

Requirements for Registration of a Dry Bean Cultivar for Production in Western Canada

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1. Introduction

In order for a dry bean (field bean) cultivar to be registered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), a recommendation of support for registration must be obtained from the Prairie Recommending Committee for Pulse and Special Crops (PRCPSC). To obtain that recommendation, the candidate cultivar must be evaluated and meet the standards in one of the three Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trials.

There are four of Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trials (**Appendix A**):

1. **Short Season Wide Row Irrigated Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (SSWRI)**
2. **Short Season Narrow Row Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (SSNR)**
3. **Long Season Wide Row Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (LSWR)**
4. **Long Season Narrow Row Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (LSNR)**

In the **wide row** trials, entries are grown at conventional plant densities and row widths (e.g. 60 cm) whereas in the **narrow row** trials, entries are grown at high population densities in narrow rows (e.g. 18 - 30 cm). Procedures for all four sets are identical unless specified. In order to be evaluated in these trials, the sponsor of the candidate cultivar must obtain permission from the respective trials coordinator to enter the candidate into the trials.

2. Entrance Requirements

The maximum number of entries per sponsoring company or institution is reviewed annually by the co-operators. At present, **no fees** are charged for entries in the official cooperative registration trials. The potential need for fees may change; but authorization for charging fees will need to be secured from the PRCPSC.

Preliminary data from field trials conducted in western Canada are required prior to entry into the Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trials. Supplementary descriptive information such as bean type, relative maturity, seed weight and disease reaction should accompany the application form. Any special attributes that require unusual testing procedures should be reported to the trial coordinator in order to adjust testing methods wherever feasible.

Lines may be entered in the trials by a Canadian public institution or through a private sector Canadian breeder, sponsor or breeder's agent. Lines entered from outside Canada, require prior communication by the authorized individual in the 'breeding company' to the respective trials coordinator. **Requests for entering dry bean lines in the trials from a sponsor or a company that does not own the lines must be accompanied by a written consent from the developer (breeder).** Lines tested and deemed to have merit will be eligible for registration in Canada. Sponsor can withdraw their entries after first year in the cooperative registration trials.

Basic requirements for the three cooperative trials include:

1. Short Season Wide Row Irrigated Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial
 - Market classes may include pinto, great northern, black, pink, small red and yellow.
2. Short Season Narrow Row Bean Cooperative Registration Trial
 - All entries for these trials **must** be upright or have a narrow profile.
 - Market classes may include pinto, great northern, navy, black, pink, small red, yellow and others.
3. Long Season Wide Row Bean Cooperative Registration Trial
 - Market classes may include navy, pinto, black, kidney (white, light red and dark red), cranberry, pink, small red, great northern and manteca.
4. Long Season Narrow Row Bean Cooperative Registration Trial
 - All entries for these trials **must** be upright or have a narrow profile.
 - Market classes may include navy, pinto, black, kidney (white, light red and dark red), cranberry, pink, small red, great northern and manteca.

Disease-free seeds are required **each** year. Amounts of seed to send to the respective coordinators are:

1. Short Season Wide Row Irrigated Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (4 sites): **7,000 untreated seeds** per entry (includes 1,700 untreated seeds for White Mould testing and 120 untreated seeds for Anthracnose testing)
2. Short Season Narrow Row Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (8 sites): **9,500 untreated seeds** per entry (includes 1,700 untreated seeds for White Mould testing and 120 untreated seeds for Anthracnose testing)
3. Long Season Wide Row Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (4 sites): **10,000 untreated seeds** per entry (includes 1,700 untreated seeds for White Mould testing and 120 untreated seeds for Anthracnose testing)
4. Long Season Narrow Row Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trial (4 sites): **10,000 untreated seeds** per entry (includes 1,700 untreated seeds for White Mould testing and 120 untreated seeds for Anthracnose testing)

Firm list of entries to reach coordinators by the **first Friday of April**.

Untreated seeds must be received by the co-ordinator by the **third Friday of April**.

A germination of **85%** will be assumed unless other information is provided by the seed supplier.

3. Security of Entries

Breeding lines and cultivars not registered in Canada received from private or public sector plant breeders will be released only under conditions specified by the breeder or Canadian Breeder agent. The professional code of ethics as developed by the Cultivar Registration Committee will be strictly followed by all individuals involved in co-op testing and the cultivar registration process. **A copy of the Code of Ethics is attached (Appendix C).**

4. Trial Management

The Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trials are conducted by co-operators at various locations across the southern Canadian Prairies. Lattice or randomized complete block designs are used for the trials. All trials are replicated three or four times. Data presentation, where possible, will use a Nested model (by market class or group of similarly-sized market classes). Plots have a minimum of two rows with 60-75 cm between rows (wide row trials) or four rows with 18-30 cm between rows (narrow row trials). Minimum row length is 3.7 m. Assuming a germination of 85%, the co-operator adjusts the number of seeds needed per row in order to achieve a population density of 20 to 25 plants m⁻² (wide row) or 35 to 45 plants m⁻² (narrow row). Individual trial management is left to the co-operator who must notify the co-ordinator on whether the trial was directly harvested or was pulled and then threshed. Efforts are made to have narrow row trials **directly** combined (or swathed and combined) and wide row trials **undercut**. Entries in both long season wide row and long season narrow row trials are direct combined.

Check cultivars are chosen by the coordinators in consultation with the cooperators (**Appendix B**). One or more check cultivars per market class of dry bean may be used. Checks are registered cultivars and ideally exhibit above average performance. If no cultivars are registered in a given class, the best cultivars available, to the opinion of the coordinators and cooperators, is used for comparison. Checks designated in the year that a candidate is first entered in the trials will be recommended for use in making decisions regarding support for registration of that candidate. The list of designated check cultivars is reviewed annually, and revised as needed with the objective of encouraging improved performance.

The coordinator is responsible for randomization and supplying field sheets (hard copy and/or electronically) and the appropriate amount of untreated seeds per entry and the necessary documentation to all co-operators by **May 10.**

Agronomic and quality data collected at each location include (most essential data are marked with an *): days to flowering, ***days to maturity**, plant height (cm), canopy height, ***pod clearance** (% of total pods above 4 cm above ground), shattering (1 = no shattering to 5 = 100% shattered), ***lodging** (1 = upright to 5 = flat), ***seed yield** (g/plot), ***seed weight** (mg). At one site, overseen by the respective coordinator, seed quality (1 = good to 5 = poor) based on seed coat color and hilum color will be recorded. ***Growth habit** (using the Shree Singh scale from I = determinate bush, II = indeterminate bush, III = indeterminate prostrate, etc.) will be recorded

for one rep at each location. Disease data in the trials will be recorded as these may be relevant in a particular year and site.

White mould screening in a disease nursery, in replicated trials, will be carried out by AAFC-Lethbridge for entries in the SSWRI and SSNR trials, and by AAFC-Morden for entries in the LSWR and LSNR trials. Analyzed data (incidence and severity) will be provided by **December 15** to the respective trial coordinators for inclusion in the coop reports.

Anthrachnose screening (indoors) will be carried out by Dr. Conner (AAFC-Morden) during the year, using the most common races of anthracnose. Analyzed data will be provided by **December 15** to the respective trial coordinators for inclusion in the coop reports.

Quality data – percent hard seeds and hydration coefficient of black and navy bean genotypes will be determined after overnight soak, and the data will be provided as ‘supplementary data.’

Data from individual trials are submitted to the relevant trial coordinators by **December 1**. Information on the seeding and harvest date, number and length of rows (seeded and harvested), spacing between rows and plots, rate of seeding, area harvested, and fertilizers and herbicides applied are required. The coordinators analyse and summarize the data. Registration trials may be **inspected** for general adherence to good agronomic practice, during the growing-season by the coordinators or cooperators, aside from those conducting the specific trial(s). A trial is non-valid, if the coefficient of variation for yield is greater than 20%, or if deemed visually unacceptable by the cooperator conducting the trial or a coordinator or cooperator inspecting the trial. Only valid data are included in the summaries. The summaries and comparisons are distributed to members of the PRCPSC and candidate sponsor or breeder by the **end of January** in advance of the annual meeting in February.

5. Support for Registration

A written summary of the data and the request for support for registration must be **sent via e-mail to the Chair and Secretary of the PRCPSC at least one week prior** to the annual meeting of the PRCPSC or according to the deadlines set by the PRCPSC, for support of registration to be considered at that meeting.

The PRCPSC makes recommendations for registration. Decisions on supporting cultivars for registration are made in February of each year by a majority vote in the PRCPSC. Decisions are based on results from the Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trials.

In order to be eligible for support for registration,

1. An entry must be entered in one of the Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration trials,
2. Private data may be considered on a case-by-case basis. However, the candidate line must be grown in one of the Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration trials for at least one year,
3. A minimum of two years of data is needed in order to be eligible for support for registration,

4. All valid data must be included in the sponsor's request for support for registration document, and
5. Agronomic, disease and/or quality trait(s) performances must be equal to or superior to the designated check cultivar(s) of similar class, type and maturity.

Under special circumstances, support for interim registration may be given for individual entries, where the circumstances would appear to merit these restrictions. Normally, support for full, unconditional registration is granted.

Once a candidate has been supported for registration, both the sponsor and the secretary of the PRCPSC submit the data summaries, along with copies of letters of support from the PRCPSC, to the

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Appendix A: Prairie Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trials are co-ordinated by:

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Testing Locations: Testing locations are reviewed annually by the co-operators. All entries for one of the cooperative registration trials are grown at all locations. Trials may be inspected (see Section 4. Trial Management).

Proposed test sites:

1. Short Season Wide Row Irrigated:
 - Alberta: Bow Island, Lethbridge and Vauxhall
 - Saskatchewan: Outlook
2. Short Season Narrow Row:
 - Alberta: Lethbridge
 - Saskatchewan: Outlook, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Yorkton
 - Manitoba: Thornhill
3. Long Season Wide Row and
4. Long Season Narrow Row:
 - Manitoba: Morden, Winkler, Carman and Portage-la-Prairie

Appendix B: Dry Bean Check Cultivars (for 2011)

Table of check cultivars for the Dry Bean Cooperative Registration Trials on the Prairies

| Market class | Cooperative Registration Trial | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| | SSWRI | SSNR | LSWR | LSNR |
| Navy | | Envoy | Envoy T9903 | Envoy T9903 |
| Pinto | Island Winchester CDC WM-2 | CDC Pintium Winchester CDC WM-2 | Maverick Windbreaker | Maverick Windbreaker |
| Black | AC Black Diamond (shiny) AC Black Violet (matte) | CDC Jet (matte) | CDC Jet (matte) AC Harblack (shiny) (if lines with shiny seed in the trial) | CDC Jet (matte) AC Harblack (shiny) (if lines with shiny seed in the trial) |
| Great Northern | Resolute | AC Polaris | Beryl | Beryl |
| Small Red | AC Redbond | AC Redbond | AC Earlired | AC Earlired |
| Pink | Viva | Viva | Viva | Viva |
| DRK | | | ROG802 | ROG802 |
| LRK | | | Pink Panther | Pink Panther |
| WK | | | GTS 402 | GTS 402 |
| Cranberry | | | Etna | Etna |
| Yellow | CDC Sol | CDC Sol | CDC Sol | CDC Sol |

SSWRI – Short Season Wide Row Irrigated Bean Cooperative Registration Trial

SSNR – Short Season Narrow Row Bean Cooperative Registration Trial

LSWR – Long Season Wide Row Bean Cooperative Registration Trial

LSNR – Long Season Narrow Row Bean Cooperative Registration Trial

Appendix C: Code of Ethics

The mutual interests of all engaged in cultivar development and evaluation are served by a climate which engenders the greatest freedom of communication and exchange of breeding material, while at the same time providing adequate safeguards to the originator of any material.

It is the desire of all breeding institutions to receive credit for their discoveries and to recognize the discoveries of other institutions, both privately and publicly funded. For this reason, it is recommended that breeders, institutions, and companies conducting cultivar trials for registration purposes in Canada subscribe to the following code of ethics:

General

In case of conflict between this code and any provincial or federal legislation such as plant breeders' rights, the legislation would prevail.

Written Permission not Required

Material registered and/or commercially available as a cultivar in any country, may be used without the permission of the breeder, as parental material for making crosses or for induction of mutations, for the purpose of creating other cultivars.

Written Permission Required

Material not registered and/or commercially available as a cultivar in any country may only be used as parental material in a breeding program with the written permission of the breeder.

When the repeated use of a cultivar is required for the production of seed of another cultivar, the written permission of the breeder must be obtained. This does not preclude the use of a registered cultivar as a recurrent parent in a backcross breeding program.

Selection within a normally self-pollinated cultivar for the purposes of creating a new cultivar may only be done with the written permission of the breeder.

The isolation of parental lines that are present as mixtures in hybrids and any use of them may only be made with the written permission of the breeder.

Material not registered and/or commercially available as a cultivar in any country, may not be distributed for purposes other than registration tests without the written permission of the breeder.

Seed multiplication of any unregistered cultivar, for purposes other than for the production of seed stocks for registration trials, may only be made with written permission of the breeder.