

Cardale hard red spring wheat

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Key words: *Triticum aestivum* L., cultivar description, red spring wheat, *Fusarium* head blight resistance, short stature

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Mots clés: *Triticum aestivum* L., description de cultivar, blé roux vitreux de printemps, résistance à la brûlure de l'épi par *Fusarium*, paille courte

Cardale is a hard red spring wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) developed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Cereal Research Centre (CRC), Winnipeg,

Manitoba, and released in 2011. It was given the registration number 7045 by the Plant Variety Registration Office, Plant Production Division, Seed Section,

Table 1. Population size and activities at each generation leading to the registration of Cardale hard red spring wheat

| Name | Gen. | Year | Activity – Number of lines – Locations |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---|
| BA77 | F ₀ | 2001 | Final cross made in a growth cabinet. |
| BA77 | F ₁ | 2001–2002 | 30 F ₁ seeds grown in a pair of 1.5 m rows near Leeston, NZ. |
| BA77 | F ₂ | 2002 | Approximately 3000 seeds distributed over 10 plots, 300 seeds/3.25 m ² plot grown near Glenlea, MB. |
| BA77-BM | F _{2:3} | 2002–2003 | 224 lines were grown near Palmerston North (PN), NZ, as hills. Selection for agronomics and leaf rust resistance. |
| BA77-BM | F _{2:4} | 2003 | 139 lines were grown in a 1-m row nursery near Portage la Prairie, MB. Selection for agronomics, seed appearance, resistance to rusts and common bunt, protein concentration, flour yield, and dough strength measured by mixograph. |
| BA77-BM | F _{2:5} | 2003–2004 | 40 lines were grown near PN in 1.5-m rows. Selection for agronomics and leaf rust resistance. |
| BA77-BM | F _{2:6} | 2004 | 24 lines were tested in an unreplicated yield test at two to three locations (MB: Brandon, Glenlea, Portage la Prairie; SK: Saskatoon, Melfort). Selection based on agronomics, disease resistance and quality performance. Approximately 35 spikes were selected per line; however, only 11 families totalling 355 F _{6:7} lines were advanced. |
| BA77-BM-19 | F _{6:7} | 2004–2005 | 355 lines were grown near PN in 1.5-m rows. Selection for agronomics and leaf rust resistance. |
| BA77-BM-19 | F _{6:8} | 2005 | 148 lines were tested in unreplicated yield tests at two to three locations (MB: Brandon, Glenlea, Portage la Prairie; SK: Saskatoon, Melfort). Selection based on agronomics, disease resistance and quality. |
| BA77-BM-19 | F _{6:9} | 2006 | 25 lines in the Central Bread Wheat “A3” test. Yield test, two replicates at five locations (MB: Glenlea, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Morden; SK: Indian Head). |
| BA77-BM-19 | F _{6:10} | 2007 | Five lines in the Central Bread Wheat “B” test. Yield test, three replicates at eight locations (MB: Glenlea, Brandon, Morden; SK: Indian Head, Regina, Melfort, Saskatoon; AB: Beaverlodge). |
| BW429 | F _{6:11–13} | 2008–2010 | One line in the Central Bread Wheat “C” registration test. Yield test, three replicates at 11 locations/year (MB: Glenlea, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Morden, Souris, Dauphin; SK: Indian Head, Kamsack, Regina, Melfort, Saskatoon). |
| <i>Breeder Seed Production</i> | | | |
| BW429 | F _{6:11} | 2008 | Breeder seed spikes: 250 random spikes were selected from a rogued increase plot grown at Indian Head, SK. Of these spikes, 30 were discarded due to shrivelled seed or having few seeds. |
| BW429 | F _{6:12} | 2009 | Breeder seed isolation rows: 220 lines were grown in 1-m rows grown near Glenlea, MB with a 10-m isolation distance from any other wheat. Eighteen lines were discarded prior to harvest due to lack of uniformity. After harvest, an additional nine lines were discarded due to low seed amounts (<30 g) (6), seed colour (1), shrivelled seed (1) or green seed (1). |
| BW429 | F _{6:13} | 2010 | Breeder seed rows: 15-m rows grown at Indian Head, SK, with 10-m isolation distance from other wheat. One hundred and ninety-three rows were grown with lines being discarded due to presence of taller plants (52), the whole row being 5-10 cm taller than the group (5), 50:50 mixture of tall and short plants (1), presence of awnless plants (3), or later maturity (1). Thus, 131 lines were combined to produce 150 kg of breeder seed. |

Table 2. Yield (kg ha⁻¹) of Cardale and five check cultivars in the Central Bread Wheat Coop, 2008–2010

| Cultivar | Manitoba ² | | | | Saskatchewan | | | | All sites | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean |
| Katepwa | 3764 | 4665 | 3432 | 3876 | 4846 | 4808 | 3114 | 4256 | 4256 | 4744 | 3288 | 4081 |
| McKenzie | 4112 | 4716 | 4191 | 4304 | 5223 | 5205 | 3408 | 4612 | 4617 | 4988 | 3835 | 4475 |
| CDC Teal | 3814 | 4536 | 3600 | 3926 | 4854 | 4938 | 3376 | 4389 | 4287 | 4759 | 3498 | 4170 |
| Unity VB | 4312 | 5257 | 4284 | 4549 | 5561 | 5401 | 4096 | 5019 | 4879 | 5337 | 4199 | 4798 |
| 5603HR | 4460 | 5274 | 4130 | 4551 | 5165 | 5211 | 3711 | 4696 | 4781 | 5239 | 3940 | 4646 |
| Cardale | 4269 | 5200 | 4071 | 4439 | 5243 | 5053 | 3344 | 4546 | 4712 | 5118 | 3740 | 4513 |
| LSD (<i>P</i> = 0.05) ³ | 404 | 559 | 343 | 229 | 385 | 207 | 274 | 250 | 272 | 271 | 237 | 156 |
| No. of tests | 6 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 31 |

²Manitoba test locations: Glenlea, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Morden, Souris, Dauphin; Saskatchewan test locations: Indian Head, Regina, Melfort, Kamsack, Saskatoon.

³LSD of means was based on the checks and Cardale and calculated using the SAS PROC MIXED procedure (SAS Institute, Inc. 2006).

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Pedigree and Breeding Method

Cardale was developed through a conventional modified pedigree selection method (Table 1) from the cross McKenzie/Alsen. McKenzie has the parentage Columbus/Amidon (Graf et al. 2003) and Alsen has the parentage ND674//ND2710/ND688 (Frohberg et al. 2006). Following production of 300–500 g of F₂ seed near Leeston, New Zealand, F₂ bulk plots were grown near Glenlea, MB, in an irrigated disease nursery designed to identify resistance to leaf and stem rust caused by *Puccinia triticina* Eriks. and *P. graminis* Pers.:Pers. f. sp. *tritici* Eriks. & E. Henn., respectively (Fetch 2005; McCallum et al. 2011). From the 250 selected spikes, 224 F₃ hills were grown in a contra-season nursery near Palmerston North (PN), New Zealand, where screening for appropriate plant height, maturity and resistance to leaf rust was done, resulting in 139 lines being advanced to F₄. The F₄ lines were similarly grown near Portage la Prairie, MB, with the addition of inoculation of the seed with spores of *Tilletia tritici* (Bjerk.) R. and *T. laevis* Kuhn in Rabenh to screen the material for resistance to common bunt (Gaudet and Puchalski 1989). Only agronomically suitable, disease resistant lines were harvested and tested for grain protein concentration, flour yield and dough strength as determined by mixograph (American Association of Cereal Chemists 2002). Forty lines were advanced to the F₅ generation of which 24 lines were further advanced to F₆ agronomic and disease resistance testing. Disease testing was conducted in 1-m-row irrigated nurseries near Portage La Prairie, MB, which were inoculated to allow for selection for resistance to leaf and stem rust and FHB, caused by *Fusarium graminearum* Schwabe [teleomorph *Gibberella zeae* (Schwein.) Petch]. Selection for kernel appearance, grain protein concentration, flour yield and dough strength were carried out on lines identified as having sufficient agronomic and disease resistance merit relative to the

check cultivars. Approximately 35 selections per F₆ line were made; however, only 355 F_{6,7} lines derived from 11 families were grown in PN with 148 of these being advanced into the F₈ generation. Twenty-five F₈ lines were advanced for evaluation in the pre-registration test Central Bread Wheat “A” and five of these lines advanced to the Central Bread Wheat “B” test in 2007 before being entered into the Central Bread Wheat Cooperative (CBWC) test in 2008. For registration testing, BA77-BM-19 was named BW429.

In the CBWC test, agronomic performance was evaluated in a 30-entry yield test grown using a rectangular lattice design with three replications at each of 11 locations/year. Of these sites, six were operated by AAFC, two by Syngenta, one by Canterra Seeds, and one by the University of Saskatchewan. For registration decisions regarding cultivar value for cultivation and end-use suitability, BW429 was compared with five check cultivars: Katepwa (Campbell and Czarnecki 1987), McKenzie (Graf et al. 2003), CDC Teal (Hughes and Hucl 1993), Unity VB (Fox et al. 2010) and 5603HR. At the CRC, response to diseases in artificially inoculated irrigated field nurseries was assessed for leaf rust and stem rust using the modified Cobb scale (Peterson et al. 1948). Several greenhouse seedling evaluations were conducted to observe infection type reactions to *P. triticina* races MBDS (12-3), MGBJ (74-2), TJJJ (77-2) and MBRJ (128-1) (McCallum et al. 2011) and to *P. graminis* f. sp. *tritici* races TMRTK (C10), RKQSR (C63), TPMKR (C53) RTHJT (C57), QTHST (C25) and RHTSK (C20) (Roelfs and Martens 1988; Fetch 2005). Fusarium head blight was evaluated in irrigated field nurseries near Glenlea and Carman, MB, that were spray inoculated with a macroconidial suspension of *F. graminearum*, and evaluated using a visual index (% incidence × % severity/100) (Gilbert and Woods 2006). Seed samples from the Glenlea nursery was used to measure deoxynivalenol (DON) concentration (Sinha and Savard 1996). Resistance to loose smut caused by *Ustilago tritici* (Pers.) Rostr. was assessed using multiple races (Menzies et al. 2003). Evaluation for response to common bunt was

Table 3. Summary of agronomic traits of Cardale and five check cultivars in the Central Bread Wheat Coop, 2008–2010

| Cultivar | Maturity (d) | | | Height (cm) | | | Lodging ^z (1–9 scale) | | | Test weight (kg h ⁻¹) | | | Kernel weight (mg kernel ⁻¹) | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------------|------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------|------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | | | | |
| Katpwa | 97.5 | 104.0 | 97.4 | 99.7 | 95.9 | 105.8 | 101.5 | 101.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 76.5 | 78.5 | 74.4 | 76.4 | 33.8 | 34.8 | 30.1 | 32.8 |
| McKenzie | 98.0 | 104.7 | 98.1 | 100.3 | 93.4 | 99.0 | 97.2 | 96.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 77.6 | 79.1 | 76.4 | 77.7 | 33.5 | 33.5 | 31.0 | 32.6 |
| CDC Teal | 97.9 | 104.7 | 98.6 | 100.5 | 90.6 | 99.2 | 94.6 | 94.8 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 76.2 | 77.7 | 75.0 | 76.3 | 34.0 | 34.5 | 30.7 | 32.9 |
| Unity VB | 98.9 | 104.8 | 98.6 | 100.9 | 94.0 | 100.2 | 97.8 | 97.3 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 78.6 | 79.8 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 34.9 | 34.0 | 30.2 | 33.0 |
| 5603HR | 99.6 | 105.5 | 100.9 | 102.4 | 93.1 | 101.8 | 98.2 | 97.7 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 77.5 | 78.7 | 75.8 | 77.3 | 33.0 | 32.6 | 30.2 | 31.9 |
| Cardale | 99.5 | 107.4 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 85.4 | 90.9 | 88.5 | 88.3 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 76.9 | 78.5 | 75.5 | 76.9 | 33.3 | 33.5 | 30.5 | 32.5 |
| LSD (<i>P</i> = 0.05) | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.7 | NS ^y | 0.7 | NS | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 | NS | NS |
| No. of tests | 11 | 9 | 11 | 31 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 32 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 16 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 32 |

^zLodging scale: 1 = vertical, 9 = flat.^yNS = not significant at *P* = 0.05.

conducted at the Lethbridge Research Centre, Lethbridge, AB, of AAFC using multiple races of *Tilletia tritici* (Bjerk.) R. and *T. laevis* Kuhn in Rabenh (Gaudet and Puchalski 1989; Gaudet et al. 1993). End-use quality was evaluated by the Grain Research Laboratory, Canadian Grain Commission, Winnipeg, MB, based on composite samples for each test entry that were prepared from test locations selected based on grade and protein concentration of the check cultivars. Grain from locations where the checks produced poor quality grain was not included in quality composites. Annual statistical analysis of experiments was conducted using Agrobases Generation II (Agronomix Inc. 2009). The SAS PROC MIXED procedure (SAS Institute, Inc. 2006) was used to perform a multiyear analysis: for agronomic data, a mixed model was used with years, locations and replications set as random variables and cultivars set as a fixed variable. For end-use quality data, the analysis was similar except that there was only replication of observations each year.

Summarized in Table 1, breeder Seed of Cardale was produced by randomly selecting 250 spikes from a BW429 seed increase plot grown at Indian Head, SK, in 2008 that was rogued for uniformity. Of these spikes, 220 were grown as an isolated group of 1-m head rows in 2009 near Glenlea, MB. Of these lines, 36 were discarded due to lack of uniformity, low seed amount, seed colour or shrivelled seed. In 2010, a 15-m row was grown from each of the remaining 193 isolation rows at the Indian Head Seed Increase Unit of AAFC, Indian Head, SK. Sixty-one lines were discarded prior to harvest primarily due to variable plant height, but also due to the presence of awnless plants and later maturity. The remaining uniform plots were inspected and harvested in bulk producing a minimum of 150 kg of breeder seed.

Performance

The grain yield of Cardale was similar to that of McKenzie, but significantly less than the best check Unity VB over 3 yr of testing in the CBWC test (Table 2). Cardale exhibited the same maturity as 5603HR but was significantly later maturing (2.2 d) than McKenzie (Table 3). Cardale was significantly shorter than all of the checks and had lodging scores significantly lower than all of the checks except CDC Teal. The test weight and kernel weight of Cardale were within the range of the checks (Tables 3 and 6).

Cardale had resistance to the prevalent races of leaf rust and stem rust (Table 4) and had moderate resistance to FHB. It has been shown that Cardale has the gene *Lr21* (Huang et al. 2003) that confers resistance to a broad range of leaf rust races and has the *F. graminearum* resistance gene *Fhb1* (Liu et al. 2008) and the quantitative trait locus located on chromosome 5AS (McCartney et al. 2007) (data not shown). Cardale exhibited variable disease reactions to common bunt

Table 4. Disease severities and ratings^c of Cardale and five checks in the Central Bread Wheat Coop, 2008–2010

| Cultivar | Stem rust ^a (% severity, rating) | | Leaf rust ^b (% severity, rating) | | | | Fusarium head blight index ^w (% incidence × % severity/100, rating) | | | | Loose smut ^v (% infection, rating) | | Common bunt ^u (% infection, rating) | | | | |
|----------|--|--------|--|--------|------|--------|--|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|---|-------|---------|------|--------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2010 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | |
| Katepwa | 5 R | 3 R | 10 MR | 70 MSS | 10 R | 62 MSS | 2 R | 9 R | 19 I | 22 I | 51 | 0 R | 3 R | 8 R | 18 MR-I | 21 I | 20 MS |
| McKenzie | 10 RMR | 5 R | 20 MR | 0 R | 0 R | 0 R | 19 MS | 26 I | 14 MR | 37 MS | 47 | 11 R | 22 MR | 42 I | 2 VR | 5 MR | 2 R/MR |
| CDC Teal | 15 I | 10 RMR | 20 MR | 10 MR | 5 R | 3 R | 20 S | 21 I | 41 S | 64 S | 73 | 14 R | 13 R | 25 MR | 23 I | 31 I | 21 MS |
| Unity VB | 15 RMR | 7 R | 10 MR | 1 R | 3 R | 2 MR | 1 R | 17 MR | 14 MR | 29 I | 52 | 11 R | 30 MR | 54 I | 2 VR | 2 R | 1 R/MR |
| 5603HR | 20 RMR | 5 R | 25 MR | 0 R | 2 R | 0 R | 1 R | 22 I | 21 I | 28 I | 18 | 21 MR | 25 MR | 41 I | 15 MR | 7 MR | 8 R/MR |
| Cardale | 5 R | 5 R | 10 MR | 0 R | 0 R | 0 R | 0.3 R | 13 MR | 8 R | 15 MR | 45 | 20 MR | 51 I | 48 I | 19 MR-I | 7 MR | 34 S |

^aDisease rating class: VR = very resistant, R = resistant, RMR = resistant to moderately resistant, MR = moderately resistant, I = intermediate; MRMMS = moderately resistant to moderately susceptible, MSS = moderately susceptible to susceptible, S = susceptible.

^bCaused by *Puccinia graminis* Pers.:Pers. f. sp. *tritici* Eriks. E. Henn. Races used include TMRTK, RKQSR, TPMKR, QTHST, RHTSK and MCCFR.

^cCaused by *P. triticina* Eriks. Inoculum was a composite of all leaf rust disease survey collections made the previous year from Manitoba and Saskatchewan (McCallum et al. 2011).

^dCaused by *Fusarium graminearum* Schwabe (teleomorph *Gibberella zeae* (Schwein.) Petch). Fusarium head blight index = (% infected spikelets × % infected spikes)/100.

^eCaused by *Ustilago tritici* (Pers.) Rostr. Races used include T2, T9, T10 and T39. Rating based on previous and current tests after artificial inoculation.

^fCaused by *Tilletia tritici* (Berk.) R. Wolff and *T. laevis* Kuhn in Rabenh. The inoculum used was a composite of races T-1, T-6, T-13, and T-19 of *T. tritici* and L-7 and L-16 of *T. laevis* mixed in a 1:1:1:2:2 ratio (vol/vol).

and to loose smut, suggesting an intermediate level of resistance to both of these diseases.

Assessments of preharvest sprouting resistance by exposure of spikes in a rain simulator and field weathering (Humphreys and Noll 2002) demonstrated that Cardale was not different from all of the checks for Hagberg Falling number values from the wheat quality composite samples but had significantly higher Hagberg Falling number values than CDC Teal in both field and artificial weathering trials (Table 5). Cardale had significantly lower preharvest sprouting scores compared to the checks Katepwa and CDC Teal but was similar to the other checks.

The end-use quality of Cardale was deemed suitable for the CWRS class exhibiting milling and baking performance similar to the range of the checks. However, it was noted that Cardale had a slightly harder kernel that resulted in slightly higher starch damage and higher water absorption as seen in both the farinograph and Canadian Short Process assessments (Table 6).

Other Characteristics

The observations of plant characteristics were made using four-replicate, randomized complete block experiments grown in 2010 and 2011 at Portage La Prairie, MB, for collection of data for Plant Breeders Rights.

SEEDLING CHARACTERISTICS

Coleoptile colour. Reddish-purple, weak anthocyanin colouration.

Juvenile growth habit. Semi-erect.

Seedling leaves. Glabrous leaf sheaths and blades of lower leaves.

ADULT PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Growth habit. Semi-erect.

Leaves. High frequency of recurved leaves.

Flag leaf. Medium green with glabrous sheath and blade. The auricle colouration is absent, and auricle margins are slightly pubescent. Leaf sheath has a moderately waxy bloom.

Flag leaf attitude. Drooping.

Upper culm internode. Some curvature at maturity and slightly waxy.

Culm colour. Medium glaucosity.

SPIKE CHARACTERISTICS

Shape. Parallel-sided.

Size. Similar to Vesper; slightly longer than Superb, Unity and Waskada.

Density. Medium dense.

Attitude. Erect.

Rachis. Very sparse hairiness of convex surface of apical segment and slight pubescence of margins.

Colour. Medium glaucosity; white colour at maturity.

Awns. Awned.

Table 5. Falling numbers and sprouting scores of Cardale and five checks from yield tests grown in 2008–2010. Quality composite samples were created from grain harvested from 6, 10 and 8 locations for respective years of the Central Bread Wheat Coop

| Cultivar | Falling number (s) | | | | | | | | | | | Sprouting score ^z (1–9 scale) | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|------------------------------|------|------|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|--|------|------|------|------|
| | Quality composite | | | | Field weathered ^y | | | Artificially weathered ^x | | | | CBWB ^w | CBWC | | | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | 2008 | 2010 | Mean | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Mean | | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Katepwa | 430 | 435 | 370 | 412 | 253 | 238 | 245 | 96 | 88 | 174 | 119 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.7 |
| McKenzie | 430 | 440 | 405 | 425 | 351 | 304 | 327 | 198 | 172 | 261 | 210 | 9.0 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| CDC Teal | 435 | 430 | 390 | 418 | 258 | 114 | 186 | 73 | 72 | 104 | 83 | 9.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| Unity | 450 | 475 | 435 | 453 | 378 | 386 | 382 | 266 | 130 | 210 | 202 | 5.4 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| 5603HR | 460 | 440 | 450 | 450 | 326 | 268 | 297 | 248 | 217 | 303 | 256 | N/C | 1.9 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 2.1 |
| Cardale | 420 | 430 | 395 | 415 | 312 | 330 | 321 | 111 | 161 | 260 | 177 | 7.8 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 3.2 |
| LSD (<i>P</i> = 0.05) | | | | 26 | | | 108 | | | | 70 | | | | | 2.1 |
| Replicates | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

^z[(no. spikes with 0 sprouts) × 1 + (no. spikes with 1 sprout) × 2 + (no. spikes with 2 sprouts) × 3 + (no. spikes with 3–5 sprouts) × 5 + (no. spikes with > 3 sprouts) × 9] / total number of spikes evaluated. Spikes were collected at maturity and stored at –20°C until they were evaluated. The mean was calculated over the three years of tests using SAS PROC MIXED procedure.

^yField weathered samples were harvested when declines in falling number were observed for the sprouting susceptible cultivar Roblin.

^xCollected at maturity, this material was placed in a rain simulator at 15°C for 48 h, dried and then seed was ground into meal for falling number determination.

^wThe CBWB is a pre-registration test.

Table 6. Wheat and flour analytical data for Cardale and five checks in the Central Bread Wheat Coop, 2008–2010. End-use quality testing was conducted by the Grain Research Lab of the Canadian Grain Commission on composite samples created from grain harvested from 6, 10 and 8 locations for respective years of the Central Bread Wheat Coop

| Cultivar | Test weight (kg hL ⁻¹) | Kernel weight (mg kernel ⁻¹) | Wheat protein (%) | Flour protein (%) | Falling number (s) 56-81B | Amylo-graph (BU) 22-10 | Flour yield (%) ^a | Flour ash (%) 08-01 | Agron colour (%) 14-30 | Starch damage (%) 76-31 | Particle size index 55-30 | Farinograph 54-21 ^b | | | | Canadian Short Process (150 ppm ascorbic acid) ^b | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Absorp-tion (%) | Dough devel-opment (min) | Mixing toler-ance (BU) | Stability (min) | Loaf volume (cm ³) | Loaf appear-ance | Crumb struc-ture | Crumb Colour | Absorp-tion (%) | Mixing energy (W-h kg ⁻¹) | Mixing time (min) |
| Katepwa | 80.3 | 34.6 | 14.0 | 13.4 | 411.7 | 516.7 | 75.6 | 0.5 | 78.3 | 7.5 | 54.3 | 66.2 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 10.8 | 1118.3 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 66.7 | 8.1 | 3.4 |
| McKenzie | 80.7 | 35.3 | 13.9 | 13.3 | 425.0 | 588.3 | 76.3 | 0.5 | 79.0 | 8.2 | 50.7 | 67.3 | 4.9 | 28.3 | 7.7 | 1106.7 | 7.7 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 67.0 | 9.4 | 3.9 |
| CDC Teal | 80.0 | 35.3 | 14.4 | 14.0 | 418.3 | 578.3 | 75.8 | 0.5 | 80.7 | 6.6 | 56.0 | 66.2 | 7.9 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 1180.0 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 8.0 | 66.0 | 10.2 | 3.8 |
| Unity | 82.1 | 36.1 | 14.0 | 13.4 | 453.3 | 865.0 | 77.6 | 0.5 | 79.3 | 8.1 | 50.7 | 67.6 | 5.8 | 33.3 | 7.7 | 1116.7 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 7.9 | 66.3 | 9.5 | 3.6 |
| 5603HR | 81.0 | 33.6 | 14.0 | 13.3 | 450.0 | 678.3 | 75.9 | 0.5 | 80.0 | 7.5 | 53.7 | 64.4 | 6.3 | 25.0 | 9.8 | 1073.3 | 7.6 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 64.3 | 10.6 | 4.3 |
| Cardale | 80.2 | 36.0 | 14.4 | 13.7 | 415.0 | 585.0 | 76.5 | 0.5 | 77.7 | 8.4 | 50.0 | 68.2 | 7.0 | 25.0 | 9.7 | 1091.7 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 67.7 | 10.6 | 3.9 |
| LSD (<i>P</i> = 0.05) ^c | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 25.6 | 95.9 | 1.0 | NS | NS | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 43.2 | NS | NS | NS | 0.9 | NS | 0.4 |

^aAmerican Association of Cereal Chemists (2002).

^bPreston et al. (1982).

^cWilliams et al. (1998).

^dDexter and Tipples (1987). All millings at the Canadian Grain Commission's Grain Research Laboratory are performed in rooms with environmental control maintained at 21°C and at 60% relative humidity. Common wheat is milled on an Allis-Chalmers laboratory mill using the GRL sifter flow as described by Black et al. (1980). Flour yield is expressed as a percentage of cleaned wheat on a constant moisture basis.

^eLSD (*P* < 0.05) of means was based on the checks and Cardale and calculated using the SAS Proc Mixed procedure. Data consist of single measurements in each of the 3 yr of testing. NS, not significant.

SPIKELET CHARACTERISTICS

Glumes. Long length; narrow to medium width; lower glume is pubescent; glume shoulders are slightly sloping to square; narrow to medium shoulder width; glume beak is slightly curved and of short to medium length; sparse internal glume hairs. Glumes are white in colour at maturity.

Lemma. Slightly curved beak shape.

KERNEL CHARACTERISTICS

Shape. Oval in shape with rounded cheeks.

Size. Medium-sized with mid-long length and mid-wide width.

Brush. Small to medium-sized with mid-long to long brush hairs.

Embryo. Medium-sized, oval shape; crease is narrow to medium and is mid-deep in depth.

Maintenance and Distribution of Pedigreed Seed Stocks

The Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Farm, Indian Head, SK, will maintain the Breeder Seed of Cardale. Multiplication and distribution of other classes of pedigreed seed will be handled by Seed Depot Corp., Box 208, 4–5 Londesboro Rd., Pilot Mound, Manitoba, Canada R0G 1P0.

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