

Scottish Recommended Lists for Cereals 2025/26

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Data are from AHDB Recommended List Trials, and BSPB and Scottish Government funded National List Trials.



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Spring barley Grain yield of 100 = 8.1 t/ha

Year First Listed	Recommendation		Grain yield as % of treated Control	Yield loss (%) if untreated	Malting market options and MBC† approval			Screenings <2.5 mm (%)	Specific weight (kg/hl)	Maturity days +/- RGT Planet	Straw strength 1 to 9; weak to stiff (no PGR)	Straw length (cm) no PGR	Brackling risk 1 to 9; low to high	Grain skinning risk (High, Med or Least)	Disease resistance; 1 susceptible to 9 resistant		
					Dist.	Brew	Grain								Mildew	Rhynchosporium	Net blotch
2024	P2	Belter	104	14	P1	P1	---	2.1	68.2	+2	[7]	69	8	{Med}	8	6	6
2023	P3	Diviner	103	16	P2	---	---	3.8	68.1	+1	[7]	67	7	Least	8	5	6
2025	P1	SY Arrow	103	17	T	T	---	2.9	67.7	+1	[7]	74	7	{Med}	8	7	[8]
2025	P1	Firecracker	103	10	T	T	---	3.2	68.8	+1	[7]	71	7	{Med}	8	5	[7]
2025	P1	Ptarmigan	103	13	T	T	---	2.8	69.4	0	[7]	72	7	{Med}	8	6	[7]
2020	R	Firefoxx	102	16	F	---	---	3.1	67.8	0	7	71	7	Least	8	6	7
2024	P2	Olsen	102	14	P1	P1	---	3.9	67.5	+2	[8]	71	7	{Med}	8	5	7
2025	P1	KWS Enduris	102	11	T	T	---	2.4	67.9	+1	[8]	76	8	{Med}	8	7	[5]
2016	R	Laureate	101	13	F	F	---	2.7	67.8	+1	6	70	7	Med-high	8	7	8
2023	P3	SY Tennyson	101	17	F	F	---	2.7	67.0	+2	[7]	71	7	High	8	5	5
2018	R	LG Diablo	100	15	F	F	---	3.0	68.4	+3	7	72	7	High	8	5	6
2016	O	KWS Sassy	96	12	F	---	---	1.9	69.6	+2	6	79	6	Med-high	8	6	5
2016	S	Fairing	90	12	---	---	F	2.2	69.4	-2	7	71	7	Med	7	8	7
2024	P2	Bounty	105	19	---	P1	---	3.4	66.5	+2	[8]	70	7	{Med}	8	6	7
2021	O	Skyway	101	14	---	F	---	1.9	69.9	+1	7	76	7	Med	8	7	6
2023	R	Hurler	104	17	---	---	---	3.8	66.9	+2	[8]	67	8	---	8	6	7

Colour code

Good

Towards good

Intermediate

Towards poor

Poor

R = Recommended for general use	† = Malting Barley Committee	F = MBC Full Approval	[] = AHDB limited data
P1, P2 or P3 = Provisional Year 1, 2 or 3	Dist. = Malt distilling	P = MBC Provisional Approval stage 1 or 2	{ } = Limited data
S = Specific use variety	Brew = Brewing	T = Under test for MBC approval	Grain skinning risk is based on assessment of RL/NL trials by MBC members, SRUC and Scottish Agronomy.
O = Becoming outclassed	Grain = Grain distilling	--- = Not for this market	

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Winter barley Grain yield of 100 = 10.4 t/ha

Light soils, yield = 9.8 t/ha

Heavy soils, yield = 9.0 t/ha

Year First Listed	Recommendation		Grain Yield as % of treated control	Yield loss (%) if untreated	Soil type: Yield as % of control		MBC† Malting Approval (Brewing)	Screenings <2.5 mm (%)	Specific Weight (kg/hl)	Maturity days +/- KWS Orwell	Straw Strength 1 to 9; weak to stiff (no PGR)	Straw length (cm) no PGR	Disease resistance; 1 susceptible to 9 resistant		
					Light soil	Heavy soil							Mildew	Rhynchosporium	Net Blotch
2025	P1	NOS Olena	[108]	19	[109]	[106]	---	6.1	69.6	0	[6]	92	6	6	6
2025	P1	KWS Heraclis	[108]	13	[105]	[106]	---	6.7	69.4	0	[7]	89	6	5	5
2025	P1	Kitty	[108]	23	[106]	[104]	---	4.4	72.7	+2	[8]	94	6	7	6
2025	P1	KWS Valencis	[106]	15	[108]	[107]	---	6.1	69.8	0	[6]	93	6	6	6
2025	P1	Rosemary	[106]	14	[106]	[105]	---	8.5	69.1	+1	[5]	98	5	6	6
2024	P2	LG Capitol	105	16	105	[110]	---	5.9	69.9	0	7	88	6	6	5
2023	R	LG Caravelle	104	15	104	106	---	5.1	71.4	0	7	91	7	6	6
2021	R	KWS Tardis	104	18	103	106	---	5.5	70.1	0	8	93	5	6	6
2021	O	Bolton	101	15	103	105	---	5.1	69.4	0	8	92	6	5	6
2025	P1	Organa ¹	[100]	12	[97]	[103]	---	5.9	69.6	0	[6]	106	6	7	5
2023	S	Buccaneer	99	10	98	100	F	6.6	69.5	+1	7	96	6	6	6
2025	P1	Integral ¹	[103]	14	[102]	[105]	---	5.2	69.4	0	[8]	102	4	6	6
2025	P1	SY Quantock	[109]	16	[109]	[108]	---	9.5	70.4	-1	[7]	112	7	7	6
2019	R	SY Kingsbarn	107	25	106	103	---	5.4	70.2	-1	6	113	7	7	5
2022	R	SY Canyon	106	15	106	101	---	6.1	71.1	-1	6	116	7	7	5
2025	P1	Inys	[106]	19	[107]	[108]	---	5.9	69.3	-1	[8]	114	7	6	5
2025	P1	SY Kestrel ²	[104]	18	[104]	[100]	---	4.4	68.7	-1	[8]	116	7	7	6

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P1 or P2 = Provisional Year 1 or 2	† = Malting Barley Committee	--- = Not for this market	¹ Variety is believed to have tolerance to <i>Barley yellow dwarf virus</i> (BYDV)
O = Becoming outclassed	All varieties are believed to have resistance to <i>Barley mild mosaic virus</i> (BaMMV) and <i>Barley yellow mosaic virus</i> (BaYMV1) strain 1		² Variety is believed to have tolerance to <i>Wheat dwarf virus</i> (WDV) and BYDV

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Winter wheat Grain yield of 100 = 10.8 t/ha

Year First Listed	Recommendation		Grain yield as % of treated Control	Yield loss (%) if untreated	Use as a 2 nd cereal	Quality markets		Specific weight (kg/hl)	HFN (s)	Maturity days +/- Skyfall	Straw strength 1-9; weak to stiff		Straw length (cm) no PGR	Sprouting resistance	Disease resistance; 1 susceptible to 9 resistant				
						Distilling	UK Milling				without PGR	with PGR			Mildew	Yellow Rust	Septoria tritici	Eye-spot	Fusarium
2025	P1	RGT Hexton	[111]	25	Good	Med	---	77.0	236	+2	7	7	88	*	[6]	7	6.8	4	6
2024	P2	Blackstone	104	19	Mod	Med	---	78.6	295	+2	8	7	91	*	6	9	5.9	5	8
2023	R	KWS Zealum	103	21	Good	Med	---	76.8	206	+2	6	8	89	[6]	6	9	6.2	5	7
2022	O	RGT Bairstow	102	21	Mod	Good	---	76.6	227	+2	6	7	90	[6]	6	8	5.7	4	6
2019	O	LG Skyscraper	100	21	Mod	Med	---	77.1	205	0	6	6	92	6	7	7	5.0	5	6
2025	P1	KWS Solitaire	[108]	19	Good	Good	Biscuit	77.1	179	+1	5	6	90	*	[6]	8	6.7	4	6
2025	P1	KWS Flute	[108]	26	Good	Med	Biscuit	78.4	198	+1	6	7	83	*	[6]	6	6.2	5	6
2024	P2	Bamford	107	16	Good	Med	Biscuit	78.7	247	+1	7	7	89	[5]	6	7	6.6	6	5
2024	P2	LG Beowulf	107	20	Good	---	---	78.5	253	+2	8	8	88	[6]	6	9	6.6	6	6
2020	R	SY Inositor	107	30	Good	---	---	78.8	272	+1	6	7	94	5	7	3	6.5	5	7
2025	P1	KWS Scope	[107]	23	Good	---	---	78.9	247	+1	8	8	89	*	[6]	7	6.5	4	6
2022	R	KWS Dawsum	106	14	Mod	---	---	79.9	310	+1	8	7	84	[6]	8	9	6.3	5	7
2022	R	LG Typhoon	103	14	Mod	---	---	77.4	165	+2	7	7	86	[5]	6	9	7.2	5	6
2025	P1	KWS Newbie	[107]	18	Mod	---	Bread	78.4	305	0	7	7	85	*	[5]	9	6.2	5	6
2025	P1	LG Shergar	[105]	15	Poor	---	Bread	80.4	289	+1	8	8	81	*	[7]	7	6.7	5	6
2023	R	KWS Ultimatum	103	14	Poor	---	Bread	79.9	275	+2	7	7	85	[6]	7	9	6.6	6	6
2025	P1	KWS Arnie	[103]	19	Good	---	Bread	79.1	287	0	8	7	87	*	[5]	7	7.0	5	6
2019	O	KWS Extase ¹	101	11	Mod	---	Bread	79.2	287	-1	7	7	91	6	6	7	7.0	3	6
2022	R	KWS Palladium	101	12	Poor	---	Bread	77.7	309	-1	8	8	84	[6]	7	9	7.2	6	6

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Intermediate

Towards poor

Poor

R = Recommended for general use	O = Becoming outclassed	--- = Not for this market	[] = AHDB limited data	* = Insufficient data
P1 or P2 = Provisional Year 1 or 2	HFN = Hagberg falling number	¹ Variety may show weakness to ear sterility on exposed land or fields prone to late spring frosts		
S = Specific use variety	Mod = Moderate; Med = Medium			

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Spring wheat Grain yield of 100 = 7.5 t/ha

Year first listed	Recommendation		UK Grain yield as % of treated control	UKFM Group	Protein content (%)	Hagberg falling number (s)	Specific weight (kg/hl)	Maturity days +/- Mulika	Straw strength (Lodging %)	Straw length (cm)	Septoria tritici (1 to 9)	Mildew (1 to 9)	Yellow rust (1 to 9)
2025	P1	WPB Fraser	105	4	12.5	232	75.8	0	---	79	[6]	[8]	8
2023	R	KWS Alicium	104	2	13.2	341	80.6	-1	[3]	84	6	[8]	7
2025	P1	Ophelia	104	4	12.0	267	80.3	-1	---	78	[6]	[8]	6
2025	P1	KWS Bezique	104	2	12.9	318	79.2	+1	---	76	[6]	[8]	7
2024	P2	WPB Mylo	102	2	12.9	301	77.6	+2	[1]	73	7	[8]	9
2023	R	KWS Harsum	101	1	12.8	325	78.9	+1	[2]	78	6	[7]	7
2025	P1	STRU102574k021511 ¹	101	1	13.0	303	81.2	-1	---	80	[6]	[8]	5
2022	R	KWS Ladum	99	1	13.4	324	78.5	0	[1]	74	6	[7]	7

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¹ This variety has been added to the Variety Lists with the proposed name of STR Pace, to be confirmed in spring 2025

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Scottish Recommended Lists for Cereals 2025/26

Spring oats Grain yield of 100 = 7.5 t/ha

Year first listed	Recommendation		UK Grain yield as % of treated control	Yield loss (%) if untreated	Kernel content (%)	Screenings <2.0mm (%)	Specific weight (kg/hl)	Maturity days +/- WPB Isabel	Straw strength 1-9; weak to stiff	Straw length (cm)	Crown rust (1 to 9)	Mildew (1 to 9)
2025	P1	Caledon	105	7	72.8	1.9	51.5	-1	[7]	[112]	5	8
2022	R	Merlin	101	7	71.4	1.6	51.5	-2	8	106	4	7
2011	R	Canyon	100	7	71.5	2.7	51.6	-2	7	111	4	8
2020	R	WPB Isabel	100	14	72.8	1.9	53.6	0	7	110	5	5
2014	O	Conway	96	11	71.4	2.4	49.5	-1	7	102	4	6

Winter oats Grain yield of 100 = 9.0 t/ha

Year first listed	Recommendation		UK Grain yield as % of treated control	Yield loss (%) if untreated	Kernel content (%)	Screenings <2.0mm (%)	Specific weight (kg/hl)	Maturity days +/- Mascani	Straw strength 1-9; weak to stiff	Straw length (cm)	Crown rust (1 to 9)	Mildew (1 to 9)
2023	R	Cromwell	103	19	74.8	4.7	55.0	+1	9	107	5	3
2003	R	Dalguise	103	28	72.8	3.4	54.5	-1	4	134	4	4

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Further information

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The SRUC Scottish Recommended Lists for Cereals are available on the SRUC website here, www.sruc.ac.uk/cereals-list

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