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Breeder Elsoms Seeds UK

Parentage: Panacea x tempo Status: Distilling and soft feed

AHDB regional recommendation: UK

A high yielding soft wheat in Agrii trials last year (101% treated, 88% untreated). Good physical grain quality in official trials (78.2 kg/hl) and better than that of LG Skyscraper and RGT Bairstow. Rated 'Medium' for distilling.

+ Midge resistant with reasonable foliar disease resistance

+ A new high yielding soft feed and distilling-type

Best grown in the north including in areas of high sterility risk and sown in the main drilling window until further information is available. It can be grown on both heavy and lighter soils with particularly good performance on the latter. It is a reasonable second wheat choice while its grassweed competitiveness is still under evaluation at Stow Longa. Relatively tall (92 cm), reasonably stiff straw treated (7) (7) and untreated (7) (6) but its maturity is slightly later (+2) (+1).

It has reasonable disease ratings for mildew (7), yellow rust (9) (6), brown rust (5) (4) and Septoria tritici (6) (6). It appears to have reasonable resistance to fusarium ear blight (7.5). Resistant to orange wheat blossom midge.

Agrii yield & grain quality - Agrii 1 yr mean (2023)				
UK fungicide treated yield (% controls)		101		
Untreated yield (% controls)		88		
Specific weight (kg/hl)	73.2			
AHDB yield & grain quality - AHDB RL [] = limited data				
UK fungicide treated yield (% controls)		102.5		
East fungicide treated yield (% controls)		103		
West fungicide treated yield (% controls)		101		
North fungicide treated yield (% controls)		[103]		
Untreated yield (% treated controls)		87		
Specific weight (kg/hl)		78.2		
Disease ratings (black = AHDB RL data) Red = Agrii data				
Mildew resistance (1-9)	[7.3]	-		
Yellow rust plant susceptibility before GS32-33	TNC			
Yellow rust resistance (1-9)	9.0	8.4		
Brown rust resistance (1-9)	5.5	4.1		
Septoria tritici resistance (1-9) 3 year rating	6.2	6.4		
Stem Base Disease Complex (Agrii 2023)	MS	-		
Eyespot resistance (1-9)	4.5	-		
Carries PCH1 Rendezvous gene for Eyespot resistance	No			
Fusarium ear blight resistance (1-9)	[7.5]	TNC		

Agronomic characters Black = AHDB RL data, red = Agrii data [] = limited data				
Lodging resistance - PGR untreated (1-9)	7.7		[6]	
Lodging resistance - PGR treated(1-9)	7.2		[7]	
Height - PGR untreated (cm)	92.3		-	
Maturity (days +/- Skyfall)	+2		[+1]	
Agrii grassweed competitiveness rating	TNC*		1	
OWBM resistance (breeder claim)	Yes			
BYDV tolerance (breeder claim)	No			
Agrii intelligence - complementary infe		tion		
[] = limited data				
Yield consistency		High		
Yield 'resilience' under disease pressure		Medium		
Agrii yellow rust diversification group		B1		
2nd v 1st wheat relative performance		Acceptable		
Soil type suitability		[Heavy & light]		
Suitability to drill early (before 15th Sept)			No	
Latest optimum drilling date		Mid Feb.		
AHDB latest safe sowing dates (breeder: see notes)		[[Mid Feb.]]		
Suitable for regions of high sterility risk		TNC		
Suitability for distilling		Medium		
British Cereal Exports (BCE) Rating				
SRUC Scottish RL Status 2024/25		P1		
Variety Sustainability Rating (Max 42)		Very High		



Note: Specific weights are assessed in the field and are consistently below those of cleaned samples. Full RL dataset is available from AHDB at www.ahdb.org.uk

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Eight trials (Kent, South Wales, Wiltshire, Lincs x2, East Yorks, Angus and Essex) Mean yield of controls = 10.0 t/ha Note : Untreated results are from unreplicated plots



Source: Three trials (Carnoustie, Coldstream and Bishop Burton). Mean yield of controls = 11.2 t/ha Note: Untreated results are from unreplicated plots

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