

# CHAMPION

Group 4 Feed Wheat – Hard



Status: AHDB Recommended List 2024/25

**CHAMPION is the ultimate barn buster, previously topping the Candidate List in 2021/22 and topping the 2022/23 Recommended List with the highest yield available overall. On the 2024/25 Recommended List, CHAMPION is the joint highest yielding feed wheat (Group 4) (106%). It is also one of the highest yielding wheats on the list when grown as either first or second cereal and also joint top on heavy soils.**

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 limited 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 one of 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.



## THE HIGHEST YIELDING WHEAT IN THE WORLD\*

\* The highest wheat yield is 17.95 tonnes/ha (39572.97 lb /ha) and was harvested from 8.2920 ha (20.49 acres) by Tim Lamyman (UK) in Lout Lincolnshire, UK, on 10 August 2022. Data from Guinness World Records.

Treated Yield	106%
Untreated Yield*	90%
Protein	11.0%
Hagberg Falling No	235
Specific Weight	75.4
Ripening	0
Yellow Rust	8
Brown Rust	5
Septoria tritici	7.9
Mildew	7
Orange Wheat Blossom Midge	R

**Data Source:**

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\* Untreated Yield – % of treated controls.



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