

# CHAMPION



- + High yielding hard feed wheat that is widely grown
- + Ideally suited for later drilling and lighter soils

**Breeder**  
DSV UK

**Parentage:**  
DSV20122 X  
Reflection

**Status:**  
Hard feed

A very high yielding hard feed wheat in Agrii trials (107% treated, 77% untreated) and sits towards the top of the UK Recommended List and will continue to attract a significant share of the wheat market. However, it has a very average specific weight (75.6 kg/hl) compared with varieties like Graham and KWS Dawsum and last season its resistance to yellow rust declined significantly.

Champion is most suitable for the East and West regions, performs well across all soil types and is a good second wheat. It is not suitable for regions of high sterility risk and not recommended in Scotland. The straw is average height (89 cm) and rather weak, (RL 7; Agrii 4) treated, (RL 6; Agrii 4) untreated, so a robust PGR programme is recommended. Later drilling, the second wheat position and lighter soils can be used to mitigate against the lodging risk. It is relatively early to mature (RL 0; Agrii +1).

Its disease resistance is now very average with mildew (RL 5; Agrii 5), yellow rust (RL 4; Agrii 2), Septoria tritici (RL 7; Agrii 6), and brown rust (RL 5; Agrii 4). It appears to be moderately susceptible to eyespot (4) and stem-based diseases. Reasonable resistance to fusarium ear blight (5.7) and resistant to orange wheat blossom midge.

## Agrii yield & grain quality - Agrii 3 yr mean

UK fungicide treated yield (% controls)	107
Untreated yield (% controls)	77
Specific weight (kg/hl)	72.4

## AHDB yield & grain quality - AHDB RL [] = limited data

UK fungicide treated yield (% controls)	106
East fungicide treated yield (% controls)	105
West fungicide treated yield (% controls)	107
North fungicide treated yield (% controls)	105
Untreated yield (% treated controls)	82
Specific weight (kg/hl)	75.3

## Disease ratings (black = AHDB RL data) Red = Agrii data

Mildew resistance (1-9)	4.6	4.6
Yellow rust plant susceptibility before GS32-33	Susceptible	
Yellow rust resistance (1-9)	3.5	2.1
Brown rust resistance (1-9)	4.6	3.6
Septoria tritici resistance (1-9) 3 year rating	7.2	6.4
Stembase Disease Complex	Susceptible	
Eyespot resistance (1-9)	4.2	-
Carries PCH1 Rendezvous gene for Eyespot resistance	No	
Fusarium ear blight resistance (1-9)	5.7	-

## Agronomic characters (TNC = testing not complete)

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Lodging resistance - PGR untreated (1-9)	6.4	3
Lodging resistance - PGR treated(1-9)	6.4	4
Height - PGR untreated (cm)	89.1	-
Maturity (days +/- Skyfall)	0	+1
Agrii grassweed competitiveness rating	[***]	
OWBM resistance (breeder claim)	Yes	
BYDV tolerance (breeder claim)	No	

## Agrii intelligence - complementary information

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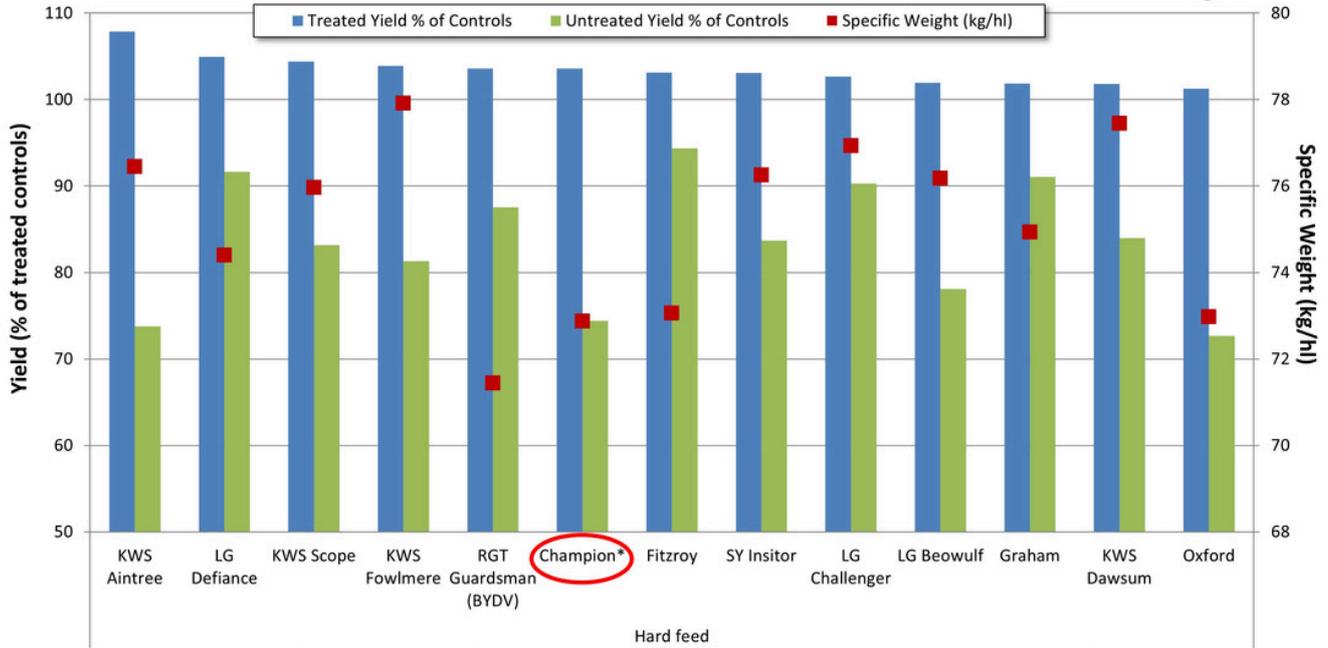
Yield consistency	Medium
Yield 'resilience' under disease pressure	Low
Agrii yellow rust diversification group	O3
2nd v 1st wheat <b>relative</b> performance	Acceptable
Soil type suitability	Heavy & light
Suitability to drill early (before 15th Sept)	No
Latest <b>optimum</b> drilling date	End Dec
AHDB latest <b>safe</b> sowing dates (breeder: see notes)	Mid Feb
Suitable for regions of high sterility risk	No
SRUC Scottish RL Status	Not recommended
<b>Variety Sustainability Rating</b>	Low

Note: Specific weights are assessed in the field and are consistently below those of cleaned samples.  
Full RL dataset is available from AHDB at [www.ahdb.org.uk](http://www.ahdb.org.uk)

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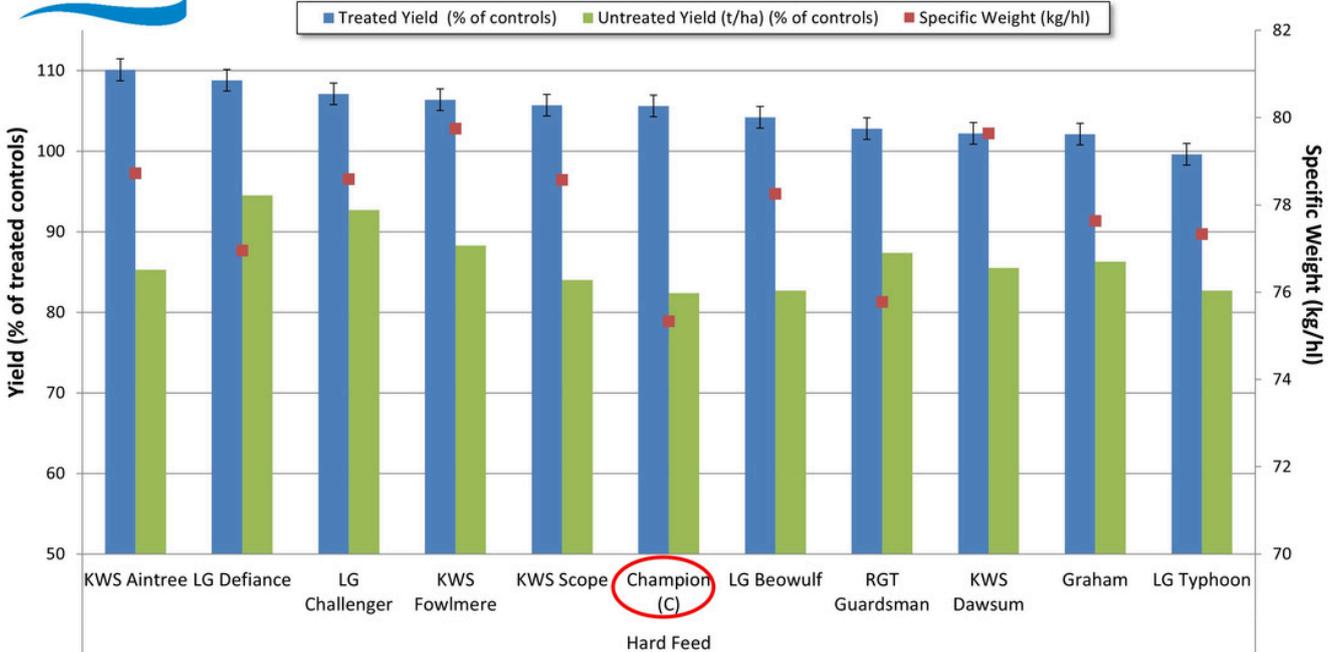
**Winter Wheat Variety Trials - 2025 National and Regional Trials Summary**  
Treated and Untreated Yield and Specific Weight



Hard feed  
 Nine trials (Kent, Dorset, Cornwall, Essex x2, Glamorgan, East Yorks, Border and Angus) Yield of controls\* = 10.0 t/ha  
 Note : Untreated results are from unreplicated plots



**Winter Wheat Performance - UK Recommended List 2026-27**  
Treated and Untreated Yield and Specific Weight

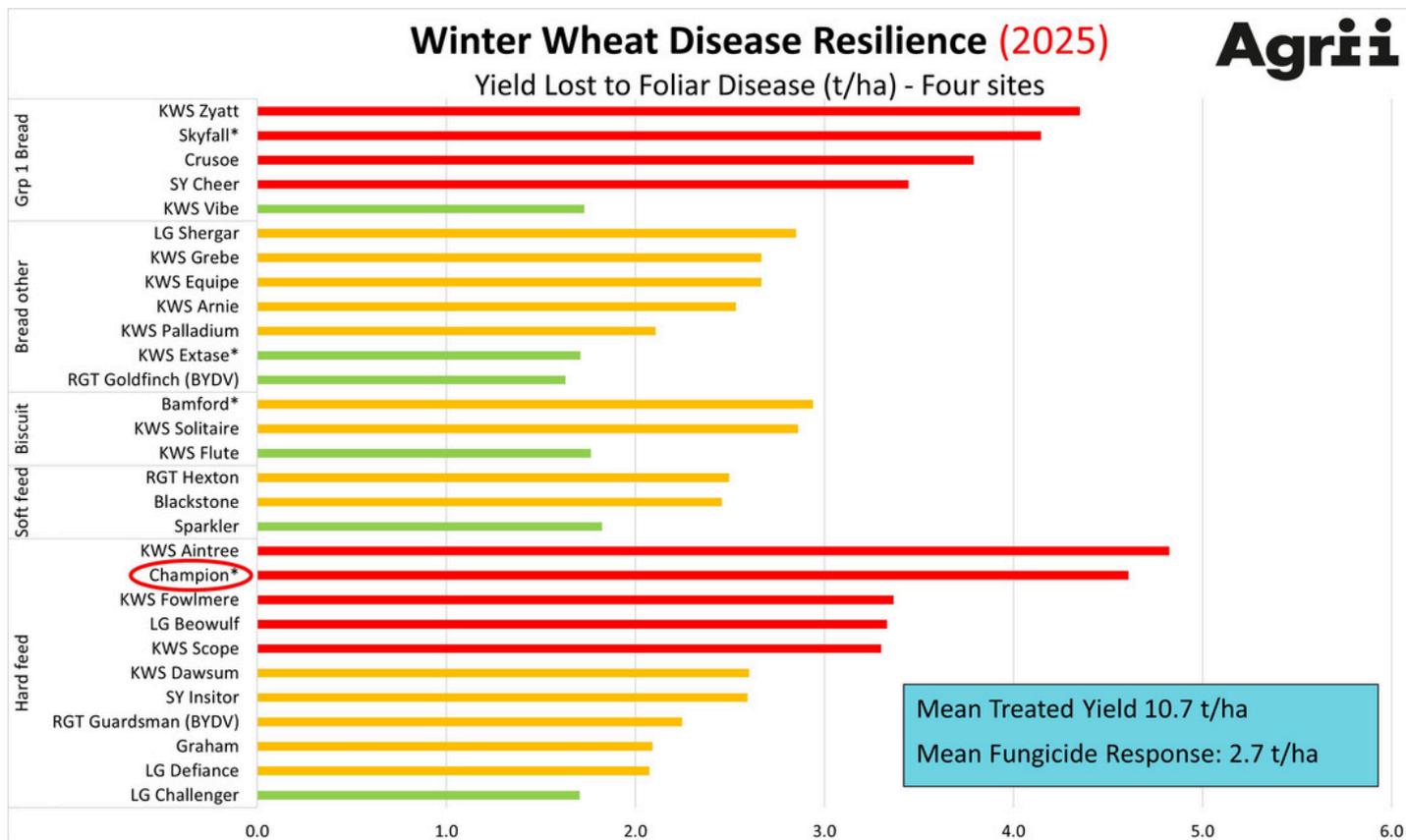


Source: AHDB Recommended List 2026-27, Mean of controls (C) = 11.1 t/ha  
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