

KENTUCKY WHEAT VARIETIES - 2004

Pioneer Brand 25R37 was the leading wheat variety seeded in the fall of 2003 for 2004 wheat production. Pioneer Brand 25R37 accounted for 17.7 percent of the 530,000 acres seeded in 2003 for 2004 harvest. Pioneer Brand 25R78 with 10.5 percent of the seeded acreage ranked second followed by Pioneer 2552 with 9.4 percent, Pioneer 25R23 with 4.8 percent and Exsegen Rebekah with 4.6 percent. The top five varieties accounted for 47 percent, while in 2001 the top five varieties accounted for 43.8 percent. Pioneer Brand 2552

was the leading variety in the 2001 survey with 21.9 percent and Pioneer 2568 was second with 8.5 percent. Of the 14 varieties with 1 percent or more of the seeded acreage 7 varieties were new to the table while 7 were repeat varieties. A total of 32.9 percent was reported by growers as varieties with less than 1 percent of all varieties seeded or unknown variety. Unknown variety included both soft and hard red wheat. A sizable amount of the unknown acreage was used as cover crop for tobacco and not harvested for grain. The survey was based on 50,800 tabulated acres.

PERCENTAGE OF WHEAT ACREAGE SEEDED

CLASS AND VARIETY	2004	2001	1998	1995	1989
<u>Soft Red Winter</u>					
Pioneer Brand 25R37	17.7	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Brand 25R78	10.5	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2552	9.4	21.9	14.4	-	-
Pioneer Brand 25R23	4.8	-	-	-	-
Exsegen Rebekah	4.6	2.0	-	-	-
Clark	4.4	6.5	6.7	15.5	25.2
Exsegen Esther	4.0	1.1	-	-	-
Southern States 520	2.8	-	-	-	-
Southern States 535	2.6	1.4	-	-	-
Southern States 550	1.7	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Brand 25R49	1.3	-	-	-	-
NK Coker 9663	1.2	1.8	-	-	-
Hopewell	1.1	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2568	1.0	8.5	4.6	-	-
Patterson	-	3.5	4.5	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2545	-	3.4	2.9	3.9	1.5
Madison	-	3.1	8.9	15.1	10.5
Southern States 523	-	2.6	2.4	-	-
Roane	-	2.0	-	-	-
Agripro Elkhart	-	1.8	1.9	-	-
Pioneer Brand 25R26	-	1.8	1.1	-	-
Agripro Patton	-	1.6	-	-	-
NK Coker 9474	-	1.5	2.3	-	2.3
Southern States SS 555	-	1.5	7.1	8.3	2.4
Independence	-	1.3	-	-	-
All Other Soft <u>1/</u>	30.6	31.2	23.8	36.4	38.7
All Hard Red Winter <u>2/</u>	2.3	1.5	3.0	1.0	3.8

1/Includes reported varieties which comprise less than 1 percent of the State's total reported seeded acreage as well as reports where the variety was unknown. 2/Includes all reports of hard wheat, both known and unknown varieties.

WHEAT VARIETY RANKINGS, SELECTED KENTUCKY REGIONS, 2004^{1/}

Region	First	%	Second	%	Third	%	Fourth	%
Far Western	Pioneer Brand 25R37	27.1	Pioneer 25R78	17.4	Pioneer Brand 2552	15.8	Pioneer Brand 25R23	7.6
Midwestern	Pioneer Brand 25R37	22.4	Pioneer 25R78	10.8	Pioneer Brand 2552	9.6	Exsegen Esther	9.1
Central	Pioneer Brand 25R37	8.5	Pioneer 25R78	8.5	Southern States 535	6.8	Southern States 520	5.9
Bluegrass	Exsegen Rebekah	7.0	Southern States 520	6.9	Southern States 535	4.0	Southern States 558	2.8

^{1/}These 4 regions (Agr'l Districts 1, 2, 3 & 5) made up 93.1 percent of Kentucky's wheat acreage seeded in 2003.