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WestBred[®] Wheat Genetics Continue to Set the Standard in the National Wheat Yield Contest

ST. LOUIS (October 19, 2022) — Proven-performing WestBred[®] Wheat varieties helped 11 growers win nationally in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest (NWYC), a season in which close crop management helped overcome challenges in the field.

“It was a different type of growing season in many regions versus the previous season, so congratulations to all winning growers,” said Jeff Koscelny, Cereals Account Management Lead, Bayer. “WestBred Wheat genetics continue to stand out as the dominant brand in the contest. Winning growers who planted WestBred Wheat know how to manage these proven varieties to reach their full high-end performance potential.”

Eleven of the 24 national winners in 2022 NWYC planted WestBred[®] Wheat varieties, including Bruce Ruddenklau of Amity, Oregon, who won the Bin Buster award in the Spring Wheat Dryland category with a yield of 125.08 Bu/A, planting WB9668 variety. A majority of these WestBred Wheat varieties like WB9590 and WB9719 are previous winners in the contest and represent the go-to wheat varieties for growers looking for proven, consistent performance.

“Year in and year out, in every type of growing season, growers know they can count on WestBred Wheat genetics,” said Koscelny. “Growers like consistency, especially when that consistency is approaching or exceeding 100 Bu/A dryland yields like the winning WestBred Wheat varieties this year. Being planted on 11 of the 24 national winners’ farms this year reinforces the performance potential of WestBred Wheat genetics.”



Entrants were judged in two primary categories: spring wheat and winter wheat, broken into subcategories of dryland and irrigated. Awards were also given for percent increase over county averages.

The 2022 NWYC WestBred national winners are:

Spring Wheat — Dryland:

- Bin Buster Winner — Bruce Ruddenklau, Amity, Oregon, with a yield of 125.08 Bu/A with WB9668 variety.
- First Place — Trevor Stout, Genesee, Idaho, with a yield of 116.4 Bu/A with WB9303 variety.
- Second Place — Matthew Krueger, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, with a yield of 113.51 Bu/A with WB9590 variety.
- First Place, Percentage Increase — Jordan Christman, Hettinger, North Dakota, with a 179.71% increase over county average with WB9606 variety. Final yield: 98.01 Bu/A.
- Second Place, Percentage Increase — Austin Kautzman, Mott, North Dakota, with a 172.56% increase over county average with WB9719 variety. Final yield: 94.96 Bu/A.
- Third Place, Percentage Increase — Greg Messer, Richardton, North Dakota, with a 150.93% increase over county average with WB9590 variety. Final yield: 104.99 Bu/A.

Spring Wheat — Irrigated:

- First Place — Dallin Wilcox, Rexburg, Idaho, with a yield of 160.63 Bu/A with WB7589 variety.

Winter Wheat — Dryland:

- Second Place — Kurt Druffel, Pullman, Washington, with a yield of 151.45 Bu/A with KELDIN variety.
- First Place, Percentage Increase — Doug and Janelle Fitterer, New England, North Dakota, with a 230.17% increase over county average with WB4309 variety. Final yield: 115.69 Bu/A.



- Fourth Place, Percentage Increase — Chris Carlson, Mott, North Dakota, with a 149.73% increase over county average with KELDIN variety. Final yield: 107.71 Bu/A.
- Fifth Place, Percentage Increase — Brett Oelke, Hoxie, Kansas, with a 147.88% increase over county average with WB-GRAINFIELD variety. Final yield: 106.34 Bu/A.

At the state level, 25 of the winning farms planted WestBred Wheat, including 11 first place winners, nine second place and five third place finishes across 11 different states.

“WestBred thanks all of these state winners who pushed our varieties to perform on their farms,” Koscelny said. “We also congratulate and thank the WestBred seed suppliers of the winning growers, who are so important in helping select and place the right variety with their grower customers. WestBred is a proud sponsor of the National Wheat Yield Contest because it helps illustrate the importance of input management in wheat to achieve outstanding yield and end-use quality and demonstrates the innovative agronomics and productivity of the U.S. wheat industry.”

Looking Forward to NWYC 2023

WestBred is proud to be a sponsor of the NWYC to showcase U.S. wheat production and wheat grower innovation and productivity. We encourage farmers interested in competing in the 2023 contest to contact their WestBred seed supplier or local WestBred representative.

Additional information can be found at [WestBred.com](https://www.westbred.com). Official rules and entry deadlines will be available in January 2023.

About WestBred

WestBred wheat provides seed suppliers and their growers access to a high yield potential wheat seed as well as testing, education, resources and experienced representatives to help maximize their yield potential.

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Performance may vary, from location to location and from year to year, as local growing, soil and weather conditions may vary. Growers should evaluate data from multiple locations and years whenever possible and should consider the impacts of these conditions on the grower's fields.

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