

CHAMPION

Group 4 Feed Wheat – Hard

Status: AHDB Recommended List 2022/23

CHAMPION is the ultimate barn buster, previously topping the Candidate List in 2021/22 and now topping the 2022/23 Recommended List with the highest yield available overall (105.9%). It is the highest yielding feed wheat (Group 4) and is also the third highest on the RL for untreated yield with a score of 90%. CHAMPION is also the highest yielding wheat on the list when grown as either first or second cereal.

CHAMPION is the top variety drilled on heavy soils and second on light soils which shows its versatility and suitability to a wide range of sites. It has a medium length straw, with very little lodging seen over five years of trials in the UK. In common with most other varieties it may require a PGR.

CHAMPION boasts some of the best scores for yellow rust and Septoria on the RL and also offers growers orange wheat blossom midge resistance.

With outstanding overall yield performance – CHAMPION has a robust package for agronomics, disease resistance and grain quality. It is one of the few varieties which has overcome the ‘yield/resistance’ trade-off.

CHAMPION has proven itself to be a successful late drilled variety with the highest scores on the list when planted in a late drilled situation.

Due to CHAMPION’s powerful growth habit, being five days faster than average in the late sown period (Nov), the breeder doesn’t recommend drilling in the early September drilling spot. The latest safe sowing date for CHAMPION is mid-February.

CHAMPION is able to fulfil the high volume feed market requirements successfully.

Treated Yield	105.9%
Untreated Yield*	90%
Protein	11.4%
Hagberg Falling No	239
Specific Weight	74.8
Ripening	0
Yellow Rust	8
Brown Rust	5
Septoria tritici	8
Mildew	7
Orange Wheat Blossom Midge	R

Data Source:
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* Untreated Yield – % of treated controls.

AHDB Winter Wheat Recommended List feed varieties Septoria ratings



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