

SPRING WHEAT VARIETIES

Baart: Baart is a white wheat and has slender, open, bearded heads. The kernels are rather long and are yellowish in color and soft to semi-hard. It is an early to mid-season variety, having a tall weak straw. Because of the weak straw, it is susceptible to lodging on heavier soils. Baart is resistant to shattering but is susceptible to all common wheat diseases including bunt. Baart is high yielding in the dryland areas of Eastern Washington.

Baart is recommended in the 8 to 12 inch rainfall belt.

Henry: Henry is a hard red spring wheat. It is a mid-season variety with stiffer straw than Baart. Henry has a bearded head and is moderately resistant to shattering. This variety is slightly inferior to Baart in yield, but superior in yield to other hard red spring wheat varieties commonly used for reseeded in the dryland area of Eastern Washington.

Henry is recommended for reseeded in hard red winter wheat producing areas of Eastern Washington. Mixtures of Henry and hard red winter wheat may, perhaps, minimize down grading somewhat over that occurring when white varieties are replanted in hard red winter fields.

Federation: Federation is an early to mid-season, midtall, stiff white strawed, common soft white spring wheat variety. It has an erect, beardless, brown chaffed head. It is more cold resistant than most of the common spring wheats. This variety matures early from fall planting and mid-season from spring planting. The stiff-straw makes Federation resistant to lodging, but shattering is a rather severe problem with fall plantings. Federation is susceptible to the major wheat diseases. It is high yielding and has good harvesting characteristics.

Federation is recommended for fall seeding in the Walla Walla area. This variety is recommended for spring planting in areas of 12 inches rainfall and higher and on irrigated lands of Central Washington. It is not recommended in the glaciated valleys of Stevens, Pend Oreille, Ferry, Chelan, and Okanogan Counties.

Marfed: Marfed is an early to mid-season, mid-tall, stiff, white-strawed, common soft white spring variety. It has a beardless white chaffed head. Marfed is more resistant to common smut than Federation. It tillers more than Federation, but in other respects is quite similar to Federation. When spring seeded there is no lodging difference between Marfed and Federation; however, when fall seeded Marfed has lodged somewhat more than Federation. Marfed is resistant to shattering. Marfed is recommended in the 12-inch and higher rainfall area. It is recommended for fall seeding in the Walla Walla area and is recommended for spring seeding in the irrigated areas of Central Washington. Marfed is not recommended in the Goldendale area.