

Winter Wheat and Spring Wheat Sown in the Fall

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The winter wheat performance test seeded August 24, 2005 at NLARS produced some very good results. Survival scores on individual plots ranged from a low of 50% to 100% and spring vigor score ranged from 3-9 on a scale of 1-9, 9 being the best. Most plots ranked at the top of the both scales with local variability being more important than variety. The ranges at the research station have very slight slope. All plots received 70kg of N in May.

We have again seeded a winter wheat trial at NLARS on September 15, 2006. This is later than we would normally have liked; however, the wheat is up and looking quite good. We included one spring wheat in the test (yes, spring). We have also seeded a test this fall entirely consisting of spring wheat varieties. Some producers have tried very late seeding of spring wheat in the hopes that germination will occur in the spring. This scheme

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Entry	Variety	Yield	1000 Seed	Test Wt.	Lodging	Height	Date Heading	Date Mature
		kg/ha	weight (g)	kg/hl	(1-9)	(cm)		
1	Tribute	6410.8	32.9	76.3	3	81	13-Jun-06	27-Jul-06
2	KV12401	5627.0	38.7	75.0	6	102	15-Jun-06	24-Jul-06
3	AC Ron	6642.4	36.5	71.3	5	98	14-Jun-06	27-Jul-06
4	Warwick	6560.2	38.3	75.0	2	89	14-Jun-06	28-Jul-06
5	CM708	7147.0	37.1	73.8	1	100	9-Jun-06	24-Jul-06
6	IL972422	7215.2	33.5	75.0	1	95	9-Jun-06	25-Jul-06
7	Wisdom	7651.1	32.5	66.3	3	89	9-Jun-06	24-Jul-06
8	ACS51043	6583.3	38.9	76.3	2	81	15-Jun-06	2-Aug-06
9	AC Mountain	7669.8	38.8	72.5	5	104	12-Jun-06	27-Jul-06
10	W2-912	7561.2	36.2	75.0	2	100	12-Jun-06	26-Jul-06
11	TWF020:33	6481.9	36.8	68.8	5	105	15-Jun-06	2-Aug-06
12	96-091-199	6258.5	38.5	76.3	5	114	15-Jun-06	26-Jul-06
13	FT Wonder	6780.3	41.1	76.3	3	96	14-Jun-06	24-Jul-06
14	Platinum	6297.9	37.9	76.3	2	112	23-Jun-06	31-Jul-06
15	06-1060-010	6200.3	40.8	76.3	3	115	23-Jun-06	29-Jul-06
16	95-073-264	5403.6	37.5	71.3	7	122	15-Jun-06	27-Jul-06
17	AC Morley	6703.9	40.9	76.3	2	116	15-Jun-06	26-Jul-06
18	IL98-5258	6542.4	37.1	73.8	7	98	13-Jun-06	26-Jul-06
19	Emmit	7776.9	40.3	75.0	3	99	15-Jun-06	24-Jul-06
20	Warthog	5953.3	40.4	76.3	1	106	15-Jun-06	24-Jul-06
	Average	6673.3	37.7	74.1	3.4	101.1	14-Jun-06	27-Jul-06
	LSD (0.05)	1044.4						
	C.V.	11.05%						

The most important document you will ever draft

by Len Davies

How up-to-date is your will? Does it address your current wishes if you were to die tomorrow? Or worse yet do you have a will? Your will is probably the most important document that you will draft in your lifetime. You have worked hard to create an estate and your will will ensure that your estate is distributed according to your wishes.

What will my will accomplish?

A comprehensive will should accomplish the following:

- Designate who the executor of your property will be.
- Outline the authority that your executor has in settling your estate.
- State who your heirs are, how much they will receive and when they will receive it.
- Determine how your assets will be handled.
- Who will take care of your children?

Who will my executor be?

Your executor should be someone who understands your wishes, is familiar with your farming operation, and has the respect of your beneficiaries. I strongly suggest that you chose more than one executor or designate an alternative executor since one may predecease you, move away or not be interested in acting in this position when your death does occur.

Chose an executor(s) who can adequately carry out the duties listed:

- If your family has not already done

so, arrange and pay for your funeral.

- Notify professionals of death – lawyer, banker, financial planner, insurance agent etc.
- Locate your will and work with a lawyer to finalize your estate.
- Pay all final expenses such as probate fees and taxes.
- Arrange with your life insurance company to have the insurance proceeds paid.
- Fill in the designated forms to collect the death benefit from Canada Pension.
- Complete necessary financial documents such as a balance sheet for your property.
- Settle your estate by disbursing designated property in the best interests of your heirs.
- Hire an accountant to file your final tax return.

Approaching your solicitor

Before you sit down with your solicitor have some idea of what you would like in your will. You most likely have some thoughts in your mind as to how your will should be drafted. People tend to think of what they would like to see happen if just they died but you need to think of what you would want to happen if both you and your spouse died. Or perhaps you are farming with a child. Think of what would happen if you and your farming child were to pass away in an accident at the same time. Now what would you like to see happen?

At this point you should discuss your tentative plans with other professionals such as your financial planner and your accountant. By working with the different professions, it will ensure that all legal, tax planning and other estate issues will be adequately addressed in your will.



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is different in that our goal is to have the spring wheat up and established before the winter. Fall conditions may keep some of the lines in the vegetative state.

We have been operating the Verner Test Site since 1988 on the farm of Roger Leblanc and his successor, Rene Leblanc. The site was located between Hwy 17 and Gingras Ave. We will be moving to a new spot in the Verner area in 2007. We thank Roger and Rene for their willingness to accommodate us, the West Nipissing Soil and Crop Improvement Association for their support, and particularly Gerald Beaudry for being our eyes and ears in Verner.

John Kobler became the Agronomy Technician in April of 2006. John came to us from Kapuskasing Experimental Farm and the General Motors Cold Weather Development Centre. We'd like to thank Matt Bowman for his years of service. We know that Matt will continue to play an important role in research in northern Ontario through his involvement in the many organizations to which he belongs and as a result of his own curiosity.



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