

Washington Grain Commission
Wheat and Barley Research Annual Progress Reports and Final Reports

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Title: Quality of Varieties & Pre-release Lines: Genotype & Environment-“G&E” Study

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Executive summary: The 2014 harvest sample analysis is nearly complete. Winter wheat samples are complete; spring wheat samples still need bake data. As in previous years, all quality data will be analyzed using the *t*-Score statistic. The quality *t*-Scores for each spring hard red, hard white, soft white common and club varieties, and winter hard red, hard white, soft white common and club varieties are summarized using ‘Grain’, ‘Milling’, ‘End-Product’, and ‘Overall’ Scores. Varieties in each market class/sub-class are then ranked by the Overall Score. All varieties and advanced breeding lines with three or more years of data are included in the final listing.

Using these results and analyses, the WWQL works closely with the WGC to develop the, “*Preferred WHEAT VARIETIES for Washington based on end-use quality*”. Completion of the spring wheat pamphlet in February represents the first significant accomplishment. We coordinate variety classification with Oregon and Idaho.

Impact: This ‘G&E’ project provides value to growers in two significant ways: First, it documents and highlights the quality of varieties so that growers are aware of the importance of quality and will hopefully include quality in their seed-buying decisions. Data are objective “head-to-head” results on Private and Public varieties. Secondly, the data generated by the G&E study supports in a major way the analysis of new breeding lines and the WSU Variety Release process. This program is also “highly visible” such that good end-use quality is reinforced as a priority in both private and public breeding programs throughout the region.

Outputs and Outcomes:

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Objective	Deliverable	Progress	Timeline	Communication
Complete milling & baking analyses	Data set complete	Winter dataset complete; spring wheat needs bake data	complete baking this month	internal
Analyzed data set for t-Scores	Grain, Milling, Baking and Overall t-Scores calculated	waiting for final data set	complete this month or early February	internal
Rank varieties, assign quality classification, deliver final consensus to WGC	Final consensus classification of cereal chemists across the PNW	We will meet at the PNW Wheat Quality Council meeting to reach consensus on classification	We have scheduled meeting for Jan. 21, 2015	Meeting with PNW cereal chemists from USDA, WSU, U of I and OSU; then communicate results to WGC

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