

**Sprague**

A white-gray chaffed, awned, semi dwarf variety released by Washington AES, USDA-ARS in 1973. It is noted as the best variety to plant where snow mold is a problem. Sprague averages about 4 inches shorter than Manning and Promontory and 8 inches shorter than Weston. It is intermediate in maturity and has moderately weak straw. Sprague has very good tolerance to snow mold and common bunt but is moderately susceptible to dwarf bunt. It is susceptible to stripe and stem rust and moderately susceptible to leaf rust. It is currently the most popular soft white variety on dryland in southeastern Idaho. Winter hardiness of Sprague is less than that of hard red varieties. Sprague must be seeded early to develop full tolerance to snow mold.