

NEBRASKA WHEAT BOARD
Annual report of activities of variety testing

The support of the Nebraska Wheat Board has been very helpful in maintaining a statewide wheat variety testing program. I will give a brief overview of the program for the past year and mention the reports that have been filed with the Board throughout the year.

Twenty two wheat trials were planted in the fall of 2008 across Nebraska and into eastern Wyoming. The entries include privately developed varieties, public varieties from Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota and Colorado and also some elite lines from public breeding programs. I have previously sent a list of all the locations including the organic wheat variety trials.

We held wheat field days at many of the trial locations to show producers the current and upcoming varieties compared to older varieties. A schedule of field day events was forwarded to the Board earlier this spring

Only two trial sites (Saline County and Dawes County) were abandoned due to hail damage. The rest of the trials were harvested, the data analyzed, and posted on the Variety Testing web page except for the results from Box Butte County Irrigated trial and the trial at Albin in Laramie County, Wyoming. These two trials were not ready for harvest to be analyzed and posted with the rest of the sites. Harvest went well. The harvested results from each location were posted on our web site at <http://varietytest.unl.edu/winterwheat/2008.html>. Harvest results from the remaining two sites will be posted when received and analyzed.

The Fall Seed Guide is in a printing process and will be available in a week or two as of today, August 7, 2009. I will supply that to the wheat board members when it is completed.

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