

Ag Radio Programs for September 6 - 12, 2021

No Program, Labor Day

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## Wheat Variety Ratings Bulletin

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. All too often, when we are selecting wheat varieties to plant the only thing we look at is yield. Now don't get me wrong, yield is important, and I'll talk about that some tomorrow, but there's a lot of other factors that need to work into the equation. We have two new K-State bulletins out that wheat producers should be snapping up. One is called Wheat Variety Selection and the other is our annual wheat variety disease and insect ratings. Both of these have a wealth of good information. While it's impossible to have every single wheat cultivar listed in the disease and insect ratings it does have most of the common and popular varieties. The bulletin also includes descriptions of many of the popular varieties as well as the same information in table form for quick comparison. Stop by the office and pick up a copy soon! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

## Wheat Variety Selection

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. Every year I have producers ask me if there are any new wheat varieties that they need to be looking at. In preparation for this I sat down with the yield performance tests and the disease and insect resistance ratings and here are a few newer wheats to consider. I looked at the yield trials in Marion, Saline and Republic counties and picked out a few that were above average in all three of those trials. Some may be brand new, some may have been out for a few years. Larry from Kansas Wheat Alliance, Bob Dole from Agripro, Rock Star from Polansky Seed and WB4699 from Westbred all seemed to be consistent yielders. Note that the leaf disease resistance in some of these may not have been ranked a 1, BUT they have the genetics to really yield and we can always spray for leaf diseases if needed! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

## Forage Hay and Silage Variety Trials

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. Years ago K-State included forage sorghum and millets in their annual variety performance testing but it was cut when funds became tight. In 2020 a Summer Annual Forage Hay and Silage Variety trial was established at Garden City, Hays and Scandia. Because of the amount of time it took to do the nutritive analysis the results just came out in the past few weeks. It's a long report but it has a wealth of information on yields as well as more nutritional information than you probably ever wanted. I will say that there were some big differences in not only yield but plant evaluation measurements and quality as well. If you grow forage sorghum for hay or silage I would encourage you to ask me for a copy of this report so you can spend some time digesting all the information in this report during the upcoming winter months! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

## Pre-plant Weed Control in Wheat

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. Wheat planting will likely be starting by the end of the month so it's time to start getting your wheat ground ready.

Naturally if you are planting after beans or corn it's going to be a while but for wheat on wheat or on fallow ground you need to not only control those weeds but develop a weed control plan for the wheat crop you're getting ready to plant. If you've got really big weeds gramoxone, or glyphosate alone may not be adequate and you may have to consider getting some 2,4-D in that mix. 2,4-D does have a two week post application waiting period after application before planting and that's with a half inch of rain. Dicamba has a 45 day waiting period to plant post application. If you are fighting some bindweed you may want to consider quinclorac but just be sure to check the recropping restrictions. I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.