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## **State Winners in 2020 National Wheat Yield Contest Paced by WestBred® Wheat Varieties**

**ST. LOUIS (December 16, 2020)** — Placing in the National Wheat Yield Contest (NWYC) requires hard work, intense dedication to crop management and planting the right variety in the right field. Nearly half (47%) of the 2020 state winners grew WestBred® brand wheat varieties clearly demonstrating the selection of the right variety for their fields.

“WestBred Wheat congratulates all of the 2020 NWYC state winners,” said Jeff Koscelny, Bayer Crop Science global wheat business strategy lead. “In the western wheat-producing states where WestBred is offered, 64% of the 2020 state winners won with WestBred brand wheat varieties — a testament to their crop-management skills coupled with our focused genetics program and an outstanding WestBred seed supplier network. All national and state winners this year should be proud of their efforts.”

Hosted by the National Wheat Foundation, the NWYC offers growers the opportunity to compete with their peers across the United States and learn innovative techniques from each other to improve wheat productivity on their farms. The contest has been conducted since 2016.

“WestBred Wheat has been a proud sponsor of the NWYC since it began, and we continue to have great respect and admiration for the outstanding crop management skills being demonstrated by these winning growers at the national and state levels,” said Koscelny. “The winning growers demonstrate advancements in sustainable productivity and profitability that are vital to the U.S. wheat industry.”

2020 NWYC state entrants were judged based on highest yields in two primary competition categories: winter wheat and spring wheat, and two subcategories: dryland and irrigated. State winners growing WestBred brand wheat varieties included:

**WINTER WHEAT — DRYLAND**



- First Place, High Yield — **Brett Arnusch**, Keenesburg, **Colorado** with a yield of 79.67 Bu/A with **WB4418**
- First Place, High Yield — **Doug Stout**, Genessee, **Idaho** with a yield of 179.91 Bu/A with **KELDIN** {National Winner}
- First Place, High Yield — **Tyler Ediger**, Meade, **Kansas** with a yield of 108.43 Bu/A with **WB4792** {National Winner}
- First Place, High Yield — **Todd Hansen**, Gilford, **Montana** with a yield of 45.99 Bu/A with **KELDIN**
- First Place, High Yield — **Levi Johnson**, Helena, **Oklahoma** with a yield of 111.32 Bu/A with **WB4699** {National Winner}
- First Place, High Yield — **Travis Freeburg**, Worley, **Idaho** with a yield of 110.37 Bu/A with **WB4462** {National Winner}
- Second Place, High Yield — **Andrew Lee**, Winfield, **Kansas** with a yield of 105.09 Bu/A with **WB4401**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Matt Drechsel**, Worley, **Idaho** with a yield of 127.87 with **WB1529**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Darwin Ediger**, Meade, **Kansas** with a yield of 104.43 with **Winterhawk**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Scott Kodesh**, Marland, **Oklahoma** with a yield of 98.98 Bu/A with **WB4699** {National Winner}
- Third Place, High Yield — **Kyle Duncan**, Worley, **Idaho** with a yield of 158.35 Bu/A with **WB1529**

#### **WINTER WHEAT — IRRIGATED**

- First Place, High Yield — **Nick Macy**, Tulelake, **California** with a yield of 167.59 Bu/A with **WB1783**
- First Place, High Yield — **Marc Arnusch**, Keenesburg, **Colorado** with a yield of 161.8 Bu/A with **WB4418**
- First Place, High Yield — **Ki Gamble**, Greensburg, **Kansas** with a yield of 135.39 Bu/A with **WB4792**
- First Place, High Yield — **Kody Stricker**, Alliance, **Nebraska** with a yield of 100.7 Bu/A with **WB4303**

- Second Place, High Yield — **Eric Purvis**, Weskan, **Kansas** with a yield of 124.77 Bu/A with **Grainfield**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Brock Neville**, Colwich, **Kansas** with a yield of 106.14 Bu/A with **WB4699**

#### **SPRING WHEAT — DRYLAND**

- First Place, High Yield — **Trevor Stout**, Genessee, **Idaho** with a yield of 139.22 Bu/A with **WB9303** {National Winner}
- First Place, High Yield — **Brian Lacy**, Wendell, **Minnesota** with a yield of 96.30 Bu/A with **WB9479**
- First Place, High Yield — **Doug Manning**, Kalispell, **Montana** with a yield of 107.01 Bu/A with **WB9668**
- First Place, High Yield — **Rick Albrecht**, Wimbledon, **North Dakota** with a yield of 120.65 Bu/A with **WB9590** {National Winner}
- Second Place, High Yield — **Randy Duncan**, Tekota, **Washington** with a yield of 125.79 Bu/A with **WB6121** {National Winner}
- Second Place, High Yield — **Bob Wimpfheimer**, Angus, **Minnesota** with a yield of 93.76 Bu/A with **WB9590**
- Second Place, High Yield — **Vince Mattson**, Chester, **Montana** with a yield of 53.78 Bu/A with **WB9719**
- Second Place, High Yield — **Brandon Albrecht**, Wimbledon, **North Dakota** with a yield of 118.88 Bu/A with **WB9590**
- Second Place, High Yield — **Monte Leidenix**, Bismarck, **North Dakota** with a yield of 51.70 Bu/A with **WB9719**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Trevor Stout**, Genessee, **Idaho** with a yield of 118.75 Bu/A with **WB9668**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Paul Solem**, Oslo, **Minnesota** with a yield of 73.45 Bu/A with **WB9479**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Raymond and Amanda Kopp**, Des Lacs, **North Dakota** with a yield of 115.24 Bu/A with **WB9719** {National Winner}

### **SPRING WHEAT — IRRIGATED**

- First Place, High Yield — **Terry Wilcox**, Rexburg, **Idaho** with a yield of 172.60 Bu/A with **WB9668** {National Winner}
- First Place, High Yield — **Herb Stahl**, Stanfield, **Oregon** with a yield of 154.43 Bu/A with **WB9668/WB9350**
- First Place, High Yield — **James Getzinger**, Moses Lake, **Washington** with a yield of 164.34 Bu/A with **WB9662** {National Winner}
- Second Place, High Yield — **Dallin Wilcox**, Rexburg, **Idaho** with a yield of 167.02 Bu/A with **WB9707** {National Winner}
- Second Place, High Yield — **Zeke Ochoa**, Othello, **Washington** with a yield of 164.05 Bu/A with **WB9668/WB9350**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Richard Cowger**, Twin Falls, **Idaho** with a yield of 155.66 Bu/A with **WB6430**
- Third Place, High Yield — **Travis Schuh**, Connell, **Washington** with a yield of 144.23 Bu/A with **WB9668/WB9350**

### **Looking Forward to NWYC 2021**

WestBred® Wheat is proud to be a sponsor of the NWYC to showcase U.S. wheat production and wheat grower innovation and productivity. We encourage growers interested in competing in the 2021 contest to contact their WestBred seed supplier or local WestBred representative. Additional information can be found at [westbred.com](http://westbred.com). Official rules and entry deadlines will be available in January 2021.

### **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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