

Dickens



Variety Positioning

- A hard feed wheat with consistently high yields, bold grain and relatively early maturity. It has given consistent performance over the past seven years. Two years ago it captured the headlines for setting the world record for yield.
- Suitable across all regions of the UK and all soil types with particularly good results on lighter soils. It should be drilled anytime from mid-September onwards and is suitable for late drilling. Delivers anywhere in the rotation either as first, second or continuous wheat but in this case Eyespot will need monitored and sprayed for. It also seems to cope well with drought conditions and has performed well in the drier East.
- Medium-fast speed of development and a prostrate early growth habit, medium tillering capacity and average competitiveness against black-grass. It produces an average straw length and is relatively stiff in most situations but it will still benefit from a good PGR programme under fertile conditions. Relatively early to mature.
- *Septoria tritici* is its main weakness (3.7) but Brown Rust is starting to be more evident (4.6) but retains excellent Yellow Rust (8.9) and Mildew (7.0) resistance.
- It is important to monitor and spray for Orange Wheat Blossom Midge at early flowering.

Fungicide-treated grain yield (% treated control)	
United Kingdom (11.0 t/ha)	102
East region (10.9 t/ha)	102
West region (11.3 t/ha)	102
North region (10.7 t/ha)	103
Grain quality	
Endosperm texture	Hard
Protein content (%)	11.2
Hagberg Falling Number	257
Specific weight (kg/hl)	76.8
Untreated grain yield (% treated control)	
United Kingdom (11.0 t/ha)	78
Agronomic features	
Resistance to lodging without PGR (1-9)	7
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Height without PGR (cm)	85
Ripening (days +/- JB Diego, -ve = earlier)	0
Resistance to sprouting (1-9)	5
Disease resistance	
Mildew (1-9)	7
Yellow rust (1-9)	9
Brown rust (1-9)	6
Septoria nodorum (1-9)	[5]
Septoria tritici (1-9)	4.8
Eyespot (1-9)	4
Fusarium ear blight (1-9)	6
Orange wheat blossom midge	-
Rotational position	
First cereal (11.4 t/ha)	102
Second and more (9.8 t/ha)	103
Sowing date (most trials were sown in October)	
Early sown (before 15th Sept) (11.1 t/ha)	[103]
Late sown (mid-Nov to end-Jan) (10.6 t/ha)	102
Soil type (about 50% of trials are on medium soils)	
Light soils (10.7 t/ha)	104
Heavy soils (11.4 t/ha)	101
Agronomic features	
Latest safe sowing date #	End Jan

Data source: www.cereals.ahdb.org.uk/

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