

EXPRESS

HARD RED SPRING WHEAT



Express has been very successful as a high yielding and high quality wheat of the Pacific Northwest and California. It stands well under 140 Bu yields. WestBred tested this variety in the Northern Great Plains in 1989 and 1990. We found it to be suitable except for poor (MS-S) reaction to leaf rust and more recently susceptible to scab. By controlling these diseases with fungicide, Express may have a place in this region as an intensively managed, high input, high return HRSW. Express does poorly under moisture and heat stress.

● MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1. Plant Express very early, it has a medium heading date, but a long grain filling period creating the need for a very full growing season to achieve its yield and quality potential. **If it is after May 5, don't plant Express.**
2. Plant at high populations, (10-20% more than the average for you area). Generally Express produces 1 strong main stem and sometimes 1 tiller. 50-60 large seed/head is common , so higher planting rates may increase yield.
3. Fertilize for a yield of about 80 to 100 bu (2.5 lbs of N/bu of yield to reach 14% protein), making sure that S levels are in balance with N (5-1 in the soil, 10-1 in plant tissue).
4. Provide early fungicide treatment which can be applied with herbicide.
5. Provide a second application of fungicide at flowering, because of the slow grain fill and susceptibility to leaf rust and scab. This is essential for Express to be successful.
6. Seed can weather rapidly, so harvest in a timely fashion to preserve seed quality. It is a free threshing variety with good shattering resistance.

HIGH YIELDING



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MODERATE PROTEIN



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A NEW VARIETY TO SEE HOW IT PERFORMS
UNDER THEIR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.