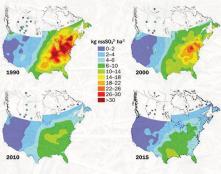


- A 90 bu/ac crop of grain (only) removes approximately 53 lbs/ac actual phosphorus and 32 lbs/ac potassium
- A 90 bu/ac crop of grain and straw removes approximately 64 lbs/ac actual phosphorus and 148 lbs/ac potassium
- Wheat is highly responsive to phosphorus fertilizer
- Seed placed phosphorus starter 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

belen Farms Winter Cereal Guide-2023

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

# FUNGICIDES

# 👌 Vibrance<sup>®</sup> Quattro

#### **Chemistry group:**

Group 3, 4, 7 and 12 fungicides

#### Mode of action:

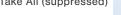
Vibrance Quattro is a combination of the fungicides difenoconazole, metalaxyl-M and S-isomer, sedaxane and fludioxonil, which control or suppress certain seed-and/or soil-borne diseases of cereal crops.

#### **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.



- 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<sup>®</sup> Vibrance<sup>®</sup> Quattro

Group 4 insecticide; Group 3, Group 4, Group 7 and Group 12 fungicides.

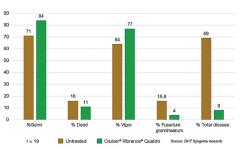
#### Mode of action:

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
- Thiamethoxam is a Group 4A neonicotinoid that affects nerve action
- In addition to the diseases controlled

#### 2017 Seed Testing Program – Wheat



and supressed, Cruiser Vibrance Quattro controls wireworms and European Chafers

Mode of Action	Active Ingrediant	Product Name	Company	Product Appli- cation Rate	ground H2O rate	rainfast (Hour)	PHI (Days)	REI (Hours)	Application staging	Powdery mildew	Stagonospora leaf/glume blotch	Septoria leat/ blotch	Tan spot	Stripe rust	Leaf rust	Stem rust	Fusarium Head Right
3	Propiconazole	Quilt (multiple generics)	Syngenta	305 to 405 ml/ac	15 gal/ ac	2	45	12	T1/ T2	VG	VG	VG	VG	E	E	VG	NL
11	azoxystrobin	] .															
3	Propiconazole	Cerefit	Corteva	1 case treats 40 acres	10 - to 20 gal/ ac	1			T1/ T2	VG	VG	VG	VG	E	E	VG	N
11	Picoxystrobin	1															
3	Prothioconazole	Stratego Pro	Bayer	177 to 230 ml/ac	10 gal/ ac mini- mum	1	do not apply after boot stage	12	T1/ T2	G	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	N
11	Trifloxystrobin	1															
7	Pydiflumetofen	Miravis Ace	Syngenta	400 ml/ac	20 gal/ ac	1	7	12	T1/ T2/ T3	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	6
3	Propiconazole	1															
3	Mefentrifluco- nazole	Veltyma	BASF	152 to 202 ml/ac	10 gal/ ac mini- mum	1	21	12	T1/ T2	G	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	N
11	Pyraclostrobin	1															
7	Fluopyram																
3	Tebuconazole	Prosaro Pro	Bayer	303 ml/ac	10 gal/ ac mini- mum	1	36	12	T1/ T2/ T3	G	VG	VG	VG	E	E	E	0
3	Prothioconazole	1															
3	Prothioconazole																
11	Trifloxystrobin	Delaro Complete	Bayer	177 ml/ac	10 gal/ ac mini- mum	1	45	12	T1/ T2	G	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	N
7	Fluopyram	1															
7	Pydiflumetofen																
11	Azoxystrobin	Mirivas Neo	Syngenta	300 ml/ac	15 gal/ ac	1	45	12	T1/ T2	VG	VG	VG	E	E	E	VG	N
3	Propiconazole																
3	Metconazole	Sphaerex	BASF	253 ml/ac	10 gal/ ac mini- mum	1	30	24	T1/ T2/ T3	VG	VG	VG	VG	E	E	E	0
3	Prothioconazole	1															





Percent (%)












GROWING FORWARD. SINCE 1971. SNOBELEN FARMS

LUCKNOW 1-800-582-5669 p. 519-528-2092 f. 519-528-3542 Box 29, 323 Havelock Street Lucknow, Ontario N0G 2H0 PALMERSTON 1-877-343-3630 p. 519-343-3630 f. 519-343-2037 5220 Hwy 23, RR # 2 Palmerston, Ontario N0G 2P0

www.snobelenfarms.com