Scottish Recommended Lists for Cereals 2023/24

The Scottish cereals lists include varieties of spring and winter barley, wheat and oats that are of most agronomic and commercial value to Scottish growers and the cereals sector.

Recommendations are made by SRUC supported by the Scottish Variety Consultative Committee and are based on data collected as part of the AHDB Recommended List and the BSPB and Scottish Government National List system.

Changes for 2023/24

The spring barley list includes seven new varieties. SY Tennyson and KWS Curtis have potential for malt distilling and brewing, whilst Diviner has potential for malt distilling. SY Signet, Florence and Sun King have potential for brewing. Hurler is a new feed variety. All six new malting varieties may also have a place for feed use.

The leading malting varieties, with full MBC approval, are Laureate and LG Diablo for malt distilling and brewing, KWS Sassy and Firefoxx for malt distilling, and Fairing for grain distilling.

The winter barley list includes four new varieties. These are two-rowed feed varieties LG Caravelle and Bolivia, a new malting variety Buccaneer, and a new six-rowed hybrid SY Nephin.

The leading winter two-row feed varieties are LG Mountain, KWS Tardis and Bolton, with LG Dazzle and Lightning making progress.

The Scottish winter wheat list includes two new soft Group 4 distilling and feed varieties LG Redwald and KWS Zealum, and a new hard Group 2 variety KWS Ultimatum.

The leading grain soft grained distilling varieties are LG Skyscraper, Swallow and Elation, supported by RGT Stokes and RGT Bairstow, and Group 3 soft milling varieties LG Illuminate and KWS Brium.

Hard textured wheat varieties include Group 4s KWS Dawsum and SY Insitor, and Group 2 milling varieties KWS Extase and KWS Palladium.

The spring wheat list is the longest for many years, with nine varieties for 2023/24, and includes three new entries with milling quality. KWS Harsum is a new Group 1 variety, whilst KWS Alicium and KWS Lightum are new Group 2s. The leading spring wheats are KWS Cochise, KWS Fixum and KWS Ladum.

The leading spring oat varieties are Canyon, Conway, Merlin and WPB Isabel, whilst the top winter choices remain Dalguise and Gerald, supported a new variety Cromwell.
Twelve varieties have been removed from the Scottish lists because of either limited market interest or lack of progress in commercial tests, or low agronomic value. These include spring barley varieties SY Tungsten and SY Splendor; winter barleys KWS Orwell, Bordeaux and Electrum; winter wheat varieties KWS Jackal, LG Spotlight, Elicit, LG Astronomer and RGT Wolverine; the spring wheat KWS Giraffe and the spring oat WPB Elyann.