

**PROJECT TITLE:** 2003 Evaluation of durum wheat variety performance under no-till recrop conditions following a pulse crop near Moccasin, Montana.  
*combine with:*  
2003 Evaluation of durum wheat variety performance in recrop systems near Denton and Fort Benton.

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**OBJECTIVES:**  
Evaluate the agronomic performance of durum wheat varieties in recrop or continuous crop environments in the southern triangle and central Montana.

**RESULTS:**  
Twenty spring durum varieties were re-cropped no-till into lentil stubble. The only supplemental fertilizer was 50lbs per acre of 20-20-20-10 blend applied through the drill at seeding. Conditions were good at seeding, but plant available moisture conditions deteriorated through June and July resulting in low yields and low test weights. Six durum varieties were seeded in off-station recrop trials at Denton and Fort Benton. The Denton seedbed was generally good condition, while the Fort Benton location had marginal soil moisture. A June 26 frost ruined the Fort Benton trial by causing sterile heads in erratic patterns. The intent of this small trial is to routinely assess the yield potential of durum in the various environments of central Montana. The Denton location seeded no-till into lentil stubble with 45 N broadcast applied. Yield of past durum varieties has been inferior to the hard red spring wheat in central Montana. Thus only newer varieties will be included in this six-entry nursery.

The 2003 Moccasin no-till recrop durum yields were so low that it would not be useful to make too many inferences from the results (Table 1). Based on the protein levels, it appears the 2002 drought stressed lentils produced sufficient nitrogen for the 2003 durum yield levels. The durum yield potential is generally inferior to the yield potential of McNeal spring wheat in recrop environments at Moccasin as no durum's multi-year yield means approach that of McNeal (Table 2).

Maier was the high grain producing durum at Denton in 2003 (Table 3). Over a five year period, 1999-2003, Maier and Mountrail have a two bushel greater yield than Kyle.

**SUMMARY:**  
Drought conditions contributed to low yields and test weights and above normal grain protein levels. New varieties are steadily replacing many of the old standards as the consistent top yielders.

**FUTURE PLANS:**  
Spring durum wheat variety evaluations on recrop will continue at Moccasin, Denton, and Geraldine.

Table 1 2003 Durum variety trial recropped no-till on lentil stubble.  
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ID	Pedigree	Headdate	Plant Ht	Yield	Test Wt	Protein
		d of y	"	bu/a	lbs/bu	%
D89135	MAIER	182	25	17.8	57.4	14.0
YU894-75	WPB YU 894-75	180	28	17.0	57.0	13.5
YU894163	WPB YU 894-163	179	26	16.8	56.0	13.8
97DU2	UTOPIA	181	28	16.8	56.8	13.0
D901442	LEBSOCK	181	26	16.5	58.5	15.5
PIERCE	PIERCE	182	27	16.5	58.1	15.0
PI574642	<b>MCNEAL</b>	182	25	16.0	54.7	<b>15.2</b>
NDMUNICH	Munich	180	25	15.9	58.0	15.5
PI478289	MONROE	179	26	15.8	57.4	15.0
PI510696	RENVILLE	182	25	15.6	57.3	14.1
ACAVONLE	AC AVONLEA	181	27	15.3	58.0	14.5
D00AL-27	AZ PLANT Brder D00AL-27	180	26	15.3	54.0	14.7
D87130	BEN	182	28	15.1	57.9	15.0
D901313	MOUNTRAIL	183	26	15.1	56.4	14.5
AP 1526	GENERAL MILLS AP 1526	181	27	14.9	58.8	14.5
CI 17789	VIC	181	28	14.7	58.4	13.5
DILSE	DILSE	183	24	14.4	58.9	14.0
CANKYLE	KYLE	185	27	14.2	55.9	14.0
WPBLAKER	LAKER	183	25	13.8	58.3	14.5
D91080	PLAZA	183	24	13.6	55.9	14.0
	OVERALL MEAN	181.5	26.2	15.6	57.19	14.39
	CV (S/MEAN) %	0	9.263	9.625	1.541	6.34
	LSD(0.05 by t	0	4.006	2.476	1.456	1.909
Seed Date:	21-Apr-2003	Herbicide:	Preplant glyphosate and bromoxynil + 2,4D			
Fertilizer:	10-10-10-5 w/seed	No additional N was applied.				
Harvest Date:	8-Aug-2003	Precip: crop yr:	12.41"	GrowSea:	8.17"	

Table 2 2003 Multi-year Moccasin recrop yield summary of selected durum varieties.  
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Varieties	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002**	2003	Ave.	McNeal same Y
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<b>McNeal<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>34.7</b>	
Monroe	23	56	33	31	27	28		16	30.5	34.7
Laker	23	50	34	34	28	28			32.8	37.8
Medora	23	51	29	31	24	27			30.8	37.8
Ben	23	53	33	32	27	29		15	30.3	34.7
Renville	22	59	29	34	24	27		16	30.1	34.7
Ward	22	50	27	32	27	26			30.7	34.7
Kyle	21	56	31	32	29	30		14	30.5	34.7
Vic	21	58	35	31	31	30		15	31.5	34.7
Plenty	20	56	32	34	27	--			33.8	38.6
Munich	20	57	33	34	31	26		16	31.0	34.7
Utopia		59	35	40	35	27		17	32.8167	40.6
Sceptre			33	33	28	27			30.25	34.5
Maier				36	30	29		18	30.25	35.3
Mountrail				36	28	27		15	28.25	35.3
Lebsock				39	30	30		17	26.5	35.3
Plaza				36	30	25		14	29.0	35.3
Nursery Mn	21.8	55	31.4	34	28.8	28		15.6	30.7	

<sup>1/</sup> McNeal is used as a hard red spring wheat check.

\*\*Moccasin recrop spring durum trial was hailed in 2002.