

California Wheat

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Weekly Wheat Bulletin

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Comments:

5.31.07 – “Grain fields in the northern San Joaquin valley are drying down quite rapidly with harvest expected to start soon. It is evident that there will be substantial yield losses in some fields due to the drought and late irrigations. Typical symptoms are short plants, head blanking and pinched kernels. Too late of irrigations show little benefit.” *Mick Canevari, Farm Advisor, San Joaquin*

6.7.07 – ““Blanca Grande harvest in Imperial has completed this week with fields averaging 3.25 to 3.7 tons/acre with bushel weights averaging 64-65 lbs/bu and proteins in the 12% range. There was virtually no lodging or shattering noticeable in Blanca Grande fields throughout the season and through harvest.

We have completed harvest on a couple of seed fields of new RSI varieties. RSI 76-W (soon to be named) produced an average of 4.31 tons/acre with protein levels in the 12% range. Additionally, ‘Early Cal Rojo,’ the sister variety to ‘Cal Rojo,’ came off at 3.86 tons/acre with protein levels in the high 12%, low 13% range.” Geoff Schulz, Penny-Newman Grain Company.

Knowledge:

Plant Variety Protection / Patent What a grower should know.

Many growers have become familiar with the rules of buying seed that is protected by the Plant Variety Protection Act.

1. A grower can hold back seed for planting the following year on his or her land only.
2. Seed cannot be sold to a neighbor or another farmer.

...but did you know that if the seed has been **patented**.... a grower cannot hold back seed for planting the following year on his or her land; seed cannot be sold to a neighbor or another farmer.

For more information contact the California Wheat Commission, info@californiawheat.org.

Market Development

Bread Bakers Guild sponsors California Wheat Tour



The tour included a stop at the University of California Wheat Genetics Laboratory in Davis, CA. Participants learned how to extract DNA from a wheat plant and were given instruction in Marker Assisted Selection under the supervision of Dr. Jorge Dubcovsky.

Artisan bakers and culinary experts from California and around the United States spent two days learning about wheat farming and research earlier this week. For many of the guests this was the first time they had experienced wheat harvest, visited a wheat quality laboratory or a wheat genetics laboratory. The tour was sponsored by the Bread Bakers Guild and organized by the California Wheat Commission.