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America's Alfalfa Nampa, ID 800-873-2532 Americasalfalfa.com	Forage Genetics Boone, IA 515-432-9115 Foragegenetics.com	Monsanto Seed (Dekalb) St. Louis, MO 800-335-2676	PGI Alfalfa, Inc. Woodland, CA 866-744-5710	W-L Research, Inc. Madison, WI 608-295-3566 wlresearch.com
Crop Production Srv. Fresno, CA 559-436-2941	Garst Seed Co. Greensburg, KS 620-546-5955 garstseed.com	Mycogen Seeds Indianapolis, IN 317-337-7568 Dow.com	Pioneer Hi-Bred Intl., Inc. Johnston, IA 800-247-6803 pioneer.com	
Croplan Genetics St. Paul, MN 800-851-8810 croplangenetics.com	Great Plains Research Co. (Cimarron USA) Cary, NC 800-874-7945 CimarronUSA.com	NC+ Hybrids Lincoln, NE 800-365-9804 nc-plus.com	Syngenta Seeds, Inc. (Golden Harvest, NK) Minneapolis, MN 800-445-0956 syngentaseeds.com	

2011 PERFORMANCE TESTS

Objectives and Procedures

The Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station established an official alfalfa testing program in 1980 to provide Kansas growers with unbiased performance comparisons of alfalfa varieties marketed in the state. Every three years, private companies are asked to enter varieties voluntarily at the locations slated for establishment that year. Announcements and entry forms are mailed to private companies in June for entry in fall-seeded tests. Companies enter varieties of their choice and pay entry fees to cover part of the costs of conducting the tests. Most tests are planted in mid-August or September, but the southeast Kansas test usually is planted in the spring. Individual tests are conducted for a minimum of three years. New tests typically are established during the final production year of the previous test, or more frequently if interest is strong.

Descriptive information is presented with the results for each test. This information, including soil type, establishment methods, fertilization, pest control, irrigation, harvest dates, and growing conditions unique to that location, can help explain test and/or variety performance.

Forage yields were estimated by harvesting four replications of each variety with a plot harvester. The amount of forage produced from a specific area (35 to 80 ft²) was weighed, and a subsample was taken to determine moisture content. This information was used to convert the plot weights to tons of dry matter per acre for each cutting, the season total, and the total for each previous season, as presented in Tables 1, 2, and 3. The forage yield over the lifetime of a particular test is presented as the total tons of dry matter produced per acre, as the total tons of 15% moisture hay, and as a percentage of the test average.

Each table is separated into three sections. The first lists released cultivars that are generally available on the seed market or soon will be. The second section includes experimental cultivars that were entered in the test before being released for sale. These experimental lines often represent an earlier generation of seed than that used for the released cultivars. The third section includes summary statistics unique to that test.

At the bottom of each column, the least significant difference (LSD) is listed at the 0.05 and 0.20 levels. These values indicate how large of a difference is needed to be confident that one variety is superior to another. Differences between varieties that are equal to or greater than the 0.05 LSD have only a 1 in 20 chance of being due to chance or error. Differences equal to or greater than the 0.20 LSD have a 1 in 5 chance of being caused by chance or error.

The coefficient of variability (CV) provides an estimate of the consistency of the results of a particular test. In these tests, CV less than 10% generally indicate reliable, uniform data, whereas CV of 10 to 15% are not uncommon and generally indicate the data are acceptable for rough comparisons. Tests with CV greater than 15% still may be useful, but variety comparisons lack precision.

The mean coefficient of variability (MCV) is similar to the CV in that it serves as an indicator of test precision. The MCV is calculated by dividing the 0.05 LSD by the test mean (average) and multiplying by 100. The MCV reveals the percentage difference required to detect differences between varieties with 95% confidence.

Variety Characterization

For variety selection, producers should consider the performance of a variety in each of the current tests in which it appears, its performance over time and locations relative to familiar or check varieties, and the disease and insect resistance characteristics that are potentially important in specific situations.

Tables 1 through 5 contain updated yield data from individual tests currently in progress. First-season yields for a spring-planted test often are more variable than yields in subsequent years. Season totals are important, but yield distribution during the season might differ among varieties. Examine yields from individual cuttings to determine if differences in yield distribution exist. Yield totals over many years provide the best measure of variety performance over time.

Table 6 provides winter survival, disease and insect-resistance, multi-foliolate expression, and continuous grazing tolerance ratings for released varieties. These ratings were obtained primarily from the annual "Winter Survival, Fall Dormancy & Pest Resistance Ratings for Alfalfa Varieties" pamphlet published by the National Alfalfa Alliance. That report summarizes information submitted by developers of alfalfa varieties as part of the variety registration process. The Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies National Alfalfa Variety Review Board reviewed the ratings before they were published. Companies submitting varieties for the tests provided ratings for some unregistered varieties. Experimental varieties are also listed in Table 6 for brand identification.

Table 1. Southwest Kansas, Garden City Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded August 24, 2010

Monty Spangler, agronomist Southwest Research-Extension Center, Garden City Keith silt loam; 30 lb seed/acre Plots 3'x20'; 3'x20' harvested

22-100-0 lb/a of N-P-K

No disease or insect problems noted. Good growing season.

					Forage yield								
					Tons/acre								
	Dry matter												
			2011					Total, 15%	Total, % of				
NAME	5-31	7-1	8-2	9-1		2011	Total	moist.	mean				
RELEASED CULTIVARS													
6431	3.46	2.36	2.15	1.84		9.82	9.82	11.55	104				
Mountaineer 2.0	3.10	2.41	2.31	1.91		9.72	9.72	11.44	103				
DKA50-18	3.07	2.46	2.16	2.01		9.70	9.70	11.41	103				
AmeriStand 403T+	3.38	2.42	2.10	1.79		9.69	9.69	11.40	102				
LegenDairy 5.0	3.20	2.33	2.22	1.84		9.59	9.59	11.28	101				
Archer III	2.91	2.33	2.28	1.97		9.50	9.50	11.18	100				
Perry	3.28	2.28	2.06	1.81		9.44	9.44	11.11	100				
DG 4210	2.80	2.41	2.28	1.90		9.40	9.40	11.05	99				
AmeriStand 407TQ	2.96	2.32	2.24	1.85		9.37	9.37	11.02	99				
Vernal	3.35	2.26	2.02	1.70		9.33	9.33	10.98	99				
WL 363HQ	2.84	2.32	2.22	1.85		9.23	9.23	10.86	98				
Kanza	3.23	2.16	2.03	1.77		9.20	9.20	10.82	97				
6422Q	2.80	2.24	2.15	1.84		9.03	9.03	10.63	95				
SUMMARY STATISTICS													
Average	3.11	2.33	2.17	1.85		9.46	9.46	9.46	9				
LSD (0.05)	0.27	0.17	0.25	0.20		0.45	0.45	0.53	5				
LSD (0.20)	0.17	0.11	0.16	0.13		0.29	0.29	0.34	3				
CV (%)	6.05	5.12	7.94	7.57		3.32	3.32						
MCV (%)	8.67	7.34	11.39	10.85		4.77	4.77	4.77	5				

Table 2. Northwest Kansas, Colby Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded September 2, 2009

Pat Evans, agronomist

Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby

Keith silt loam; 18 lb seed/acre Plots 3'x20'; 3'x17' harvested

14-46-0 lb/a of N-P-K before planting

Growing conditions were normal with no insect problems.

	Forage yield													
					Dry matter				Total,	Total,				
			2011					10-11	15%	% of				
NAME	6-3	7-1	8-1	9-2		2011	2010	Total	moist.	mean				
RELEASED CULTIVARS														
WL 363HQ	2.26	2.41	2.28	1.57		8.52	7.98	16.50	19.41	113				
Mountaineer 2.0	3.12	1.64	1.99	1.28		8.03	7.22	15.26	17.95	104				
AmeriStand 403T+	3.03	1.67	1.91	1.00		7.61	7.64	15.25	17.94	104				
Archer III	2.64	1.74	1.87	1.25		7.51	7.66	15.17	17.85	104				
6422Q	2.59	1.75	2.00	1.55		7.88	7.16	15.04	17.70	103				
LegenDairy 5.0	2.53	1.94	1.98	1.18		7.63	7.26	14.90	17.52	102				
Perry	2.73	2.11	1.54	0.92		7.31	6.82	14.13	16.62	96				
AmeriStand 407TQ	2.21	1.86	1.84	1.36		7.26	6.80	14.06	16.55	96				
Kanza	2.95	1.71	1.93	1.35		7.94	5.98	13.92	16.38	95				
Vernal	2.42	1.40	1.44	1.27		6.53	5.86	12.39	14.58	85				
SUMMARY STATISTICS														
Average	2.65	1.82	1.88	1.27		7.62	7.03	14.66	14.66	15				
LSD (0.05)	0.67	0.75	0.64	0.50		1.29	1.11	1.71	2.01	12				
LSD (0.20)	0.43	0.48	0.41	0.32		0.83	0.71	1.09	1.29	7				
CV (%)	17.49	28.27	23.57	27.12		11.70	10.90	8.02						
MCV (%)	25.37	41.02	34.20	39.35		16.97	15.81	11.64	11.64	12				

Table 3. Southeast Kansas, Mound Valley Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded April 12, 2010

Joseph Moyer, agronomist

Southeast Research-Extension Center, Mound Valley

Parsons silt loam; 18 lb seed/acre Plots 3'x20'; 3'x17' harvested

20-50-200 lb/a of N-P-K before planting

Some leaf loss before third cut, because wet ground prevented earlier cutting.

					Forage yield									
	Tons/acre													
	Dry matter													
		201	1		_		10-11	15%	Total, % of					
NAME	5-9	6-13	7-12	8-23	2011	2010	Total	moist.	mean					
RELEASED CULTIVARS														
FSG639ST Bt	2.27	1.64	0.50	0.59	4.99	4.25	9.24	10.87	108					
Kanza	2.18	1.53	0.48	0.65	4.84	4.18	9.02	10.62	106					
AmeriStand 407TQ	2.27	1.55	0.44	0.65	4.91	4.04	8.94	10.52	105					
Perry	2.49	1.42	0.30	0.63	4.84	4.08	8.92	10.50	105					
FSG408DP Bt	2.24	1.46	0.39	0.56	4.65	4.18	8.84	10.39	103					
AmeriStand 403T+	2.41	1.56	0.37	0.64	4.97	3.86	8.83	10.39	103					
Vernal	2.44	1.47	0.41	0.62	4.95	3.87	8.82	10.38	103					
FSG505 Bt	2.25	1.51	0.44	0.65	4.85	3.84	8.70	10.23	102					
WL 363HQ	1.96	1.48	0.44	0.63	4.51	3.97	8.48	9.98	99					
FSG 528SF	2.26	1.47	0.45	0.64	4.82	3.65	8.47	9.96	99					
6422Q	1.94	1.61	0.44	0.61	4.61	3.76	8.36	9.84	98					
DG 4210	1.89	1.51	0.41	0.59	4.40	3.80	8.20	9.64	96					
Archer III	2.04	1.41	0.39	0.59	4.42	3.72	8.14	9.58	95					
6552	1.96	1.42	0.40	0.63	4.40	3.63	8.03	9.44	94					
WL 343 HQ	2.09	1.47	0.45	0.61	4.62	3.36	7.97	9.38	93					
DKA50-18	1.92	1.41	0.40	0.59	4.31	3.35	7.66	9.01	90					
SUMMARY STATISTICS														
Average	2.16	1.49	0.42	0.62	4.69	3.84	8.54	8.54	9					
LSD (0.05)	0.27	0.14	0.07	0.13	0.33	0.40	0.55	0.65	6					
LSD (0.20)	0.17	0.09	0.05	0.09	0.21	0.26	0.36	0.42	4					
CV (%)	8.71	6.41	11.61	15.03	5.71	7.25	4.53							
MCV (%)	12.41	9.13	16.53	21.40	8.13		6.45	6.45	6					

Table 4. South Central Kansas, Hutchinson Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded September 1, 2010

Bill Heer, agronomist South Central Experiment Field, Hutchinson

Punkin silt loam; 30 lb seed/acre Plots 3'x23'; 3'x20' harvested 22-100-0 lb/a of N-P-K Extremely adverse growing conditions: high heat and drought during the summer months. Due to the significant effect of climate, this test may not be a good indicator of real differences among varieties.

			Forage Yield										
			Tons/acre										
			Dry matter	<u>r</u>									
NAME	6-20	7-27	2011	2011	Total	15% Moist.	% of Mean						
RELEASED CULTIVARS													
Kanza	0.72	0.31		1.02	1.02	1.20	128						
AmeriStand 407TQ	0.72	0.24		0.96	0.96	1.13	120						
WL 363HQ	0.63	0.26		0.89	0.89	1.05	112						
6422Q	0.66	0.22		0.88	0.88	1.04	111						
Perry	0.67	0.21		0.88	0.88	1.04	111						
Archer III	0.63	0.21		0.83	0.83	0.98	105						
FSG 528SF	0.60	0.17		0.77	0.77	0.90	96						
DG 4210	0.55	0.17		0.72	0.72	0.84	90						
AmeriStand 403T+	0.54	0.16		0.70	0.70	0.82	88						
DKA50-18	0.57	0.12		0.69	0.69	0.81	87						
WL 343 HQ	0.51	0.17		0.68	0.68	0.79	85						
Vernal	0.51	0.16		0.67	0.67	0.79	84						
6552	0.53	0.13		0.66	0.66	0.78	83						
SUMMARY STATISTICS													
Average	0.60	0.19		0.80	0.80	0.80	1						
LSD (0.05)	0.20	0.09		0.22	0.22	0.26	28						
LSD (0.20)	0.13	0.06		0.14	0.14	0.17	18						
CV (%)	23.18	33.48		19.34	19.34								
MCV (%)	33.24	48.01		27.73	27.73	27.73	28						

Table 5. North Central Kansas, Topeka Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded September 7, 2010

Eric Adee, agronomist Kansas River Valley Experiment Field, Topeka Silty clay loam; 30 lb seed/acre Plots 3'x20'; 3'x16' harvested

22-100-0 lb/a of N-P-K

No disease or insect problems noted. Good growing season.

					Forage Yield				
					Tons/acre				
					Dry matter			Total,	Total,
			2011					15%	% of
NAME	6-7	7-6	8-23	10-20		2011	Total	Moist.	Mean
RELEASED CULTIVARS									
Mountaineer 2.0	8.27	2.30	0.78	0.28		11.64	11.64	13.69	133
Archer III	6.88	2.04	0.66	0.24		9.82	9.82	11.55	112
Kanza	6.27	1.84	0.79	0.19		9.09	9.09	10.69	104
6422Q	5.00	2.21	1.68	0.14		9.03	9.03	10.62	103
DKA50-18	5.47	2.44	0.52	0.07		8.51	8.51	10.01	97
AmeriStand 407TQ	4.53	2.25	1.02	0.25		8.05	8.05	9.47	92
LegenDairy 5.0	4.76	1.90	0.89	0.33		7.88	7.88	9.27	90
DG 4210	4.73	2.26	0.55	0.07		7.60	7.60	8.94	87
Vernal	4.99	1.77	0.53	0.06		7.35	7.35	8.65	84
Perry	4.43	1.89	0.55	0.18		7.05	7.05	8.29	80
SUMMARY STATISTICS									
Average	5.69	2.14	0.78	0.17		8.77	8.77	8.77	9
LSD (0.05)	2.80	0.61	0.68	0.15		2.95	2.95	3.47	34
LSD (0.20)	1.80	0.39	0.44	0.10		1.90	1.90	2.23	22
CV (%)	34.14	19.84	60.76	60.79		23.31	23.31		
MCV (%)	49.31	28.64	87.74	87.78		33.66	33.66	33.66	34

Table 6. 2011 Performance test entries	with disease and insect resistance ratio	ngs for released varieties.*
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*WS = Winter survival, 1 = superior BAA = Blue alfalfa aphid BW = Bacterial wilt SN = Stem nematode VW = Verticillium wilt APH1 = Aphanomyces root rot race 1 APH2 = Aphanomyces root rot race 2 SRKN = Southern root knot nematode FW = Fusarium wilt AN = Anthracnose race 1 S PRR = Phytophthora root rot NRKN = Northern root knot nematode L PL = Potato leafhopper

SAA = Spotted alfalfa aphid PA = Pea aphid MLE = Multi-foliolate expression

Disease and insect resistance ratings are from the National Alfalfa Alliance, NAAIC descriptions, or from developers of the varieties.

GT = Continuous grazing tolerance, Y/N

Pest resistance ratings: tance class % resistant plants Code Resistance class 0-5% Susceptible Low resistance 6-14% Moderate resistance 15-30% Μ R Resistance 31-50% >50% Н High resistance Not adequately tested

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