

TO: Seedsmen
FROM: Fernando Guillen
DATE: July 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Entries for 2020-21 Winter Small Grains/Annual Ryegrass Forage Performance Test

I am soliciting cultivars or experimental lines for small grains and annual ryegrass performance tests across Texas. Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension conducts tests in the High Plains (Bushland), the Rolling Plains (Vernon & Millersview), Central (Comanche), and Southeast Texas (College Station). These locations represent major ecoregions within the state of Texas, which grazes over 2 million acres of wheat and hundreds of thousands of acres of oats and annual ryegrass. Results will be provided as soon as possible to you, county agents, crop consultants, and the Texas Wheat Producers Board for distribution to producers. A final comprehensive report will be posted on our website (<http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/wheat>) once statewide forage harvest is complete.

All varieties and experimental lines pending release will be accepted up to *six* entries per company. Additional entries may be requested and included as space allows. Please include experimental designations for newly named varieties previously tested as experimentals. Texas A&M AgriLife reserves the right to limit entry number to 50 entries per location. Annual ryegrass will only be considered for Comanche and College Station locations as it is not a recommended practice to plant in the High Plains or Rolling Plains. Ryegrass and small grains entries will be planted in the same trial at these two locations, however planting depth will be adjusted for all ryegrass entries. Three to four replications will be planted at each location in a randomized complete block design.

Current testing locations and fees are as follows:

Bushland (High Plains - Irrigated):	\$150 / entry
Vernon (Northern Rolling Plains - Dryland):	\$150 / entry
Millersview (Southern Rolling Plains – Dryland):	\$150 / entry
Comanche (Central TX - Irrigated):	\$150 / entry
College Station (Southeast TX - Limited Irr.):	\$150 / entry

Targeted planting date for all locations is September. Wet forage yield will be collected and subsamples dried to estimate dry matter percentage. Final yield will be reported on a dry matter basis for each forage harvest and ranked according to total forage production throughout the season. Number of forage harvests will vary according to environmental conditions throughout the season, but generally range from three to four cuts.

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Please complete the enclosed form and return by August 16, 2020. Seed must be treated with a *non-systemic* fungicide and insecticide of your choice and the name of the treatment included in the space provided on the form. **For small grain species (wheat, oat, barley, triticale, rye) please send two (2) lbs. of seed for each location and only one (1) lb. for annual ryegrass entries. Send seed directly to the specified location identified on the entry form by August 30, 2020.** Please call if you are unable to meet this deadline. **You will be invoiced later for the payment, which will be due no later than November 15, 2020.**

I appreciate your cooperation for this wheat performance test. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 979-845-4826 (Office), 406-579-5638 (Cell), or e-mail at fernando.guillen@tamu.edu.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fernando Guillen', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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