

Fall 2015 Winter Wheat Planting Practices after Soybeans in Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, & Washington Counties in East Central Nebraska.

Variety Selection:

| Table 1. 2014 & 2015 UNL Winter Wheat Variety Performance in Saunders County at the ARDC. | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Variety* | 2014 | 2015 | Relative | Lodging | Winter | Fusarium | 2015 |
| | Yield | Yield | Height | Resistance | Hardiness | Head | Stripe |
| | Rank | Rank | (inches) | | | Blight† | Rust |
| | | | | | | | Races† |
| SY Wolf | 1 | 2 | 0 | Excellent | Good | MS | R |
| WB Cedar | 2 | 4 | -4 | Excellent | Good | S | MR |
| Freeman | 3 | 1 | +2 | Good | Good | MS | MR |
| Overland | 4 | 3 | +4 | Good | Very Good | MR | MS |

^{*}Top 5 varieties averaged across 2 years of trial data (2014-2015), variety SY Southwind not shown since no local seed supplier. \dagger S = susceptible, MS = moderately susceptible, MR = moderately resistant, R = resistant.

Local Certified Seed Suppliers:

- Rezac Seed near Valparaiso in Saunders County, call 402-784-3875 for SY Wolf, Overland, WB Cedar, and Freeman.
- Kubik Seed Sales near Prague in Saunders County, call 402-663-4379 for Freeman

For more information on winter wheat variety selection results and seed providers:

- CropWatch Wheat Varieties Virtual Tour and UNL Winter Wheat Variety Test Results
- 2015 Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Seed Book

Seeding Dates, Rates, and Depth:

- Recommended seeding dates: Sept 15 to Oct. 15, with late planting until October 30
 - Final planting date for 100% crop insurance coverage is October 15 for Dodge and Washington Counties (See Map). Delayed planting coverage until October 30.
- Seeding rates: 900,000 to 1.2 million pure live (PLS) seeds per acre or 22 to 28 PLS per square foot. <u>Increase seeding rates by 150,000-225,000 PLS/acre or 10-15 pounds per week</u> after Sept. 25 up to a maximum of 1.8 million PLS/acre.
 - Seeding rate (lbs/acre) = (1,200,000 pure live seeds per acre) / (% pure seed/100) / (% germ/100) / (seeds per pound). Assuming 99.5% purity, 96% germ, and 13,600 seeds per pound, the recommended seeding rate would be 92 lbs per acre or 1.5 bushels/acre. Seed size can vary greatly by variety and year.
- Seeding depth: Plant 1.0 to 1.5 inches deep. Seeding less than 1" and more than 2" increases winterkill and survival.

Increase Winter Hardiness/Survival:

Plant no-till into soybean stubble and add 20 lbs/ace of P₂O₅ in-furrow with MAP fertilizer

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