



Result Demonstration Report

2003-2004 Wheat Variety Test

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Summary

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Problem

Over 49,000 acres of wheat are planted annually in Concho County. The average dryland wheat yield for the county is 19.39 bushels per acre (1989-2000). Several new varieties of wheat become available each year and when combined with the varieties already available makes planting seed selection increasingly difficult. Producers need local data to help in selecting consistently high yielding adapted varieties.

Objectives

Variety tests provide producers with the opportunity of comparing new varieties of wheat with varieties of wheat that have been successfully grown under varying weather conditions in Runnels County. Utilization of new varieties, that are equal to or exceed currently available varieties, should increase production and income of county producers.

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Materials and Methods

Cooperating County Producers:	Millersview Area Farmers
Location:	Millersview, Texas
Planting Date:	November 19, 2003
Seeding Rate:	70 lbs/acre
Drill Spacing:	8 inches
Soil Moisture Condition at Planting:	Adequate
Fertilizer Applied:	None
Herbicide Applied:	1/3 oz Amber

Results and Discussion:

Early in the growing season there was little soil moisture that allowed for growth. Many producers in the area of the test plot received no rainfall after planting in September, October, November, and December. The presence of greenbugs and the lack of rainfall through most of the critical developmental stage from bloom through grain fill impacted yields on this test plot.

January, February and March had a number of small rainfall events on a 7 to 10 day basis that caused leaf rust problems in a number of varieties. Lockett was impacted severely just after head emergence which impacted seed development resulting in reduced grain yield.

In each variety of wheat a hand harvested sample was collected to determine yield. The grain yields from these samples are reported in the table on the next page.

Economic Analysis

The difference in yield between Cutter and Lockett was 24.41 bushels. The difference in gross income between the highest and lowest varieties was \$87.89 per acre using a selling price of \$3.60 per bushel. In this test, the higher income of the top yielding variety was significant enough to justify its selection over Lockett.

Conclusions

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Table 1. Agronomic Data from Millersview Wheat Test (Concho Co., 2004)

Variety	Yield Per Acre (pounds)	Yield Per Acre (bushels)	Gross Return Per Acre (\$3.60/bu.)
Cutter	2454	40.89	\$147.22
2145	2219	36.99	\$133.15
Weathermaster 135 (treated)	2197	36.62	\$131.84
WinMaster	2175	36.25	\$130.52
Sturdy 2K	2161	36.01	\$129.64
Hardeman Grain (HG-9)	2161	36.01	\$129.64
Jagalene	1978	32.96	\$118.65
Coronado	1919	31.98	\$115.14
Thunderbolt	1802	30.03	\$108.11
Weathermaster 135	1772	29.54	\$106.35
TAM 110CL	1743	29.05	\$104.59
Jagger	1739	28.99	\$104.37
TAM 111	1663	27.71	\$99.76
Abilene Ag #1	1604	26.73	\$96.24
2174	1465	24.41	\$87.89
Lockett	989	16.48	\$59.33

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