HATCHER

Optimal economic uses:



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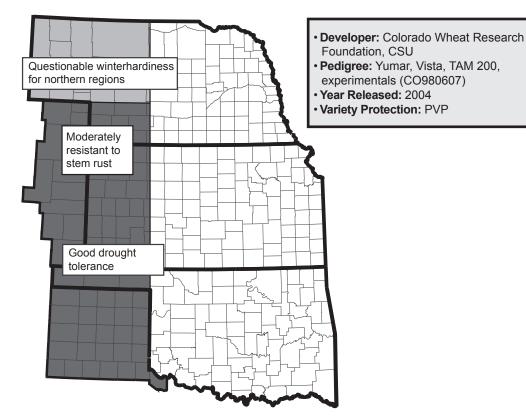
Grain only

Grain plus limited grazing



Heavy grazing plus grain

Pasture graze-out



Characteristics

| Barley yellow dwarf | Susceptible |
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| Hessian Fly | Moderately Susceptible |
| Leaf Rust | Moderately Susceptible |
| Stem Rust | Moderately Resistant |
| Stripe Rust | Intermediate |
| Powdery Mildew | Moderately Resistant |
| FHB (Scab) | Susceptible |
| Septoria Leaf Blotch | Intermediate |
| Soilborne mosaic | Moderately Susceptible |
| Tan Spot | Intermediate |
| Wheat Streak Mosaic | Susceptible |
| Acid Soil Tolerance | Intermediate |
| Coleoptile Length | Medium |
| Drought Tolerance | Good |
| Early Spring Greenup | Starts later than most |
| Fall Ground Cover Capability | Very Good |
| Fall Grazing Potential | Good |
| Height | Medium Short |
| Maturity (Heading Date) | Medium Late |
| Protein | Somewhat lower than most |
| Quality: Baking | Very good to excellent |
| Quality: Milling | More desirable |
| Seed Size | Medium |
| Shattering Reputation | Very Good |
| Straw Strength | Average |
| Test Weight | Average |
| Tillering | High |
| Winterhardiness | Below Average |
| Overall Yield Record Where Adapted | Good |

Comments:

This variety from PlainsGold is a good variety in eastern Colorado, although Byrd has generally shown higher yield potential and better drought tolerance. Yield results in both tests and production fields have been relatively consistent. Its overall stress tolerance is a notch below that of TAM 112. Hatcher has good overall drought tolerance, but doesn't seem to tolerate high temperature stress conditions during grain fill quite as well as TAM 112. Hatcher needs some moisture coming out of winter to do really well. It does not yield as well as Byrd or Bill Brown in years with a very dry winter and spring.

Hatcher has a tendency to show leaf flecking or yellowing. This makes the variety look sick, but yields remain very good despite the appearance. The leaf flecking or yellowing appears to be a physiological response by the plants to some environmental factor. It has medium-late maturity and medium-short height, but below-average straw strength. It is susceptible to wheat streak mosaic. Hatcher has a "slow rusting" reaction to leaf rust, and rated as moderately susceptible. It is intermediate to stripe rust. Hatcher can be somewhat hard to thresh, but it tolerates hail better than most.

Strengths:

- Milling and baking quality
- Consistent yield record

Weaknesses:

- Susceptible to wheat streak mosaic
- Below-average straw strength