

Texas Wheat PRODUCERS NEWS

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HIGH PLAINS TOUR SHOWCASES WHEAT RESEARCH



Wheat plots at 3B Farms near Dalhart



Drone demonstration

The Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Service hosted the first High Plains Wheat Plot Tour on May 22, 2019. The tour featured three wheat variety test sites and one triticale trial across three High Plains counties.

“Traditionally, we would stay right on the research station,” said Dr. Jackie Rudd, AgriLife Research wheat breeder. “But this year, we wanted to reach out to more producers and industry associates by taking the message from our wheat breeders, agronomists and other specialists to them in actual farmer fields.”

The program started at the research center in Bushland, where wheat breeders discussed the irrigated variety trials and announced two new TAM releases, TAM 115 and TAM 205. Shannon Baker, a research associate with AgriLife, also gave a drone demonstration. According to Baker, the drone program has provided researchers with high-quality screening data to better characterize dual purpose varieties.

Participants were transported by bus to the next stop near Dalhart. Small grains specialist Dr. Clark Neely provided an overview of wheat varieties and Dr. Ken Obasa, an Extension plant pathologist, discussed fungicide considerations for irrigated wheat.

There was a brief stop at a triticale trial outside of Conlen. Researchers shared nutritional value of wheat and triticale silage for use at dairies and feedlots.

Finally, the tour made its final stop at the test plots in Groom. Dr. Jourdan Bell described the seeding rate trials and Kevin Kephart with Indigo Ag finished the program with an overview of seed treatment options.

Texas Wheat staff provided wheat trivia during travel time between plots. There were also presentations by Senior Research Associate Jason Baker, Randal Robinson with Panhandle Milling, Lileen Coulloudon with Texas A&M Foundation Seed, and Drs. Audrey Girard, Shuyu Liu, Qingwu Xue, Ed Bynum and Juan Piñeiro.

Other programs included milling and baking discussion, wheatlage trials, wheat genetics, drought research and entomology.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 25 - 27

Brazilian Trade Team
Visit

June 25 - 27

Wheat Foods Council
Summer Board Meeting

July 29

Texas County
Agricultural Agents
Association Annual
Meeting

August 28 - 29

Texas Wheat Producers
Board and Association
Quarterly Board
Meeting

CROP UPDATE



Texas wheat harvest got off to a slow start on April 20 in the Gulf Coast region. Initial loads showed high protein content at 13-15% and average test weights at 58.6 lb/bu. By the end of May, harvest was nearly in full swing in South Texas.

Producers anticipated much of the crop to be about ten days behind schedule.

In Central Texas, the dry-down period was prolonged due to wet conditions. Producers reported that early-planted wheat looked good, but had concerns about the late seedings.

Overall crop conditions in the Blacklands were good, although planted acres were down due to heavy moisture in the fall. Disease was a concern, especially bacterial streak and black chaff, which currently have no treatments. Lodging did not appear to be an issue. Some producers had to spray for armyworms.

Wheat was in good condition in the Rolling Plains. Some acres were hayed and a small amount of rust was present.

The South Plains experienced dry conditions and some hail damage. Producers opted to hay and ensilage wheat in mid-May. Beneficial moisture was received late in the month.

The Panhandle got adequate moisture during the growing season, which boosted the wheat crop. Producers expected to see less graze out and more acres harvested for grain.

As of May 20, 8% of planted acres had been harvested. The crop was 22% excellent, 39% good and 31% fair. Only 8% of the crop was considered poor to very poor.

According to Texas State Climatologist Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, rainfall amounts this spring have been more than twice the average. The month of May turned out to be one of the wettest on record for much of the state.



TEXAS WHEAT TO HOST BRAZILIAN TRADE TEAM

The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) will host a trade team consisting of flour milling executives from Brazil on June 25-27 in College Station. During their visit to Texas, the team will be accompanied by U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) staff from Santiago, Brazil.

The visit coincides with the recent announcement that Brazil would implement a duty-free tariff rate quota (TRQ) for wheat under their World Trade Organization commitments. The agreement gives the U.S. the opportunity to compete for 750,000 metric tons annually under the TRQ.

“Hosting the Brazilian Trade Team is part of the ongoing market development efforts of the board,” said Rodney Mosier, executive vice president of Texas Wheat. “The event is designed to maintain and increase wheat exports, which will reduce carryover stocks and strengthen wheat prices.”

The trade team will have the opportunity tour the wheat research facilities at Texas A&M University. The objective is to demonstrate the quality of U.S. wheat, while discussing advancements in breeding techniques, genetic research and improved milling and baking characteristics led by scientists in Texas.

The TWPB continues to work with USW to establish closer relationships with international customers, including Brazil, and keep them informed of the high quality selection provided by growers in the U.S. and Texas.

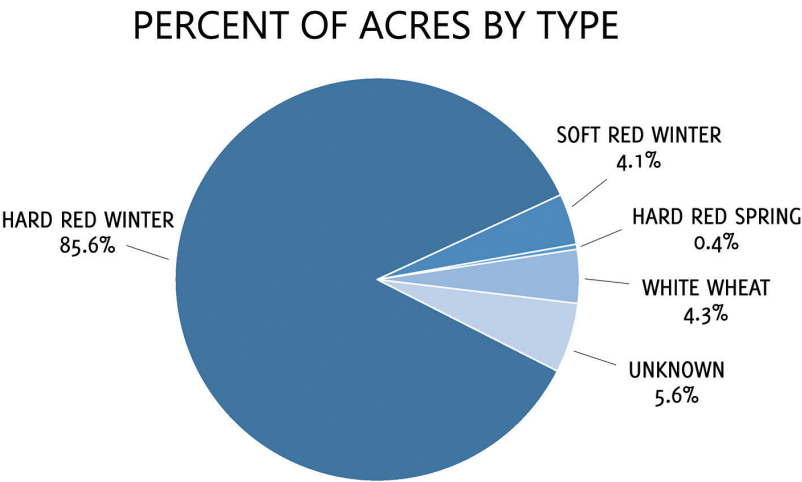
For background information on the Brazilian Trade Team, visit the USW website at www.usw.org and the Texas Wheat website at www.texaswheat.org.

2019 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE VARIETY SURVEY

This report contains the results from the 2019 Wheat Variety Survey which was conducted from December 2018 through January 2019. Producers were asked to report wheat acres planted and to be planted by variety for the 2019 crop year. The survey was overseen by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and funded by the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Seed Trade Association, and the Texas Foundation Seed Service. Survey results are provided in the following tables, with percent of acres planted for the 2019 crop year by variety, and broken out by Agricultural Statistics District. Data provided by Texas wheat producers is the foundation of this report. The Southern Plains Regional Field Office would like to thank all producers who responded to this survey.

TAM 111, remains the top variety producers planted or will plant for the 2019 crop, which accounts for 8.0% of the 2019 wheat planted acres, down 0.9% from 2018. Gallagher, maintained its position from previous year, ranking second, and accounts for 5.1% of acres planted for 2019. TAM 112, ranked third, at 4.7% planted, compared to 3.4% in 2018. TAM 114, at 4.1% planted, moved down to fourth from third last year, at 3.9% planted. TAM 204, with 2.9% of the acreage, moved up from ninth to fifth for 2019. TAM 105 accounts for 2.6% of the 2019 acreage, down one position to sixth. SY Razor moved up to seventh from tenth last year, with 2.2% of the acreage. Greer, at 1.8% of the acreage, moved into eight place from fifteenth last year. WB Cedar ranked ninth, with 1.8% of the acreage, down one place from last year. TAM 113, at 1.6% of the acreage, dropped 4 positions to round out the top ten varieties.

Top 10 Varieties Planted for 2018 and 2019				
Variety	Percent of Acres		Rank	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
TAM 111	8.9	8.0	1	1
Gallagher	5.8	5.1	2	2
TAM 112	3.4	4.7	4	3
TAM 114	3.9	4.1	3	4
TAM 204	1.6	2.9	9	5
TAM 105	2.7	2.6	5	6
SY Razor	1.3	2.2	10	7
Greer	1.1	1.8	15	8
WB Cedar	1.7	1.8	8	9
TAM 113	2.4	1.6	6	10



THE 2019 UNIFORM VARIETY TRIALS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE 2020 TEXAS WHEAT SEED BOOK, WHICH WILL BE RELEASED IN SUMMER 2020.

High Plains "Picks List"		
Full Irrigation	Limited Irrigation	Dryland
TAM 112	TAM 112	TAM 304
TAM 113	TAM 113	TAM 113
TAM 114	TAM 114	TAM 114
T158	T158	
WB 4721	Winterhawk	Winterhawk
LCS Mint	Iba	Iba

Rolling Plains "Picks List"		
Dryland		
		Gallagher
		Greer
		TAM 114
		TAM 304
		WB Cedar
		SY Grit
		WB 4721

Blacklands "Picks List"	
HRWW	SRWW
Gallagher	AGS 2055
TAM 304	USG 3895
Wb Cedar	

South Texas "Picks List"		
HRWW	HRSW	SRWW
TAM 401	LCS Trigger	USG 3120
	Expresso	
	TAMSpr 801	
	WB 9518	

TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS BOARD ELECTS 2019-2020 OFFICERS

The Texas Wheat Producers Board held its biennial election to fill five expiring seats from March 22 until April 5. Based on the results of the election, four nominees were reelected and one nominee was newly elected to serve six-year terms on the board.

Members reelected to the board include Bryan Clift of District I, Tommy Womack of District II, Chet Creel of District III and Ken Davis of District IV. Tyler Norman of Howe was elected to fill a vacant seat representing District IV, which was previously held by Jack Norman who retired after 34 years on the board.

The elected board members took an oath of service delivered by an official from the Texas Department of Agriculture as required by state law.

During a recent meeting, the board also elected new officers to fill expiring positions. The board approved the following slate of officers to serve two-year terms: Collin Bowers of Spearman as Chairman, Ken Davis of Grandview as Vice Chairman and Chet Creel of Newcastle as Secretary/Treasurer.

Board members are elected by their peers from four districts across the state and are responsible for managing funds from a statewide wheat producer check-off of two cents per bushel. These funds are applied to wheat research, education and market development to provide additional value to wheat farmers across the state.

Other members of the board include Jody Bellah of Throckmorton, Scott Born of Ferris, David Cleavinger of Wildorado, Glen Gibson of Lometa, Scott McGarraugh of Perryton, Gary Murphy of Dawson, Ben Scholz of Lavon, Corby Shadid of Panhandle and Freddie Streit of Vernon.



From left: Chet Creel, Ken Davis, Bryan Clift and Tommy Womack

Texas Wheat Representatives

Jody Bellah, Throckmorton
Scott Born, Ferris
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Bryan Clift, Stratford
Ken Davis, Grandview
Glen Gibson, Lometa
Scott McGarraugh, Perryton
Gary Murphy, Dawson
Tyler Norman, Howe
Ben Scholz, Lavon
Corby Shadid, Panhandle
Freddie Streit, Vernon
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