

CHAMPION

The wonder wheat

Winter wheat



Profile

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 one of the 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.

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.

- ✓ Group 4 Feed Wheat – Hard
- ✓ Untreated yield high at 90%
- ✓ Wide range of soil types

General

Type

Compensation type

Yield information

Treated yield United Kingdom (%)	106
Treated yield East region (%)	106
Treated yield West region (%)	106
Treated yield North region (%)	102
Untreated Yield (% of Treated Controls)	90
Protein (%)	11.1
Hagburg Falling Number (seconds)	235
Specific Weight (kg/hl)	75.4
Plant Height	82
Ripening (days +/- Skyfall)	0
Septoria Tritici	7.9

Agronomics Features

Mildew	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>7</div><div></div><div></div></div>	strong
Yellow rust	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>8</div><div></div></div>	strong to very strong
Brown rust	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>5</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	medium

Orange Wheat Blossom Midge = R | Data Source: AHDB Recommended List 2024/25

Suitability

Wheat after wheat	<div><div>+</div><div>+</div><div>+</div></div>
Mulch sowing	<div><div>+</div><div>+</div><div>+</div></div>
Early sowing	<div><div>+</div><div></div><div></div></div>
Late sowing	<div><div>+</div><div>+</div><div>+</div></div>
Maize sowing	<div><div>-</div><div></div><div></div></div>

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