WS ULTIMATUM

+ Offers further diversification away from KWS Extase + Excellent agronomic profile

A new addition to the UK Recommended List last with a similar yield level (99.3% treated, 92% untreated) to KWS Palladium and equally good agronomic characteristics. Accepted as a Group 2 wheat with outstanding bold grain (79.6 kg/hl) coming from its Costello parentage, Hagberg Falling Number 287, average protein (12.3%) and provisionally approved for ukp export.

Suitable for all regions and it performs well across a range of soil types including lighter soils and show acceptable second wheat performance. Average length straw which looks stiff enough, treated (7.0) (7.0), average grassweed competitiveness and slightly later maturity (+1) (+2).

A good package for disease with mildew (6.4), yellow rust (8.8) (7.7), brown rust (5.5) (3.9), Septoria tritici (6.5) (6.7) and moderately resistant to fusarium ear blight (6.2). It frequently shows significant leaf stress spotting during grain fill but appears to yield well in spite of this. Not resistant to orange wheat blossom midge.

MS

TNC

6.2

No

6.4

Breeder KWS UK LTD

AHDB

SRUC

Parentage: KWS Zyatt x Costello

Type/status:

Group 2, Milling and Feed. Provisional approved for ukp export.

AHDB regional recommendation: UK

Agrii yield and grain quality Blue = 2 year mean, minimum 13 trials				
UK fungicide treated yield (% controls)		99.3		
Untreated yield (% treated controls)		92		
Specific weight (kg/hl)		78.1		
AHDB yield and grain quality - AHDB RL [] = limited data				
UK fungicide treated yield (% controls)		101		
East fungicide treated yield (% controls)		101		
West fungicide treated yield (% controls)		101		
North fungicide treated yield (% controls)		101		
Untreated yield (% treated controls)		90		
Specific weight (kg/hl)		79.6		
Protein content (%) - milling specification		[12.2]		
Hagberg Falling Number		271		
Disease ratings (black = AHDB RL data, red = Agrii data)				
Mildew resistance (1-9)	6.6	-		
AHDB yellow rust susceptibility before GS32-33	Resistant			
Yellow rust resistance (1-9)	8.8	7.7		
Brown rust resistance (1-9)	5.5	3.9		
Septoria tritici resistance (1-9) 3 year rating	6.5	6.7		

Agronomic characters Black = AHDB RL data, red = Agrii data				
Lodging resistance - PGR untreated (1-9)	6.4		6	
Lodging resistance - PGR treated(1-9)	7.0		7	
Height - PGR untreated (cm)	86.7 -		-	
Maturity (days +/- Skyfall)	+1		+2	
Agrii grassweed competitiveness rating	[***]			
OWBM resistance (breeder claim)	No			
BYDV tolerance (breeder claim)	No			
Agrii intelligence - complementary information [] = limited data				
Yield consistency		High		
Yield 'resilience' under disease pressure		High		
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		End Dec		
AHDB latest safe sowing dates (breeder: see notes)		End Jan		
Suitable for regions of high sterility risk		Yes		
British Cereal Exports (BCE) Rating		[ukp]		
SRUC Scottish RL Status 2024/25		P2		
Variety Sustainability Rating (Max 42)		High		
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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

Stem Based Disease Complex (Agrii 2023)

Carries PCH1 Rendezvous gene for Eyespot resistance

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