



## 2017 NWGG Fall Seed Newsletter

Northwest Grain Growers wants to say thank you for your continued support of our seed plant. Last year NWGG paid \$.97/bushel patronage on seed purchased by our members. It is an exciting time to be in the seed business and NWGG continues to look at ways to provide more value to our members, breeders continue to focus on improving their genetic offerings and chemical companies continue to change treatment offerings.

After focusing our efforts on seed quality the last couple of years with the addition of the color sorter and installation of a new screen machine our latest project in Walla Walla has been to upgrade our computer system along with some other key technology. Besides making all the gates and pumps more precise, we will also be able to start **color coding** our seed by "class" and/or by "trait". With over 25 different varieties of wheat this fall, knowing what is in your seed truck is as important as ever. If all goes well, the Board will look at upgrading our Dayton plant next year.

It seems the trend for breeding companies is to release a couple new varieties every year. We are excited about several of the new varieties that have excellent yield potential, however, you need to keep in mind that many of these newer varieties spend less time in testing and the varietal trials so it will be harder to predict how they will perform under different weather conditions. Enclosed you will find the NWGG/WSU field trial data from Walla Walla and Dayton. You can check out all the WSU field trial data by going to the website.

<http://smallgrains.wsu.edu/variety/variety-2017-data/>

**Drive** is a new soft white wheat from Limagrain. Early maturing, short, and a great rust package, good test weight and winter hardiness. Excellent yield potential.

**Tandem** is a new soft white wheat from OSU/Limagrain. Early maturing, short/stiff straw, very good rust package and C-stripe. Good yield and test weight.

**Assure** is a new soft white wheat from Syngenta. Early maturing, straw strength is OK. Good on rust and good test weights.

**Puma** is a new soft white wheat from WSU. Mid maturity, tall, very good disease package; foot rot, C-stripe and rust.

**Norwest Duet** is a new soft white wheat from OSU/Limagrain. Good disease package, taller, and good winter hardiness. Looks very good in the 40-90 bushel regions.

**Magic** is a 2 gene soft white wheat from U/I and Limagrain. Early maturing, short with a good disease package. Excellent yield potential.

**Jet** is a hard red winter wheat from Limagrain. Early maturity, short, great disease package, good test weights and protein efficiency. Excellent yield potential.

**Please remember that all proprietary varieties have NO SAVE SEED agreements that need to be filled out before you can pick up seed. This includes all Syngenta, Limagrain and Clearfield varieties as well as some OSU and WSU varieties.**

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The seed protectant choices and alternatives have also greatly increased in the past few years. There are several generic choices as well as new seed protectants now available on the market that can be an excellent value. NWGG's on-demand treater allows a prescription blend of chemicals that maximize protection from Rhizoctonia, Fusarium, Pythium, Dwarf Bunt and/or wireworms depending on your concerns. You choose a price point and then a blend of chemicals that best fit your farming practice. A couple of newer items worth checking out this year:

**Evergol Energy** - is a base fungicide from Bayer for additional Fusarium activity, raising the bar in the deep-furrow areas where Pythium and TCK aren't major problems.

**Bio ST** – new from Albaugh, it is a biological agent combined with Nipsit that has shown promise in killing wire worms.

**Weco Custom Polymer** – new from Wilbur-Ellis to reduce dust off and enhance the flowability of treated seed. Limited research shows these new polymers can reduce the loss of seed protectants by 7-10%.

The **reseed program** will be the same as last year. If your seed does not make it out of the ground we will reduce the price a \$1/bushel on the bushels you use to reseed. This program will be for any bushels seeded before December 1, 2017. Albaugh and Syngenta are both offering a replant program if you should need and meet their conditions.

Payment of seed bills: A **discount of 1.5%** is allowed if payment is received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month of purchase by cash or check. Credit card payments are only allowed if the card is presented at the office for payment, the 1.5% discount will not apply. If the bill is not paid in 60 days you will be notified that a seed lien will be filed.

There are many new choices available to you this year. Please come in and talk with Mike or Nate about your needs and they can create a custom blend of varieties and chemicals that best fit your unique farming operation.

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Saturday                8am – 4pm

Sunday                  8am – 2pm

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