

Forerunner
Triticale

Forerunner is a facultative growth habit triticales variety that was developed and released by Weaver Seed of Oregon and Oregon Trail Seed for forage, silage and, possibly, grazing use. Forerunner bears long, wide leaves. Winter growth is semi-prostrate, dark green and mid-cold hardy. It is susceptible to *Tilletia caries*, *Septorium nodorum* and *Puccinia* sp. Leaf rust.

Forerunner has been tested for forage production in Oregon where it appears to be well adapted. Production areas may expand as the variety proves itself beyond the presently proposed area.

Forerunner is tall, stiff, facultative, mid-season maturity with a smooth to sparsely pubescent neck. The spike is fusiform, lax and awnletted and nodding at maturity. Glumes are cream colored, glabrous, long and narrow with shoulders wanting. Beaks are acuminate, 0-2 mm long. Kernels are long, amber, soft and narrowly elliptical. The brush is short. Up to 0.5% off-types in the form of elongated awns, differential height and sterile spikes of spikelets may be encountered due to environmental variation

Pre-breeder and breeder seed are produced by the selected head-to-row method to maintain the variety. The breeder, foundation, registered and certified seed classes can be used for certified seed production.

Certified seed will be offered for sale in 2004. Plant Variety Protection will be sought and the certification option will be selected.