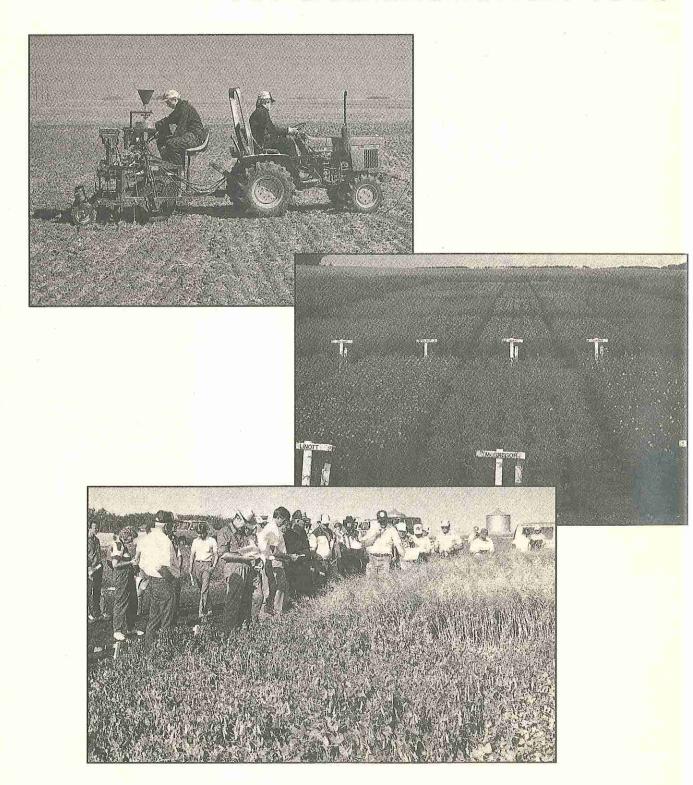




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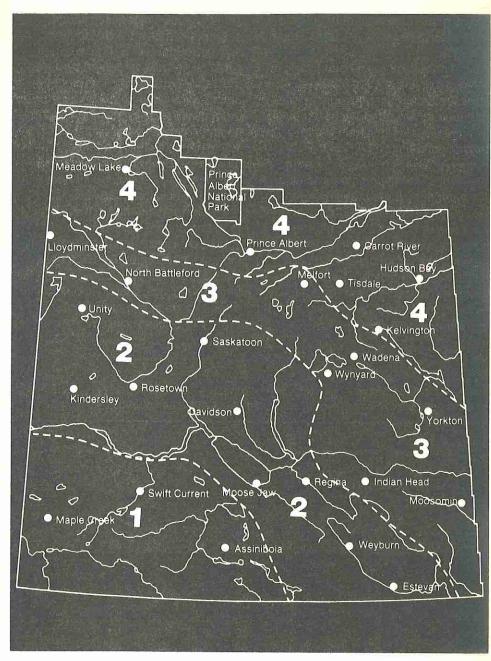
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Grain Crop Production Areas

The cropland of Saskatchewan has been divided into four areas based roughly on climate, vegetation and soil type. The relative yields of crop varieties tend to vary from area to area. In choosing a variety a farmer will want to consider the yields in his area and special requirements such as early maturity, disease resistance or vfly resistance.

Area 1: Drought is a definite hazard and high winds are common. Sawfly outbreaks often occur in this area. Cereal rust may be a problem in the southeastern section.

Area 2: Drought and sawflies may be problems in the western and central sections of the area.

Cereal rust may be a problem in the southeastern section.

Area 3: Drought is not as likely to be a problem in this area, particularly in the east. Cereal rust may occur in the eastern portion. The frost-free period can be fairly short in the northwestern and northeastern sections.

Area 4: Rainfall is usually adequate for crop production. However, early fall frosts and wet harvest weather are frequent problems.

The dividing lines do not represent distinct changes over a short distance. The change from one area to another is gradual.

Cereal Crops

Wheat

Main Characteristics of Varieties

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/ariety	Irr	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Average Maturity in Days		Shat- Lodging tering		Leaf Rust	Loose Smut	Bunt	Root Rot
		Υ	ield as %	of Katepwa	a	-			-				
Benito Columbus Conway . Kenyon . Laura Leader Lancer	 5* 	94 98 103 98 103 95 94	95 101 98 97 105 96 95	101 97 97 97 104 99	97 97 95 100 100 98 98	98 97 102 98 98 100 100 100 98 97		G F. G G. G G. F F. F G. G VG.	G. G. VG. G. G.	G P VG G F	G G G F G	VG	F
Biggar*	124	120	119 126	120	166	102 102 98	*******		G	· · · · · · · F	F	VP	
~ 1		95	7(1)	108	110	99 101 98			G	VG	i VG	F	
			Yield as	s % of Kyle									
Arcola . Medora Sceptre	. 100 . 103 99 103	92 97 97	93 96 97	97 97 98	97 100	103 99 100 100 102	*******	G VG G VG F VG	VG VG VG	VC	3 3 3	= VC = VC = VC	i

^{*}These varieties are variable in maturity and may mature later under cool conditions.

Comments

Threshing characteristics of wheat varieties can be estimated from their response to shattering. For example, **Neepawa** has very good resistance to shattering and is difficult to thresh. **Columbus** and **Leader** have fair resistance to shattering and are among the easier varieties to thresh.

During wet harvest weather grades drop more rapidly due to sprouting in swathed than in standing crops.

Canada Western Red Spring Wheat

Conway has performed well in the Brown soil zone. Conway has poor leaf rust resistance and is not suited for the eastern Prairies.

Columbus has good leaf rust resistance and has better sprouting and weathering resistance than the other varieties except **Leader** and **Lancer**. **Columbus** is late maturing and must be sown early, particularly in Area 4.

Katepwa is similar to Neepawa but has better stem and leaf rust resistance and is easier to thresh.

Kenyon is similar to **Neepawa** and has very good leaf and stem rust resistance.

Laura is higher yielding than other varieties and matures about two days later than Katepwa. Laura has an awned head and good shattering resistance.

Roblin has very good leaf and good stem rust resistance. Under drought

^{**}Resistance ratings: VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

⁻ No data available.

stress grain yield of **Roblin** can be reduced more than other varieties. **Roblin** is early maturing, making it best suited to northern areas.

Leader and Lancer are resistant to neat stem sawfly. Lancer has better resistance to wheat stem sawfly, seed shattering and root rot than Leader.

Canada Prairie Spring Wheat

Biggar has harder kernels than HY320 but otherwise is similar to HY320.
Biggar is late maturing and must be sown early, particularly in Area 4.

HY320 will be deregistered August 1, 1990 and after that time will be eligible only for Canada Feed

Oslo is similar in maturity to Katepwa and lower yielding than Biggar.

HY355 is white-seeded and sprouts similarly to durum wheat under wet harvest conditions. HY355 is the highest yielding Canada Prairie Spring Wheat but it is slightly taller than Katepwa and later maturing, making it best suited to Areas 1 and 2.

Canada Western Utility

Bluesky and Wildcat are earlier maturing than Glenlea and lower yielding.

Canada Western Amber Durum

All durum varieties are susceptible to two new races of loose smut. Seed can be treated to provide control. See the **Seed Facts** section for details.

Arcola, Medora and **Sceptre** are early maturing and have short, strong straw.

Kyle is higher yielding than other durum varieties but is a little taller and later maturing, making it best suited to the Brown and Dark Brown soil zones.

Sceptre is the shortest, strongeststrawed durum variety, and has performed well under both dryland and irrigated conditions.

Soft White Spring Wheat

Fielder and Owens are semidwarf varieties and are the only varieties eligible for grades of this class. Fielder shatters more than Owens, but has stronger straw. They are both susceptible to loose smut, bunt, and sprouting of the grain before harvest.

Owens has resistance to stripe rust which occurs in some locations of southern Alberta.

Winter Wheat

Winter survival is the chief factor limiting winter wheat production in Saskatchewan. However, with proper management successful production is possible. This means that, in most years, some form of snow trapping is necessary in most of Saskatchewan to ensure overwintering.

Norstar is the most winter-hardy variety of winter wheat available. In addition, it is high-yielding and has acceptable baking quality.

Norwin is a semi-dwarf variety. It has very short, strong straw. Its winter hardiness and yield are inferior to Norstar. Norwin should be grown only under low winter stress, high moisture conditions where lodging and excessive straw production are problems.

Rye Main Characteristics of Varieties

		Yield as ?	% of Puma		Resistance to*						
Type and Variety	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Winter Killing	Shat- tering	Lodging	Stem Smut	Straw Length		
Winter Puma	100	100	100	100	G	G	F .	Р	Tall		
Musketeer Prima	106	102	104	105	 G	G	G .	G	Tall		

^{*}Resistance ratings: VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

Comments

Stem smut has been observed in a number of fields in Area 1 in recent years. The use of either **Prima** or usketeer could alleviate the problem.

Gazelle is the only registered variety of spring rye.

			Yield	as %	of Harring	gton					Res	sistan	ce to*		
Type & or Variety ro	2	Yield as n % of	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Avera Matur in Day	ity	odging		Net Blotch		Lo ScaldSn	ose Oth	
Malting										240725			0		
Harrington	2 R		100	100	100	100	92	***************************************	G	VG	P	Р	P	. P VI	7 G
Arayle	6 S		92	. 91	95	. 94	91			VP	G	G	P	. P VI	G
Bonanza	6 S		93	. 91	93	. 93	89			VP	G	Gi	P	. P P	G
Fllice	2 R		91	. 95	96	. 96	92		G	VG	F	G	P	. P P	[
Klages	2 R	*	98	. 92	95	. 93	94		F	VG	Р.	Р	P	. Р С	I G
Feed									ese.	8.555	-		_		
Abee	2 R		107	104	104	100	94			VG	Р.	Р	P	. P r	G
Brier	6S		124	105	109	104	92			F	G .	G	vg	. P G	VI
Deuce	2 R		97	. 98	98	. 97	92		G	VG	F.	G	P	. P C	i G
Heartland	6S	102	97	. 99	100	100	92			F	VG	G	P	. P r	0
Johnston	6S		107	106	107	107	94			Р	F .	G	G	.P V	P P
Leduc	6 R	99	107	107	103	. 99	91			P	F .	G	VG	. r c	r
Noble	6 S		98	. 99	101	. 96	92		G	G	r.	G	P	. P r	· P
Virden	6S	•	107	102	105	107	95		VG	G	G .	G	P	P r	· V(
Hulless															
Candar	2 R		81	84	80	. 80	92		G	G	P.	F.	P	PF	· (
0	0 D		01	95	8/	80	91		Р	VG	VP	Р	P	v	P F
Tupper	6 R		74	77 .	83	. 77	90		G	Р	F.	G	P	F V	P G
Intensive I	/lanagemen	t+												N 100 Attack	. (
Duka	6 0	100					93		VG	F	F .	G	VG	P l	V(
0	c D	05				22	92		VC	[F .	0	**** ****		****
Winchester	6 R	94					90		VG	F	G .	Р	VG	P(3 G

+These varieties are suited only to high input conditions, see comments section.

*Resistance ratings; VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

Comments

None of the current two-rowed varieties have good field resistance to all races of net blotch. Therefore, growers who must plant barley on barley stubble should select six-rowed varieties which are more tolerant. None of the available varieties are resistant to all three types of smut. Therefore, seed should be treated on a regular basis. See the **Seed Facts** section for details.

Growers are reminded that commercial evaluation of new malting varieties requires a minimum of three years. Until this is done, only very limited quantities will be purchased for malting.

In hulless varieties the hull is left in the field, therefore comparable yields

are 10-15% lower. Hulless seed is more susceptible to damage than hulled seed, so handling should be minimized. Markets for hulless barley have not been clearly defined but it should be valuable for hog feed, pet food and human consumption.

Samson, Duke and Winchester are new semidwarf feed varieties. They should be grown only under high moisture, high fertility conditions which would cause severe lodging of conventional varieties. High productivity tests in Saskatchewan have shown Duke to outyield Samson by 5%, Winchester is intermediate. Duke is 1-2 days later than Samson and Winchester is 1-2 days earlier.

Noble is a new six-rowed feed variety. It has yielded well in drier

locations. It has good lodging and shattering resistance and is similar to **Leduc** in maturity.

Virden is a new six-rowed feed variety. It has very high yield potential but is very late. It has very good straw strength.

Brier is a new six-rowed feed variety. It has very good yield potential and good disease resistance.

Irrigation

Under irrigation, disease resistance, straw strength and maturity are more critical. Growers should select early, strong-strawed, disease resistant varieties.

Lines under Interim Registration for Evaluation of Malting and Brewing Quality

Small scale tests are a good measure malting potential but are not sufficient to determine the commercial acceptability of malting varieties. Final acceptance is given only after two years of successful plant scale evaluation. Several carload lots of barley are malted and subsequently

brewed. The beer is then given the ultimate test -- a taste panel. This process will normally take a minimum of three years. Crop grown in 1989 will be malted in January-February, 1990. It will be brewed in May-June 1990, aged and tested in October-November, 1990. Crop grown in 1990 will be tested in October-November, 1991. To facilitate this testing "Interim Registration" has been established as a special category. This registration is

granted for one year at a time renewable for a total of three years. It allows seed increase and marketing in a normal manner but automatically expires if performance of the line is not satisfactory. If performance is satisfactory then a full registration is granted. Production of the carload lots for evaluation is done by contract through the Canadian Wheat Board. The following lines are currently under test:

Lines under Interim Registration Main Characteristics of Lines

	Yield	l as a % of	Harri	ington			Resistance to*						
Type and Line	Area 1	Area 2	Area	a Area	Average Maturity in Days	Lodging	Shat terin			Other Smuts		Stem Rust	
Two Row													
TR490	96	104	102	106	94	G	G .	G	Р	Р	G	G	
TR930	99	101	106	100		G							
Six Row													
BT917	91	99	98	95	92	G	VP .	G	P	Р	G	G	
BT477-B	92	100	99	96	92	G							
B1602	83	86	90	83	92	VG							
7447-W	80	88	85	83	91	G							

^{*}Resistance ratings; VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

Comments

TR490 has higher yield potential, and better disease resistance than Harrington. TR490 also has resistance to the spotted form of net blotch. TR930 is similar in performance and disease reaction to Harrington.

BT917 and BT477-B are both blue aleurone six rows with superior yield to Bonanza and Argyle. BT447-W is of interest because it has a white aleurone. It may be suitable to meet the US market for white aleurone six row.

B1602 is a white aleurone six row, similar in performance to **Bonanza** and **Argyle**. Some contract production has been grown in Alberta.

Triticale

Main Characteristics of Varieties

	Yie	ld as '	% of	Carm	an			Resistance to*				
Variety	Area 1	Are	а	Area 3	Are	Average Maturity in Days	Lodging	Stem Rust	Leaf Rust		Root	
Carman Frank Wapiti	115 .	119		111	12	7 105	G G G	VG	VG	VG	F	

^{*}Resistance ratings: VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

Comments

Triticale matures 3-5 days later than **Biggar** wheat therefore should be

seeded as early as possible. Triticale matures very late in Area 4.

	Yi	eld as %	of Calil	ore					Resistance to*			
Variety	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Test wt. (kg/hl)	% Hull	Average Maturity in days		Stem Rust	Leaf Rust		
Calibre	100	100	100	100	50.0	22.9	93	G	VP	VP	P	
Cascade	105	98	99	98	47.4	26.0	92	G	VP .	VP	Р	
Derhy	100	100	99	106	50.1	22.2	93	G	VP	VP	F	
Dumont	96	99	96	94	48.8	23.5	94	F	VG	VG	G	
Harmon	93	91	89	85	48.2	24.1	91	G	VP	VP	P	
laspor	93	91	92	91	50.0	22.5	89	F	VP	VP	P	
Dial	93	97	92	94	50.0	21.0	93	G	VG	VG	G	
Pohort	90	95	92	95	48.5	22.5	93	VG	VG	VG	G	
Waldern**	89	93	100	107	45.7	25.0	94	G	VP	VP	F	

^{*}Resistance ratings: VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

Comments

Calibre has high yield potential and superior kernel quality, having very high test weight and low percent hull. Cascade has high yield potential but poorer kernel quality being lighter in test weight with higher hull content. Cascade is one to two days earlier maturing than Calibre.

Derby is a new variety, similar to Calibre, having high yield potential and test weight, but plumper grain and even lower hull content. It is slightly earlier than Calibre but not as early as Cascade. Like Calibre and Cascade, Derby is susceptible to the oat-rusts and may be at risk if grown in the oatrust area of southeast Saskatchewan. Certified seed of Derby will not be generally available until 1991.

Dumont has excellent disease resistance and good kernel quality, however it has weaker straw and lower yield potential than Calibre. Dumont is one to two days later maturing than

Calibre. This variety should be considered for use in the oat rust-area of southeastern Saskatchewan.

Jasper is an earlier maturing variety with kernel quality equal to **Calibre**, however its yield potential is considerably lower.

Riel and Robert have tan colored grain. They have very good kernel quality and disease resistance, however, yield potential is generally lower than other varieties available. They appear to be best adapted to Manitoba.

Waldern is a new variety with large grain size. However, it has very low test weight and high hull content. Therefore, it will not be desirable for milling and specialty markets. Waldern is rust susceptible so should not be considered for the oat-rust area of southeastern Saskatchewan. Certified seed of Waldern will not be generally available until 1992.

Oat Production for Specialty Markets

Producers aiming for oat sales into the specialty milling and race horse markets should be aware that marketplace specifications often exceed those for the #1 CW oat grade. In particular producers must minimize amounts of green kernels along with maximum test weight, plumpness, uniformity and freedom from weathering damage. Contamination with barley and wild oats is unacceptable for both milling and performance oat markets. While some shattering losses may occur, specialty oat crops should be left standing as long as possible prior to harvest to maintain the best opportunity of obtaining a top quality product. For further information please see the farm facts pamphlet - "Milling and Pony Oat Production" available from Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food and Saskatchewan Rural Development.

^{**}Less than 3 years data available in Area 4.

Oilseed Crops

Canola

Main Characteristics of Varieties

1							Resist	ance to*	
Type & Variety	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	% Oil	Average Maturity in days	Lodging	White Rust	Blackleg**	Sclerotinia Stem Rot
	Yiel	d as % of	Westar	10					
Argentine							711 (UT 62e		
Westar	100	100	100	43.2	96	F	VG	VP	Р
Alto	99	98	100	43.2	97			VP	
Celebra	108	103		43.4	102	G	VG	F	P
Delta***	113	112	111	41.8	100	•	VG	F	Р
Hyola 40	106	106	105	41.5	98	G	VG	F	P
_egend	107	101	102	42.4	99	G	VG	F	P
Profit	102	91	94	44.2	99	G	VG	F	P
Tribute(TT)	68	68	71	39.9	98	VP	VG	P	P
Vanguard	111	96	107	43.1	98	G	VG	F	P
	Yield as %	of Tobin (See Comm	ents Sect	ion)			9	
Polish	222		400	44.7	00			D	D
Tobin	100	100	100	41.7	86	G	G	P	D
Colt							VP	P	P
Horizon	109	99	104	42.5	88			P	
Parkland	107	102	107	43.2	88	G	vG	P	P

TT = Triazine tolerant

'Less than 3 years of data.

Comments

Argentine varieties yield, on average, 20% more seed than Polish varieties, and mature in approximately 100 days. These varieties are best suited to the longer season growing areas of central Saskatchewan. Polish varieties mature in 88 days approximately two weeks earlier than Argentine varieties, and are therefore well adapted to the short season growing areas of northern Saskatchewan. Under conditions of drought or early fall frost, which shorten the growing period, the yield of Polish varieties are also less likely to produce green seed.

All Argentine varieties are black seeded. Westar has a proven record as a well adapted, early maturing, high oil content variety. However, Westar is very susceptible to blackleg and should therefore not be grown in blackleg

rone areas. Alto is similar to Westar susceptibility to blackleg, yield and maturity. All other new Argentine varieties are less susceptible to blackleg than Westar and Alto.

Legend is high yielding, but has lower oil content than Westar and Alto. Profit has the highest oil content of all Argentine varieties. Celebra and Vanguard are high yielding and have oil contents similar to Westar. Celebra is late maturing. Delta is high yielding but tends to mature later, and its oil content is very low. Hyola 40 is a hybrid variety that has an interim registration with high yield, and medium maturity; but has lower oil content.

Tribute is a triazine tolerant (TT) variety. Its seed yield, under weed free conditions is substantially lower than that of other Argentine varieties.

Tribute also has a lower oil content, and is susceptible to lodging and blackleg. Tribute has poor seedling vigour and requires careful seedbed preparation, and should be planted only under severe infestation of stinkweed and/or wild mustard weeds which cannot be controlled in canola with herbicides. For registered herbicides consult "Chemical Weed"

Control in Cereal, Oilseed, Pulse and Forage Crops 1990".

Global, a very late maturing variety, is not adapted to Saskatchewan canola growing areas.

All Polish varieties are yellow-brown seeded. **Tobin** is a well adapted, early maturing variety with good resistance to white rust. Its oil content is low. **Horizon** and **Colt** are higher yielding than **Tobin**, have medium oil content; but both varieties are highly susceptible to the prevalent race of white rust. **Parkland** is high yielding, has a high oil content, and has an even greater resistance to white rust than **Tobin**. A new race of white rust, found in 1988, can attack all Polish type varieties.

Irrigation may delay maturity by 4 to 5 days.

For special industrial oil markets, a high erucic acid oil is needed. Varieties producing such oils are available, and information on the contract production of these varieties should be obtained from the industry.

^{- =} insufficient data

^{*}Resistance ratings; VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

^{**}A minimum of 3 years is recommended between canola crops to reduce the incidence of blackleg.

	**	Yield	d as % of	NorLin				Re	sistance t	o*	
Variety	lrr	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Average Maturity in Days	Seed Size	Rust	Wilt	Lodging	1
Andro	87 90 102 94 98	103 95 115 97 99 103 110	92 98 98 93 100		93 95 101 94 93 99	101	Medium Medium Small Small Small Medium	VG VG VG VP VG	G G G 	G F-G VG VG F-G	

^{*}Resistance ratings: VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

**Limited Data

Comments

Andro is a new early-maturing, rustresistant variety that should replace the old rust-susceptible variety Noralta.

McGregor is a high yielding but later maturing variety. It has better straw strength than other varieties and should be considered for irrigation in areas where maturity is not a problem.

NorLin is high yielding and slightly earlier maturing than both Dufferin

and **McGregor**. **NorLin** has good straw strength making it a good choice for irrigation.

NorMan is a medium-late variety with similar characteristics to **NorLin**.

Vimy is a new medium-late variety that is very well adapted to zones 1 and 2.

Flanders is expected to be a high yielding replacement for McGregor.

Seed will not be generally available until 1992.

Somme is a medium-early maturing variety that will not be generally available until 1992.

Frozen flax should be analyzed by the Saskatchewan Feed Testing laboratory to determine that it is free of prussic acid before using it as a livestock feed.

Condiment Mustard Main Characteristics of Varieties

Type & Variety		Average Maturity in days
	Yield as % of Cutlass	
Oriental		
Cutlass	100	94
Domo		
Forge	96	96
Lethbridge 22A	88	96
Brown		
Commercial	89	96
	Yield as %	
*	of Ochre	
White		
Ochre	100	95
Gisilba		95
Kirby		
Tilney	96	

Comments

Mustard is grown in the drier regions of the province because of the better seed quality obtained under these conditions. Oriental and Brown mustards are usually swathed, but straight combining is also possible. White mustard should be straight combined because of possible losses due to wind damage to the fluffy swath. Any mixtures of rapeseed in mustard, due to volunteer plants in the field or to improper handling on the farm, cause substantial losses through grade reductions.

Oriental mustard varieties are yellow seeded. **Cutlass** and **Domo** are high yielding and early maturing varieties. **Lethbridge 22A** is low yielding and susceptible to lodging. **Forge**, a new variety, has good yield and superior

seed quality. Cutlass, Domo and Lethbridge 22A are resistant to white rust, while Forge is highly susceptible.

Brown mustard Commercial Brown is brown seeded. It yields 10% less than Cutlass and is highly susceptible to white rust.

White mustard varieties are large seeded and seed is light yellow in colour. They yield, on average, 30% less than the Oriental mustard variety **Cutlass. Ochre** and **Kirby** are high yielding while **Gisilba** and **Tilney** yield less.

All mustard varieties listed are resistant to blackleg.

Mustard is usually grown under contract. Differences in yield between the types is normally compensated for by contract price.

Sunflower (oilseed) Main Characteristics of Varieties

arlety	Yield as % of USDA 894		Oil %
USDA 894	100	125	44.9
	112		
	108		
	102		
	103		
	107		

Comments

Sunflower requires 110-135 days to mature, depending on the cultivar and the growing season.

Oilseed sunflower is adapted to the Dark Brown and Black soil zones in southeastern Saskatchewan. Because of the relatively short growing season in this province, early maturing cultivars are required. Later maturing hybrids have also been grown. These later hybrids should be planted early and should be considered only in the

extreme southeast of Saskatchewan and at Outlook. Contractors and crushers may pay a premium for high oil content. The Saskatchewan sunflower Committee conducted tests at Saskatoon, Watrous, Carievale, Outlook and Moose Jaw.

Pulse Crops

Field Pea

Main Characteristics of Varieties

		Yield as %	of Century		Resistance to**							
Variety	Color***	Area 2 and Southern 3	Area 4 and Northern 3	Average Maturity in Days	Ascochyta Blight	Powdery Mildew	Seed Coat Breakage	Seed Weigh (g/1000)				
Century	Υ	100	100	101	VP	F	F	250				
Bellevue	Υ	113	103	105	P	Р	G	190				
Express	Υ	117	126	96	Р	VP	P	260				
Fortune	Υ	122	117	104	F	VP	F	210				
Miranda*	Υ	-	98	93	F		P	330				
incess*	G	78	90	93	VP	P	*	190				
nadley*	. G		108	98	* ****			200				
Tara	Y	125	118	103	F	VG	F	230				
Tipu	··· Y	96	106	99	Р	Р	P	240				
Titan	Y	113	110	102	P	F	G	270				
Trapper	Υ	104	109	100	P	F	F	150				
Victoria	Y	104	117	95	Р	P	F	190				

^{*}Limited data only.

Comments

Field pea is best adapted to the more northerly black and gray soil zones. Early seeding will usually result in late August maturity and increase the likelihood of harvesting high quality seed. Seed splitting may be reduced by harvesting pea tough and drying in an aeration bin. Seed of Bellevue, Express and Fortune will not be generally available in 1989. The recommended seeding rate for Trapper is 135 kg/ha (120 lb/ac). Other varieties should be sown at

Under dry conditions, Tipu, Radley, Miranda, Express, and Princess provide particularly poor weed competition. As well, the short vines of

Miranda, Express and Princess makes harvesting difficult.

Tipu and **Radley** are semi-leafless. The main advantage of this plant type is easier harvesting as it does not lay as flat on the ground.

Princess and Radley are green seeded varieties for which there is considerable risk of low grades due to bleaching. Radley is semi-leafless, and has higher yield and longer vines than Princess. However, the acceptance of Radley by the food industry has not yet been established.

Damaged and uncleaned seed of all varieties may be utilized for feed purposes, but some varieties are of lower quality and are only suitable for the feed market. When growing field

pea for feed, one should select a highyielding variety, such as **Tara**. **Sirius**, **Stegholt** and **Whero** are newlyregistered feed varieties for which there is only limited yield data. Small seed size is desirable for reducing the cost of seeding feed varieties, but **Stegholt** has very large seed.

Provided that adequate moisture is available, the field pea, like other legumes, offers considerable benefit when grown in rotation with other crops. Proper seed inoculation results in symbiotic nitrogen fixation which reduces input costs by supplying most of the nitrogen required by a productive pea crop. In addition, succeeding crops require less nitrogen fertilizer to attain high yields. See seed inoculation section.

^{**}Resistance ratings: VG — very good; G — good; F — fair; P — poor; VP — very poor.

^{***} Cotyledon color: G — green, Y — yellow.

Variety	Yield as % of Laird	f Heigh (cm)		Seed Size	Seeding Rates kg/ha(lb/A)
Laird	100 .	41	51	Large	90-100 (80-90)
					45-50 (40-45)

Comments

Lentil is best adapted to the Brown,
Dark Brown and southernmost areas
of the Black soil zones. It has about
the same growing season requirement
as durum wheat. However, lentil has
an indeterminate growth habit and
some stress is required during
flowering to stimulate heavy pod set. A
nitrogen stress can be induced by
seeding early on cereal stubble. A
drought stress occurs naturally during
most years in the Brown and Dark
Brown soil zones or can be induced by
early seeding on light soils in the Black
soil zone.

Young lentil plants can tolerate a light frost; a heavier frost will kill the tops, but they will regrow from axillary buds at or below the soil surface. Thus lentil can and should be seeded early, even earlier than wheat and as soon as the soil temperature at seeding depth exceeds 5°C. Early seeding is also important from the standpoint of reducing the hazard from early fall frosts which severely damage immature seeds. Lentil will not tolerate flooding or salt-affected soils.

Lentil plants are short (30-45 cm) and must be swathed close to the

ground using a pick-up reel. Thus, they should be seeded on a smooth, rock-free seedbed to facilitate swathing.

Two lentil varieties have been developed for Western Canada. Lair is a tall, late-maturing variety with extra-large seeds and has become the industry standard for quality. Laird has some resistance to ascochyta leaf, stem and pod blight. Eston is a short, erect, early-maturing variety with small seeds and is susceptible to ascochyta blight.

Lentil producers should plant lentil seed that has been tested for seed-born ascochyta and use only seed testing "none-detected" or as low as is readily available.

Lentil marketing is a highly specialized business and it is advisable to grow lentil under contract.

For cropping practices, weed control and inoculation information, see the reference section.

Faba Bean

Main Characteristics of Varieties

Variety	Yield as % of Outlook	Average Maturity in Days	Seed Size
Outlook	100	109	small
Aladin	106	112	large
Encore	103	110	small
Orion	68	102	small
Pegasus .	100	111	small

Faba bean should be seeded early (late April to early May). It is best adapted to irrigated areas in the Dark Brown Soil Zone and to that portion of the Black Soil Zone with the longest growing season.

Encore and Pegasus are the highest yielding varieties under irrigation production. Orion is the earliest maturing variety and is a good performer in areas with a short growing season.

Faba bean is a legume and thus is able to use nitrogen from the air provided the seed is inoculated with the proper bacteria prior to planting. Faba bean requires a special strain of inoculum which is different from other pulse crops.

Other Crops

Canary Seed

The seed of annual canarygrass, more mmonly called canary seed, is used s food for caged and wild birds. It is generally grown under contract with the contracting companies providing the seed. Two registered varieties are available. Elias and Keet are similar in yield, but Keet is earlier maturing and more resistant to lodging. The maturity requirements are equal to wheat. Average moisture is required for canary seed and growing the crop on sandy soils is not recommended. Summerfallow is generally used, but canary seed may be grown successfully on well-prepared stubble, providing adequate moisture is available.

Seed early in May at 34 kg/ha (30 lb/A) (germination greater than 85 percent). Plant the seed 3.5 to 5 cm deep into a firm seedbed. A grain drill is recommended.

Fertilizer recommendations are similar to those for cereal crops. No serious insect or disease problems have been identified. Canary seed is very sensitive to diclofop methyl and uralin. It should not be seeded on land that was treated with triflualin the

Canary seed is resistant to shattering. It may be straight-combined or swathed when fully matured.

Safflower

previous year.

Safflower is an annual oilseed or birdseed crop which can be grown successfully in the brown soil zone. Safflower must be sown early. Saffire matures in about 119 days. Seed shallow but into a firm moist seedbed at about 27 lbs/A. Saffire has moderate resistance to Sclerotinia head rot and Alternaria leaf spot. Contract production is advisable.

Seed Facts

Pedigreed Seed

Use certified seed regularly, and especially when changing to a different variety. This assures that the seed has

th genetic purity, high germination is relatively free from weeds and other crop seeds. Pedigreed seed may be paid for by an over-quota delivery of commercial grain. Ask your

elevator agent or seed dealer for details.

Seed Cleaning

Seed should be carefully cleaned to remove weed seeds, trash, small or broken kernels, ergot and sclerotia. Country grain elevators are not equipped to clean grain to seed standards, and the risk of mixing varieties and types of grain is very high.

Seed Treatment

Smuts that attack wheat, barley, oat and rye can be controlled by chemical seed treatments. If bunt or smut was observed in a crop which is being used for seed it should be treated. However, it may be a wise precaution to treat seed of susceptible varieties periodically, depending on the susceptibility of the variety. Varieties rated **Very Poor** should be treated every year and varieties rated **Poor** every second year.

The virulent form of blackleg is now widespread on canola in Saskatchewan. Treatment of seed with a recommended fungicide can be beneficial to reduce the disease and the risk of introducing the disease into unaffected areas. Growers with carryover stocks of treated seed should have these tested for germination.

Coating of canola with the appropriate seed dressing is a convenient alternative to on farm seed treatment.

Various fungicides have been registered for the control of seedling diseases. Flax, rye and winter wheat seed should be treated to promote good seedling growth.

Wireworms, which attack all grain crops and flea beetles, which attack canola and mustard, can be controlled by seed treatment with insecticides. Read the label carefully and follow all directions.

Treated seed **must not** be allowed to contaminate grain delivered to an elevator or used for feed.

Ergot

Ergot attacks all varieties of rye, triticale, wheat and barley, as well as most common species of grass. Oat is rarely attacked and all broadleaved species are immune. Grain containing 0.1% ergot is considered poisonous and should not be used as food. For details on the disease obtain a copy of 'Ergot of Grains and Grasses'. Publ. 1438.

Seed Inoculation

Legume crops are only able to fix atmospheric nitrogen if their roots are well nodulated with nitrogen-fixing bacteria. Whenever a legume is planted in a field it is important that the seed be inoculated with the **proper** strain of nitrogen-fixing bacteria immediately before seeding. The use of a sticker such as a syrup solution or a powdered milk solution will help assure proper inoculation.

Ascochyta on Lentil

Lentil producers should plant lentil seed that has been tested for seedborne ascochyta and use only seed testing "none-detected" or as low as is readily available.

Damp and Frozen Seed
Seed which is stored damp or tough may be low in germination.
Grain which is being saved for seed should be dried if necessary, soon after harvest. Drying temperature should be kept below 37°C for batchdriers, or 43°C for recirculating and continuous driers. Frozen grain should never be sown without a laboratory germination test. There is frequently a high percentage of abnormal seedlings which may be unnoticed by an inexperienced observer.

Production Notes

All classes of wheat including durum and triticale are susceptible to wheat midge. Farmers in the infested area should be prepared to spray these fields with recommended insecticides if necessary. Refer to **Orange Wheat Blossom Midge** Publication.

Residue of infected crops may harbour disease agents. Seeding into stubble of the same crop kind may increase disease risk, particularly in the higher rainfall areas.

Inspect fields weekly for the presence of Russian wheat aphid. Infested plants will show white or purple longitudinal stripes. Biology and control of this aphid are described in the leaflet "Russian Wheat Aphid".

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Testing Varieties in Saskatchewan

Information in the pamphlet "Varieties of Grain Crops for Saskatchewan" is based on the performance of varieties at about 40 locations across the province. Data from these trials are summarized and interpreted by the Grain Crops Sub-council to the Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Grain Crops.

These trials are conducted by researchers from Agriculture Canada and the University of Saskatchewan. The most recently registered varieties and promising experimental lines that might become registered are compared to standard varieties. Wheat, oat, barley and flax varieties are grown at all locations, whereas canola, mustard, field pea, lentil and minor crops are tested in those regions in which they are considered to be adapted. Information on sunflower production is received from trials conducted under the auspices of the Saskatchewan Sunflower Committee. The reaction of varieties to diseases and seed treatment recommendations are updated and forwarded to the Grain Crops Subcouncil by pathologists who meet as members of the Plant Disease Subcouncil of the Council on Crop Protection.

Variety Trials are grown both on Research Stations and farmers' fields. even yield outside this range. Similar Multiple small plots (30 ft.2 to 45 ft.2) of the various varieties are sown and harvested with miniature press-drills and combines.

Grain yield results from the interplay of genetic factors and nongenetic factors. Variety trials are designed to measure the differences between varieties that are due to genetic causes. It is important to minimize variability due to non-genetic may require 120 days in Area 4. The factors such as soil type, nutrients, moisture, weeds, diseases, and other pests. Experimental designs using replication (repeated plantings of the varieties) and randomization (the position of the varieties within the test are assigned by chance) are then

used to estimate the precision with which the genetic factors can be measured. Yield potential of a variety is estimated by measuring the weight of grain produced per unit area. Comparisons among varieties for yield potential involves an evaluation of both their absolute amounts of grain and their relative yield. Relative yield is the yield of one variety expressed as a percentage of a second variety.

Yields obtained in these trials are not likely to be identical to those obtained under commercial production conditions. However, the average yield for these varieties, obtained over a number of years at several locations, would remain in relatively the same ratio regardless of whether the grain yields were measured in small plots or large-scale fields. Relative yields presented in this pamphlet are the best estimates of expected yield advantage in the areas indicated. They are considerably more reliable than estimates based on data from a single test or from a single location. Farmers should be aware, however, that actual yields within an area, or in a particular year, may vary substantially from the average figures reported because of natural variability. For example, Laura wheat is expected to outyield Katepwa by 5% in Area 2. A farmer in this area may find that Laura will yield anywhere in the range of about 7 percent less than Katepwa to about 17 percent more than Katepwa.

One out of three times, Laura may variation in relative yields can be expected for most crops.

Relative maturity ratings are average number of days from seeding to swathing ripeness. The actual number of days to reach maturity depends on local climate and to some extent management practices. For example, Neepawa will often mature in less than 98 days in Area 1 and maturity ratings should be considered as a guide to the relative maturity of the varieties, that is, whenever and wherever, Neepawa and Columbus are both seeded at the same time, Neepawa will reach maturity sooner than Columbus.

Breeding Institutions and Seed Distributors of Varieties Listed in This Publication

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Benito	Ag Canada (Winnipeg Se	eCan Members	Brier	Univ. of Sask. —	Ca Cara Marria ana
Columbus	Ag Canada (Winnipeg) Se	eCan Members	5 5 307/88	Crop Development Centre	Secan Members
Conway	Univ. of Sask. — Crop	I-Whast Dad	Deuce	Crop Development Centre	SeCan Members
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Katepwa	. Ag Canada (Winnipeg) Se . Univ. of Sask. — Crop	ecan Members	.lohnston	Ag Canada (Brandon)	SeCan Members
Kenyon	Development Centre Se	eCan Members	Leduc	Ag Canada (Brandon)	SeCan Members
Laura	. Ag Canada (Swift Current) Se	eCan Members	Noble	Alta Ag (Lacombe)	SeCan Members
Leader	. Ag Canada (Swift Current) Se	eCan Members	Virden	Ag Canada (Brandon)	SeCan Members
Lancer	. Ag Canada (Swift Current) So	eCan Members			
Neepawa	. Ag Canada (Winnipeg)pu	plic	Hulless	A NOTA A STATE OF A ST	CaCan Mambara
Roblin	. Ag Canada (Winnipeg)S	eCan Members	Condor	Alta Ag (Lacombe)	SeCan Members
			Scout	Crop Development Centre	SoCan Members
Canada Prairie Sp	ring Wheat	Can Mombors	Tunner	University of Sask —	Ocoaii Wellbers
Biggar	. Ag Canada (Swift Current) So . Ag Canada (Swift Current) So	Can Members	Tupper	Crop Development Centre	SeCan Members
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Canada Western L	Hillity		Duke	Univ. of Sask. —	
Bluesky	. Ag Canada (Beaverlodge) S	eCan Members		Crop Development Centre	SeCan Members
Glenlea	. Univ. of Manitoba pu	ublic	Samson	Alta Ag (Lacombe)	SeCan Members
Wildcat	. Ag Canada (Beaverlodge) S	eCan Members	Winchester	Western Plant Breeders:	
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Arcola	. Univ. of Sask. — Crop	- O Marshaus	Oat Calibre	Univ. of Sack	
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Kyle	. Ag Canada (Swift Current) S	eCan Members	Cascado	Ag Canada (Lacombe)	SeCan Members
Medora	. Ag Canada (Winnipeg) S . Univ. of Sask. — Crop	ecan Members	Derby	Univ. of Sask. —	
Sceptre	Development Centre	eCan Members	Dorby	Crop Development Centre	United Grain
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Fielder	. Idaho State Univ. & USDA;		Riel	Ag Canada (Winnipeg)	. SeCan Members
	Ag Canada (Lethbridge) p	oublic	Robert	Ag Canada (Winnipeg)	. SeCan Members
Owens	Idaho State Univ. & USDA;	and the	Waldern	Ag Canada (Lacombe)	. Secan Members
	Ag Canada (Lethbridge) p	ublic	Canola		
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	Crop Development Centre p	ublic			Sales, United
					Oilseeds
Winter Rye			Celebra	Svalof; Bonis	. Newfield Seeds,
Musketeer	Ag Canada (Swift Current) S	eCan Members			Canadian Seed
Prima	Ag Canada (Swift Current) S	eCan Members	Delte	Alleliy lac	Coaters
Puma	Univ. of Manitoba p	ublic	Delta	Allelix Inc.	Growers
Secondary Constant Constant			Hyolo 40	Garst Seed Company Canada	
Spring Rye	Hair Of Cook Cook		пуота 40	Garst Seed Company Canada	Agents
Gazelle	Univ. Of Sask. — Crop	ublic	Global	Svalof; Bonis	
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Crop Development Centre	. SeCan Members			(Alta)
Dufferin Ag Canada (Morden)	SeCan Members	Tara	Ag Canada (Morden)	. SeCan Members
Flanders Univ. of Sask. —		Tipu	Ag Canada (Morden)	. SeCan Members
Crop Development Centre	SeCan Members	Titan	Ag Canada (Morden)	. SeCan Members
McGregor Ag Canada (Morden)	SeCan Members	Trapper	Ag Canada (Morden)	. public
Noralta Ag Canada (Fort Vermilion and Ottawa)		Victoria	Svalof; Bonis	. Newfield Seeds
NorLin Ag Canada (Morden)	SeCan Members	Lentil		
NorMan Ag Canada (Morden)		Eston	Univ. of Sask	
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Mustard (Condiment)		Aladin	Univ. of Manitoba	. public
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Commercial	Trade		Crop Development Centre	. Manitoba Pool
		Orion	Ag Canada (Lacombe)	
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Cutlass Ag Canada (Saskatoon)	Trade			(Álta)
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Ag Canada (Saskatoon)	Northern Sales		Crop Development Centre	. public
Kirby Colmna's of Norwich;		Keet	Univ. of Minnesota; U of S	
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	Growers			
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Tilney Colman's of Norwich;		Saffire	Ag Canada (Lethbridge)	. SeCan Member
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Sunflower				
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S 7000 Interstate Seeds	Sask. Wheat Pool			
IS 7111 Interstate Seeds				
C 1206 Northrup King				

S 1296 Northrup King farmer dealers

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 Express
 Svalof; Bonis
 Newfield Seeds

 Fortune
 Svalof; Bonis
 Newfield Seeds

 Miranda
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 Manitoba Pool

 Princess
 Wilbur Ellis Co; CanMar Grain
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Bellevue Univ. of Sask. —