

Report of Progress 753

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1995 KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TESTS

INTRODUCTION

TEST OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES

An official performance testing program was established in 1980 bv Kansas the Agricultural Experiment Station to provide Kansas growers with unbiased performance comparisons on many alfalfa varieties. Private companies enter varieties voluntarily at locations of their choice and pay fees to cover part of the costs of conducting the tests. Most tests are planted in mid-August or September; however, the Labette County test in Southeast Kansas usually is planted in the spring. Individual tests are conducted for a minimum of 3 or 4 years, then new tests are established. Announcements and entry forms are mailed to private companies in June for establishment of fall-seeded tests.

Descriptive information is presented with the results for each test (Tables 1-7). 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 estimated were harvesting four replications of each variety with a plot harvester. The amount of forage produced from a specific area (35-80 ft) 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 1-7. forage yield over the lifetime of a particular test is presented as the total tons of dry matter produced per acre, the total expressed at 15% moisture, and a percentage of the test average.

At the bottom of each column, the <u>Least Significant Difference</u> (LSD) is listed at the 0.05 and 0.20 levels. Differences between varieties that are equal to or greater than the 0.05 LSD have a 1 in 20 chance of not being real. Differences equal to or greater than the 0.20 LSD have a 1 in 5 chance of not being real.

The Coefficient of Variability (C.V.) provides an estimate of the consistency of the results of a particular test. In these tests, C.V.'s below 10% generally indicate reliable, uniform data, whereas C.V.'s of 10-15% are not uncommon and generally indicate that the data are acceptable for rough comparisons. Tests with C.V.'s over 15% may still be useful, but variety comparisons lack precision.

1995 STATEWIDE GROWING CONDITIONS

Timing of the 1995 alfalfa harvest lagged slightly behind the average and much behind that of the 1994 harvest. Cool spring temperatures and prolonged rainfall in April and May delayed the first harvest much beyond the optimum on many acres. Producers normally harvest 90% of the first cutting by mid-May. However, in 1995, only 45% of the first harvest was complete by May 12. During an 8-week period from late April to Kansas Agricultural Statistics mid-June. reported less than 3 days each week as suitable for fieldwork. The season started with adequate soil moisture across the state. but the heavy spring rains caused excess soil moisture in May and early June. conditions beginning as early as July in some areas caused a shortage in soil moisture on over 60% of the acreage in late August and

mid-December. through (From Crop-Weather reports, Kansas Agricultural Statistics, Topeka).

Mild winter weather contributed to high populations of some insects early in the Pea and blue aphid populations were already high as alfalfa was breaking dormancy. Alfalfa weevil adults suffered low winter mortality and were poised to cause serious damage as the season progressed. Although serious damage was occasionally found, cool, wet spring conditions slowed weevil development enough to allow timely treating of most fields. As a result, the number of fields the "frosted" with appearance caused by heavy weevil damage was lower than usual this year. Potato leaf hoppers became evident as temperatures warmed in late June and caused typical yellowing in many fields through July. Blister beetles were present over a wide area from late June until mid-September. Dry fall weather contributed to a resurgence of spotted alfalfa aphid populations. Webworms reached treatment levels in some fields in central and southwest Kansas. Late-season caterpillars caused less damage than usual to new seedings. (From Cooperative Insect Survey Reports, Kansas State Board of Agriculture).

Spring black stem was noted in late March. It caused minimal defoliation during April, but significant leaf loss in late May and early Lepto leaf spot was the other leaf June. disease noted during the wet spring. Pathologists noted common leaf spot, rust, and summer black stem in several fields in July. (From Plant Disease Survey **Reports**, Kansas State Board of Agriculture).

Over 3.2 million tons of alfalfa hay were harvested from 850,000 acres in Kansas in Production was up 4% from 1994, when over 3.1 million tons were harvested from 800,000 acres. The average yield decreased from 3.9 tons per acre in 1994 to

early September and again from October 3.8 tons per acre in 1995. (From November 9, 1995, **Crops** report; Kansas Agricultural Statistics, Topeka).

> Individual test information is presented with the results from each location

VARIETY CHARACTERIZATION

For variety selection, producers should consider the performance of a variety in each of the current tests where 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 their situation. Tables 1 through 7 contain updated yield data from individual tests currently in progress. appendix contains information for all varieties included the 1995 Kansas Alfalfa in Performance Tests. Fall dormancy, disease resistance, and insect resistance ratings were provided by developers of each variety and were reviewed by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA), National Alfalfa Variety Review Board (NAVRB). The Certified Alfalfa Seed Council uses that information to publish its annual Fall Dormancy & Pest Resistance Ratings for Alfalfa Varieties, which was used as the source of the information in the appendix.

Fall dormancy values are based on the fall canopy height measured in Minnesota. Dormancy values often are related to the speed of regrowth, with the rapid regrowth types having higher values. The slower regrowth types have lower fall dormancy values.

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TABLE 1. 1995 NORTHEAST KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TEST RESULTS, BROWN CO.

					1995 Forage Yield tons/acre					
Entrant, Brand, or		Plant	Height, i	nches			natter	•	Total,	Total, % of
Marketer	Entry	6/13	7/26	9/6	6/13	7/26	9/6	Total	Moist.	Mean
ICI	645	19	15	14	1.97	1.57	1.14	4.68	5.51	120
Germain's	WL 323	20	17	13	2.08	1.49	1.09	4.66	5.48	119
America's Alfalfa	Innovator+Z	20	18	17	1.33	1.85	1.26	4.44	5.22	114
Star	Asset	24	15	15	1.39	1.71	1.18	4.28	5.04	110
AgriPro	Depend+EV	19	14	14	1.47	1.57	1.15	4.19	4.93	107
Northrup King	Rushmore	21	16	15	1.36	1.66	1.15	4.16	4.89	107
DeKalb	DK 127	24	15	11	1.12	1.70	1.22	4.03	4.74	103
Pioneer	5454	19	17	13	1.40	1.45	1.07	3.93	4.62	101
America's Alfalfa	Total+Z	20	14	13	1.42	1.50	1.00	3.92	4.61	101
DeKalb	DK 133	20	13	15	1.28	1.50	1.12	3.90	4.59	100
NC+	Sierra	19	16	16	1.22	1.53	1.08	3.83	4.51	98
Hoegemeyer	Green Field	23	18	14	1.28	1.33	1.17	3.77	4.44	97
AgriPro	Demand	20	16	15	1.42	1.26	0.99	3.68	4.33	94
Ohlde (M/W Gen)	Magnum IV	20	14	16	1.13	1.43	1.10	3.66	4.31	94
NE AES & USDA	Perry	24	17	15	1.11	1.57	0.96	3.64	4.28	93
Star	A-100	26	15	12	1.13	1.35	1.13	3.61	4.25	93
KS AES & USDA	Riley	20	17	14	1.12	1.32	1.07	3.40	4.00	87
KS AES & USDA	Kanza	20	15	14	1.15	1.12	1.11	3.38	3.98	87
Cargill	Sterling	22	13	13	1.15	0.94	0.82	2.91	3.42	75
Average		21	16	14	1.34	1.47	1.10	3.90	4.59	100
C.V.(%)		5	2	3	22.00	11.60	10.70	9.20	9.20	9
L.S.D.(0.05)		NS	NS	NS	0.42	0.24	0.17	0.51	0.60	13
L.S.D.(0.20)		2	NS	NS	0.27	0.16	0.09	0.33	0.39	8

LOCATION: Northeast Kansas	1995 FERTILIZATION:	1995 CONDITIONS:
Cornbelt Experiment Field	None needed	The first cutting was delayed by wet
BROWN County	1995 PEST CONTROL:	weather. All entries were nearly 75%
Near Powhattan	Pursuit and Poast Plus applied on	in bloom by the time of the first
Grundy silty clay loam, pH 6.4	July 31 for weed control	harvest. Hot, dry conditions in August
ESTABLISHMENT:		limited regrowth after the second
Sept. 16, 1994; RCBD, 4 reps		cutting. The late first harvest
Plots 5'x20'; 4'x20' harvested		combined with poor regrowth after the
15 lb seed/acre		second harvest prevented a fourth
Seed planted as received		cutting.

TABLE 2. 1995 NORTHEAST KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TEST RESULTS, RILEY CO.

		Plant				995 Fora	ige Yield		
Entrant,		Height inches				s/acre		Total,	Total.
Brand, or					Dry Matt			15%	% of
Marketer	Entry	10/19	6/7	7/7	8/6	9/11	Total	Moist.	Mean
Pioneer	90W3PR1 Exp	12	3.84	1.80	1.46	1.02	8.12	9.55	116
ABI	ABI 9142	10	3.53	1.87	1.32	1.02	7.74	9.11	111
Germain's	WL 323	12	3.78	1.53	1.30	1.00	7.61	8.95	109
Cargill	Crown II	11	3.92	1.59	1.21	0.82	7.54	8.87	108
Star	Asset	11	3.88	1.57	1.22	0.85	7.52	8.85	107
ICI	630	11	3.53	1.60	1.40	0.94	7.47	8.79	107
KS AES & USDA	Riley	8	3.87	1.68	1.14	0.73	7.42	8.73	106
Hobart Seed	SuperCuts	10	3.66	1.57	1.25	0.86	7.34	8.64	105
Star	A-100	11	3.78	1.54	1.18	0.78	7.28	8.56	104
NE AES & USDA	Perry	9	3.71	1.64	1.23	0.70	7.28	8.56	104
DeKalb	DK 133	11	3.30	1.62	1.27	1.07	7.26	8.54	104
Cal/West	OK49	12	3.46	1.57	1.29	0.94	7.26	8.54	104
ICI	645	9	3.13	1.63	1.34	1.04	7.14	8.40	102
Drussel	Reward	10	3.14	1.69	1.28	0.99	7.10	8.35	101
Ohlde (M/W Gen)	Magnum IV	10	3.06	1.67	1.32	1.00	7.05	8.29	101
Mycogen	TMF Generation	9	3.17	1.75	1.31	0.81	7.04	8.28	101
Ciba	Ciba 2444	10	3.24	1.58	1.28	0.90	7.00	8.24	100
America's Alfalfa	Archer	12	2.94	1.69	1.41	0.93	6.97	8.20	100
Cal/West	1344 Exp	8	3.42	1.69	1.08	0.77	6.96	8.19	99
KS AES & USDA	Kanza	11	3.27	1.43	1.30	0.94	6.94	8.16	99
America's Alfalfa	Aggressor	10	3.41	1.36	1.27	0.87	6.91	8.13	99
ABI	ABI 9141 Exp	10	3.09	1.67	1.17	0.89	6.82	8.02	97
America's Alfalfa	Apollo Supreme	10	3.04	1.60	1.26	0.91	6.81	8.01	97
MBS	PGI3392 Exp	10	3.38	1.28	1.20	0.92	6.78	7.98	97
MBS	PGI3212 Exp	11	3.01	1.48	1.22	1.06	6.77	7.96	97
Pioneer	91CO2PR1 Exp	11	3.00	1.70	1.26	0.81	6.77	7.96	97
Pioneer	91I12PJ1 Exp	14	2.72	1.63	1.31	1.02	6.68	7.86	95
ABI	ABI 923DD Exp	8	2.86	1.48	1.31	0.86	6.51	7.66	93
Cal/West	1346 Exp	8	2.68	1.59	1.24	0.99	6.50	7.65	93
Northrup King	Fortress	9	3.02	1.43	1.22	0.78	6.45	7.59	92
Pioneer	88C2PI2 Exp	15	2.65	1.44	1.33	1.03	6.45	7.59	92
Cal/West	1469 Exp	10	3.12	1.47	0.94	0.91	6.44	7.58	92
Pioneer	91CO1PR1 Exp	11	2.87	1.43	1.20	0.80	6.30	7.41	90
Germain's	WL 322 HQ	10	2.77	1.34	1.33	0.83	6.27	7.38	90
Average		10	3.26	1.58	1.26	0.90	7.00	8.24	100
C.V.(%)		9	11.89	8.69	8.46	15.51	7.27	7.27	7
L.S.D.(0.05)		1	0.46	0.16	0.13	0.16	0.60	0.71	9
L.S.D.(0.20)		1	0.35	0.13	0.10	0.13	0.46	0.54	7

LOCATION: Northeast Kansas Agronomy North Farm RILEY County Near Manhattan Smolan silt loam ESTABLISHMENT: March 17, 1994; RCBD, 4 reps Plots 3'x12'; 3'x12' harvested 15 lb seed/acre Seed planted as received	1995 FERTILIZATION: March; 0-80-80 1995 PEST CONTROL: None needed	1995 CONDITIONS: Wet, cool conditions delayed the first harvest well beyond the optimum. Flowering was nearly 50% at the first harvest but only 5-10% at subsequent cuttings. Dry conditions limited late-season yields, but subsoil moisture apparently enabled reasonable growth under the dry conditions.
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TABLE 3. 1995 NORTHEAST KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TEST, RILEY CO. - IRRIGATED

Entrant, Brand, or Marketer	Entry	Plan t Ht. 7/26	Grass % 8/30	5/15	6/20	1995 7/26	8/30		orage ns/acre atter 1994 Total	Yield 1993 Total	1992 Total	92-95 Total	Total, 15% Moist.	92-95 Total, % of Mean
America's Alfalfa	Apollo Supreme	e 26.3	24	1.38	1.82	1.79	1.10	6.09	7.46	6.40	5.49	25.44	29.93	105
ICI	645	25.5	21	1.71	1.82	1.75	0.98	6.26	6.81	6.07	6.04	25.18	29.62	104
Germain's	WL 320	21.8	23	1.47	1.81	1.83	1.15	6.26	7.12	6.20	5.58	25.16	29.60	104
Cargill	Crown II	26.3	34	1.61	1.68	1.49	0.90	5.68	7.54	6.01	5.88	25.11	29.54	104
Germain's	WL 322 HQ	22.8	21	1.45	1.69	1.61	1.16	5.91	6.87	6.26	5.95	24.99	29.40	104
Mycogen	Multi-plier	26.0	30	1.41	1.72	1.67	0.94	5.74	7.06	6.10	6.04	24.94	29.34	103
DeKalb	DK 125	27.0	26	1.47	1.71	1.68	1.02	5.88	7.03	6.12	5.77	24.80	29.18	103
Cargill	Trident II	26.3	28	1.40	1.56	1.67	0.98	5.61	7.17	6.01	5.84	24.63	28.98	102
Pioneer	5432	25.0	26	1.58	1.70	1.63	1.11	6.02	7.20	5.93	5.48	24.63	28.98	102
Golden Harvest	GH-755	25.8	34	1.41	1.53	1.69	1.00	5.63	7.00	6.31	5.46	24.40	28.71	101
Sharp	Alfaleaf	27.0	33	1.37	1.56	1.63	0.95	5.51	6.92	6.22	5.73	24.38	28.68	101
Cal/West	OK49	26.8	24	1.42	1.54	1.59	1.08	5.63	7.41	6.32	5.01	24.37	28.67	101
Pioneer	5364	27.3	24	1.37	1.67	1.75	1.00	5.79	7.16	6.11	5.25	24.31	28.60	101
ICI	630	24.0	30	1.47	1.59	1.62	1.15	5.83	7.35	5.72	5.33	24.23	28.51	100
Northrup King	MB5141 Exp	24.5	40	1.28	1.66	1.68	1.04	5.66	6.91	5.81	5.74	24.12	28.38	100
Germain's	WL 317	23.0	19	1.44	1.57	1.61	1.03	5.65	6.71	6.38	5.31	24.05	28.29	100
Germain's	Ogallala 633	25.3	28	1.34	1.68	1.55	0.94	5.51	7.19	5.99	5.22	23.91	28.13	99
NE AES & USDA	Perry	24.8	46	1.45	1.59	1.52	0.80	5.36	6.77	5.73	5.58	23.44	27.58	97
Star	A-100	26.5	23	1.22	1.52	1.71	1.05	5.50	6.42	5.87	5.39	23.18	27.27	96
Wilbur-Ellis	Jewel	26.3	36	1.20	1.67	1.60	0.95	5.42	6.44	5.86	5.35	23.07	27.14	96
KS AES & USDA	Kanza	25.0	25	1.17	1.59	1.70	1.06	5.52	6.72	5.54	4.93	22.71	26.72	94
KS AES & USDA	Riley	25.0	33	1.16	1.45	1.55	0.96	5.12	6.21	5.64	5.35	22.32	26.26	92
Average		25.4	29	1.39	1.63	1.64	1.00	5.66	6.96	6.04	5.48	24.14	28.40	100
C.V.(%)		8.0	31	10.2	6.71	8.29	9.22	4.96	6.22	9.20	10.40			
L.S.D.(0.05)		2.4	11	0.17	0.13	0.16	0.11	0.33	0.51	0.42	0.40	0.93	1.09	4
L.S.D.(0.20)		1.9	8	0.13	0.10	0.12	80.0	0.26	0.40	0.27	0.26	0.60	0.71	2

LOCATION: Northeast Kansas
Ashland Research Farm
RILEY County
Near Manhattan
Haynie very fine sand
ESTABLISHMENT:
August 26, 1991; RCBD, 4 reps
Plots 5'x14'; 2.5'x14' harvested

18 lb seed/acre

Seed planted as received

1995 FERTILIZATION:
March; 0-80-80
1995 PEST CONTROL:
Lorsban to control weevils and aphids on May 24
1995 IRRIGATION:

Roughly 4-5 inches after each cutting Excess rainfall early in the season eliminated the need for early irrigation.

The first cutting was slightly earlier than optimum because of a developing weevil infestation. Adjustments to fourth harvest yields removed the portion contributed by invading grasses. The grass invasion prevented a fifth harvest.

1995 CONDITIONS:

TABLE 4. 1995 SOUTHEAST KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TEST, LABETTE CO.

		Leaf			1995 Fo	orage Yield		
Entrant,		Hopper Rating		Dry I	Matter		Total,	Total,
Brand, or Marketer	Entry	7/21	6/23	7/21	8/21	Total	15% Moist.	% of Mean
ABI	ABI 9141 Exp	3	1.60	0.88	0.98	3.46	4.07	112
Northrup King	Rushmore	6	1.69	0.81	0.89	3.39	3.99	110
America's Alfalfa	Innovator+Z	4	1.54	0.78	1.06	3.38	3.98	110
Germain's	WL 323	6	1.61	0.82	0.92	3.35	3.94	109
Germain's	WL 252 HQ	6	1.62	0.78	0.93	3.33	3.92	108
America's Alfalfa	Affinity+Z	3	1.54	0.83	0.90	3.27	3.85	106
Forage Genetics	3T26 Exp	5	1.49	0.82	0.86	3.17	3.73	103
Hobart Seed	SuperCuts	3	1.28	0.82	1.01	3.11	3.66	101
DeKalb	DK 133	5	1.36	0.78	0.91	3.06	3.60	99
Mycogen	TMF Generation	5	1.46	0.75	0.86	3.06	3.60	99
America's Alfalfa	Total+Z	3	1.38	0.85	0.83	3.05	3.59	99
Great Plains	Haygrazer	6	1.41	0.71	0.83	2.95	3.47	96
NE AES & USDA	Perry	4	1.36	0.85	0.74	2.95	3.47	96
AgriPro	Depend+EV	4	1.21	0.86	0.84	2.92	3.44	95
DeKalb	DK 127	6	1.36	0.72	0.80	2.88	3.39	94
KS AES & USDA	Kanza	6	1.44	0.71	0.69	2.83	3.33	92
Ohlde (M/W Gen)	Magnum IV	6	1.11	0.85	0.72	2.68	3.15	87
KS AES & USDA	Riley	5	1.10	0.87	0.60	2.57	3.02	83
Average		5	1.42	0.80	0.85	3.08	3.62	100
C.V.(%)		16	14.69	13.42	11.42	8.83	8.83	9
L.S.D.(0.05)		1	0.25	NS	0.12	0.32	0.38	10
L.S.D.(0.20)		1	0.19	NS	0.09	0.25	0.29	8

Southeast Ag. Research Center LABETTE County Near Mound Valley Parsons silty clay loam ESTABLISHMENT: April 6, 1995; RCBD, 4 reps Plots 5'x30'; 3'x20' harvested	1995 FERTILIZATION: March; 0-60-200 1995 PEST CONTROL: Poast in July 31 to control grasses	1995 CONDITIONS: All entries were at half bloom at the first cutting and one tenth bloom at the second and third cuttings. Leafhoppers damaged the second cutting (see ratings above; 1 = no damage, 9 = severe yellowing and stunting). Invading fotal also caused
Plots 5'x30'; 3'x20' harvested 15 lb seed/acre, preplant Eptam Seed planted as received		stunting). Invading foxtail also caused some problems with the second cutting.

TABLE 5. 1995 NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TEST, REPUBLIC CO.

		Forage Yield tons/acre									93-95
Entrant,					Dry N	Matter				Total,	Total,
Brand, or Marketer	Entry	6/1	7/3	1995 8/7	9/1	Total	1994 Total	1993 Total	93-95 Total	15% Moist.	% of Mean
ICI	645	2.53	1.12	0.92	0.86	5.43	9.28	8.35	23.06	27.13	110
Sharp	Alfaleaf	2.26	0.92	0.83	0.84	4.84	9.04	8.61	22.49	26.46	107
Johnston	Good as Gold	2.46	1.15	0.85	0.89	5.34	9.12	7.84	22.30	26.24	106
Cargill	Crown II	2.36	0.99	0.75	0.78	4.89	8.85	8.20	21.94	25.81	105
Cargill	Trident II	2.32	1.06	0.83	0.79	5.00	8.68	8.25	21.93	25.80	104
DeKalb	DK 125	2.10	0.91	0.76	0.77	4.54	8.87	8.21	21.62	25.44	103
Pioneer	5364	2.18	0.98	0.88	0.82	4.86	8.58	8.08	21.52	25.32	103
Germain's	WL 320	2.26	0.99	0.87	0.80	4.92	8.90	7.66	21.48	25.27	102
Northrup King	Viking 1	2.35	1.07	0.77	0.79	4.98	8.61	7.71	21.30	25.06	101
ICI	630	2.26	1.06	0.76	0.81	4.89	8.32	7.92	21.13	24.86	101
Wilbur-Ellis	Jewel	2.35	0.94	0.86	0.78	4.92	8.35	7.85	21.12	24.85	101
ABI	Venture	2.29	1.00	0.81	0.73	4.84	8.36	7.91	21.11	24.84	101
Pioneer	5432	2.29	1.00	0.83	0.75	4.86	8.65	7.51	21.02	24.73	100
Cal/West	OK49	2.20	0.94	0.81	0.82	4.76	8.67	7.45	20.88	24.56	99
Germain's	Ogallala 633	2.45	0.92	0.65	0.76	4.78	8.25	7.83	20.86	24.54	99
Star	A-100	2.32	0.88	0.75	0.76	4.71	8.41	7.70	20.82	24.49	99
America's Alfalfa	Apollo Supreme	2.18	1.08	0.81	0.80	4.86	8.49	7.12	20.47	24.08	98
NE AES & USDA	Perry	2.50	0.86	0.74	0.75	4.85	8.12	7.40	20.37	23.96	97
Northrup King	MultiKing1	2.03	0.92	0.70	0.74	4.39	7.92	7.93	20.24	23.81	96
Germain's	WL 317	2.12	0.86	0.68	0.73	4.38	7.67	8.07	20.12	23.67	96
Great Plains	Cimarron VR	2.07	0.83	0.76	0.78	4.44	8.05	7.53	20.02	23.55	95
Germain's	WL 322 HQ	2.11	0.89	0.69	0.79	4.48	8.02	7.08	19.58	23.04	93
KS AES & USDA	•	1.87	0.72	0.64	0.84	4.07	7.63	7.59	19.29	22.69	92
KS AES & USDA	Kanza	2.07	0.89	0.77	0.77	4.49	7.65	6.96	19.10	22.47	91
Average		2.25	0.96	0.78	0.79	4.77	8.44	7.78	20.99	24.69	100
C.V.(%)		7.58	13.63	12.60	9.18	7.91	7.86	7.20			
L.S.D.(0.05)		0.24	0.18	0.14	NS	0.53	0.78	0.79	1.29	1.51	6
L.S.D.(0.20)		0.16	0.12	0.09	NS	0.35	0.61	0.51	0.84	0.99	4

LOCATION: North Central Kansas	1995 FERTILIZATION:	1995 CONDITIONS:
North Central Kansas Exp. Field	February; 0-50-0	Cool temperatures in April and May
REPUBLIC County	1995 PEST CONTROL:	slowed early growth and delayed
Near Belleville	None needed	flowering. High rainfall in May made
Crete silt loam		the field inaccessible, delaying the first
ESTABLISHMENT:		harvest even more. Relatively dry
August 27, 1992; RCBD, 4 reps		conditions for the rest of the growing
Plots 5'x30'; 3'x20' harvested		season resulted in low yields for the
18 lb seed/acre, Balan herbicide		second, third, and fourth harvests.
Seed planted as received		

TABLE 6. 1995 SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TEST, STAFFORD CO. - IRR.

			Forage Yield										
							ons/acr	е					92-95
Entrant,						Dry N	/latter					Total,	Total,
Brand, or Marketer	Entry		- 1- 1		95	- /		1994 Total	1993 Total	1992 Total	92-95 Total	15% Moist.	% of Mean
- Iviainctei		5/19	6/21	7/18	8/18	9/25	Total	Total	Total	TOLAI	TOtal	Wiolot.	- Wican
MBS	MBS 2042 Exp	1.61	2.21	1.60		1.38	6.81	9.27	7.43	9.75	33.26	39.13	107
Ohlde (M/W Gen)	• •	1.68	2.20	1.60		1.39	6.87	9.06	7.86	9.28	33.07	38.91	107
Keltgen	Allegro	1.62	2.14	1.65		1.25	6.66	8.56	8.05	9.77	33.04	38.87	107
ICI MBC	630	1.53	2.02	1.57		1.35	6.47	8.89	7.96	9.26	32.58 32.34	38.33	105 104
MBS ICI	Crystal 645	1.41 1.51	2.18 2.05	1.65 1.58		1.40 1.25	6.63 6.39	8.91 8.73	7.97 7.93	8.83 9.24	32.34	38.05 37.99	104
Germain's	WL 320	1.49	1.83	1.45		1.25	6.02	8.96	7.82	9.37	32.17	37.85	104
Pioneer	88W2CR2 Exp	1.47	2.10	1.61		1.34	6.52	8.87	7.44	8.98	31.81	37.42	103
Golden Harvest	GH-755	1.49	1.89	1.44		1.26	6.08	8.69	7.60	9.34	31.71	37.31	102
Cargill	Crown II	1.57	1.95	1.55		1.14	6.21	9.06	7.34	9.06	31.67	37.26	102
Germain's	Ogallala 633	1.55	2.00	1.51		1.22	6.28	8.74	7.43	9.22	31.67	37.26	102
Bio-Plant	Vovager	1.57	1.99	1.34		1.22	6.12	8.71	7.51	9.08	31.42	36.96	101
America's Alfalfa Pioneer	Apollo Supreme 87CV842 Exp	1.45 1.52	2.02 2.00	1.63 1.41		1.36 1.32	6.46 6.25	8.49 8.50	7.45 7.59	8.92 8.97	31.32 31.31	36.85 36.84	101 101
Cargill	Trident II	1.47	1.99	1.59		1.42	6.47	8.43	7.59	8.96	31.29	36.81	101
Mycogen	Multi-plier	1.50	1.99	1.41		1.13	6.02	8.10	7.81	9.35	31.28	36.80	101
AgriPro	Dawn	1.47	2.03	1.57		1.21	6.27	8.57	7.43	8.95	31.22	36.73	101
Star	Asset	1.34	1.80	1.47		1.29	5.89	8.34	7.36	9.52	31.11	36.60	100
ABI	Venture	1.42	1.95	1.50		1.30	6.17	8.30	7.58	8.94	30.99	36.46	100
Wilbur-Ellis	Jewel	1.49	1.95	1.40		1.12	5.96	8.42	7.20	9.28	30.86	36.31	100
Union	UN-74	1.44	1.88	1.43		1.48	6.23	8.24	7.37	8.93	30.77	36.20	99
Casterline	Empress	1.40	1.86	1.56		1.10	5.92	8.38	7.30	9.16	30.76	36.19	99
Casterline Sharp	Super 55 Alfaleaf	1.43 1.34	1.92 1.91	1.52 1.35		1.19 1.14	6.06 5.72	8.29 8.06	7.47 7.66	8.88 9.26	30.70 30.70	36.12 36.12	99 99
DeKalb	DK 125	1.39	1.92	1.53		1.07	5.90	8.30	7.13	9.28	30.61	36.01	99
Pioneer	5364	1.46	1.88	1.41		1.22	5.97	8.60	7.13	8.77	30.37	35.73	98
Northrup King	MultiKing1	1.33	1.80	1.42		1.31	5.86	8.15	7.52	8.82	30.35	35.71	98
Northrup King	Fortress	1.35	1.90	1.44		1.04	5.73	8.20	7.30	9.09	30.32	35.67	98
Germain's	WL 322 HQ	1.45	1.84	1.51		1.29	6.07	8.14	7.19	8.78	30.18	35.51	97
Pioneer	5432	1.55	1.92	1.44		1.21	6.12	8.48	6.98	8.51	30.09	35.40	97
Star	A-100	1.35	1.83	1.45		1.06	5.69	8.25	7.45	8.60	29.99	35.28	97
Germain's	WL 317	1.36	1.87	1.59		1.21	6.03	8.23	6.85	8.87	29.98	35.27	97
Wilbur-Ellis	Mede	1.24	1.72	1.50		1.32	5.77	8.20	7.06	8.94	29.97	35.26	97
NE AES & USDA KS AES & USDA	Perry	1.41 1.34	1.86 1.87	1.26 1.40		0.87 1.32	5.40 5.93	8.16 7.79	7.01 7.28	8.79 8.30	29.36 29.30	34.54 34.47	95 95
Cal/West	OK49	1.41	1.59	1.34		1.02	5.36	8.12	6.89	8.19	28.56	33.60	93 92
KS AES & USDA		1.30	1.48	1.22		1.01	5.01	7.60	6.75	8.69	28.05	33.00	90
Average	Talloy	1.45	1.93	1.48		1.23	6.09	8.45	7.42	9.04	31.00	36.47	100
C.V.(%)		8.36	9.05	8.17		12.34	5.24	6.26	12.10	9.20			
L.S.D.(0.05)		0.14	0.20	0.14		0.18	0.37	0.62	0.54	0.58	1.18	1.39	4
L.S.D.(0.20)		0.11	0.16	0.11		0.14	0.29	0.48	0.35	0.38	0.76	0.89	2

Fourth-harvest yields are not reported because of a severe pigweed infestation.

LOCATION: South Central Kansas Sandyland Experiment Field STAFFORD County Near St. John Farnum loamy fine sand ESTABLISHMENT: Sept. 5, 1991; RCBD, 4 reps Plots 5'x20'; 3'x20' harvested 15 lb seed/acre, preplant Roundup Seed planted as received 1995 FERTILIZATION:
March; 36-92-22
1995 PEST CONTROL:
Velpar on Feb. 22, Lorsban on April 4,
Poast on July 26 for crabgrass,
Pursuit on August 20 for pigweed
1995 IRRIGATION:
14 inches total in 19 irrigations
Beginning in late June and ending in

1995 CONDITIONS:

Late freezes burned back the forage, significantly decreasing first-harvest yields. Cool, wet conditions in May and early June slowed growth and delayed the second harvest.

Extremely

hot, dry weather after mid-June decreased late-season yields. All cuttings were taken at approximately

mid-September

TABLE 7. 1995 SOUTHWEST KANSAS ALFALFA PERFORMANCE TEST, FINNEY CO. - IRR.

		Forage Yield								
						/acre				94-95
Entrant,					Ory Matte	er			Total,	Total, % of
Brand, or	Entry			1995			1994	94-95	15%	% or Mean
Marketer	Litty	6/13	7/19	8/18	10/4	Total	Total	Total	Moist.	IVICALI
MBS	PGI4372 Exp	3.15	2.43	1.82	1.41	8.81	9.93	18.74	22.05	106
Drussel	Reward	3.22	2.30	1.73	1.28	8.53	10.02	18.55	21.82	105
Mycogen	TMF Generation	3.53	2.40	1.52	1.19	8.64	9.78	18.42	21.67	104
ABI	ABI 9045 Exp	3.33	2.46	1.68	1.19	8.66	9.72	18.38	21.62	104
MBS	PGI9047 Exp	3.27	2.30	1.64	1.11	8.32	10.05	18.37	21.61	104
NC+	Jade	2.96	2.39	1.78	1.21	8.34	9.97	18.31	21.54	103
Pioneer	90W3PR1 Exp	3.60	2.41	1.72	1.25	8.98	9.32	18.30	21.53	103
Casterline	ProGro 424	3.12	2.26	1.65	1.19	8.22	10.05	18.27	21.49	103
America's Alfalfa	Aggressor	3.40	2.45	1.56	1.37	8.78	9.33	18.11	21.31	102
Great Plains	Key	3.46	2.30	1.54	1.11	8.41	9.66	18.07	21.26	102
America's Alfalfa	Archer	3.07	2.29	1.64	1.32	8.32	9.72	18.04	21.22	102
Great Plains	Belmont	3.16	2.35	1.72	1.27	8.50	9.49	17.99	21.16	102
MBS	More	3.45	2.29	1.60	1.22	8.56	9.42	17.98	21.15	102
DeKalb	DK 133	3.16	2.21	1.61	1.09	8.07	9.80	17.87	21.02	101
MBS	PGI4212 Exp	3.05	2.35	1.81	1.32	8.53	9.29	17.82	20.96	101
America's Alfalfa	Apollo Supreme	3.32	2.33	1.54	1.20	8.39	9.35	17.74	20.87	100
Great Plains	Cimarron VR	3.28	2.25	1.47	1.16	8.16	9.57	17.73	20.86	100
Cal/West	1309 Exp	3.08	2.11	1.50	1.01	7.70	10.01	17.71	20.84	100
Golden Harvest	GH-755	3.32	2.37	1.53	1.23	8.45	9.26	17.71	20.84	100
Wilbur-Ellis	Jewel	3.32	2.32	1.58	1.16	8.38	9.30	17.68	20.80	100
Cal/West	2514 Exp	3.03	2.17	1.52	1.17	7.89	9.76	17.65	20.76	100
Germain's	WL 323	3.04	2.46	1.67	1.14	8.31	9.27	17.58	20.68	99
Cal/West	OK49	3.04	2.37	1.47	1.19	8.07	9.49	17.56	20.66	99
KS AES & USDA	Riley	3.15	2.27	1.59	1.14	8.15	9.36	17.51	20.60	99
Pioneer	91CO2PR1 Exp	3.19	2.27	1.72	1.26	8.44	8.99	17.43	20.51	98
Germain's	WL 322 HQ	3.43	2.17	1.75	1.15	8.50	8.83	17.33	20.39	98
NE AES & USDA		3.28	2.26	1.56	1.08	8.18	9.08	17.26	20.31	98
Pioneer	91CO1PR1 Exp	2.92	2.10	1.75	1.22	7.99	9.26	17.25	20.29	97
Sharp	Alfaleaf	3.13	2.33	1.55	1.13	8.14	9.00	17.14	20.16	97
Ohlde (M/W Gen)	Magnum IV	3.10	2.25	1.54	1.21	8.10	8.98	17.08	20.09	96
Northrup King	Fortress	3.02	2.21	1.47	1.17	7.87	9.18	17.05	20.06	96
Pioneer	91I12PJ1 Exp	2.93	2.08	1.76	1.34	8.11	8.84	16.95	19.94	96
KS AES & USDA	Kanza	2.94	2.19	1.62	1.15	7.90	8.43	16.33	19.21	92
Pioneer	88C2PI2 Exp	2.53	2.13	1.64	1.15	7.45	8.17	15.62	18.38	88
Average		3.18	2.29	1.63	1.20	8.30	9.40	17.70	20.82	100
C.V.(%)		6.66	6.07	7.67	9.68	3.65	5.84			
L.S.D.(0.05)		0.25	0.16	0.17	NS	0.36	0.64	0.88	1.04	5
L.S.D.(0.20)		0.19	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.28	0.50	0.57	0.67	3

LOCATION: Southwest Kansas 1995 FERTILIZATION: 1995 CONDITIONS: SW KS Research-Extension Center None The first and second cuttings were **FINNEY County** 1995 PEST CONTROL: very slow growing and approximately 2 weeks later than normal because Near Garden City Pursuit Plus on April 3 1995 IRRIGATION: of record precipitation combined with Keith silt loam **ESTABLISHMENT:** Flood irrigated on July 11, August 8, cool temperatures in April and May. Sept. 10, 1993; RCBD, 4 reps August and September weather was August 31, and September 13 Plots 3'x20'; 3'x20' harvested extremely hot and dry. 32 lb seed/acre Seed planted as received

ABI ABI Alfalfa 2316 259th St. Ames , IA 5001		Cal/West Cal/West R.R. 1, Box 70 West Salem, WI 54669	608-786-1554
ABI 9045 Exp ABI 9141 Exp ABI 9142 ABI 923DD Exp Venture	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 4 H H H H H H R H - M - R 4 H H H H H H - R - M - R 4 H R H H H - R - M - R 3 H H H H H M R - R - R 4 H R R H R - H - L - R	1 2 3 1309 Exp 1344 Exp 1346 Exp 1469 Exp 2514 Exp OK49	4 5 6 7 8 9 101112
AgriPro			
Agripro Seeds P.O. Box 2962 Shawnee Miss		Cargill Cargill Hybrid Seeds P.O. Box 5645 Minneapolis, MN 55440	612-742-6743
Dawn	3 H R H R H - R - M - M	1 2 3	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Dawn Demand	3 H H H H H M R - M - R		H H H M R
Depend+EV	4 H H H H H M R - M - R	9	H H H R R R R R H L L - M
America's Alf	falfa 913-384-4940		
America's Alfa P.O. Box 2955 6700 Antioch Shawnee Miss	lfa	Casterline Casterline Seeds, Inc. Box 1377 1st & Maple Dodge City, KS 67801	800-444-4137
Affinity+Z	4 H H H H H - R - R - R		4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Aggressor	4 H R H H H M H M M - M 4 H R H H R - H 5 M M H R R H H R R R - 3 H H H H H M R - R - R	I	H R H R H - R M - H R H R R M M
Total+Z	3	Ciba	402-475-0897
Bio-Plant Bio-Plant Rese P.O. Box 253	earch	Ciba Seeds 201 Benton Court Lincoln , NE 68521	
Camp Point, IL	_ 62320	1 2 3	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Ciba 2444 3 H R	H H H - M - M - R

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Voyager

DeKalb	815-758-9323	Great Plains	919-362-1583			
	Genetics Corp. re Rd.	Great Plains Res 3624 Kildaire Fa Apex ,NC 27502	search Co.,Inc. ırm Rd.			
DK 125 DK 127 DK 133	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 3 H R R H R M R 4 H R H H H R R - M - R	Belmont 4 Cimarron VR 4 Haygrazer 4	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 4 H R H H R H H R R M - 4 H R H R R R R R R M 5 H R H R R R R R - R R M 6 H H H H H H H M M M			
Drussel	316-275-2359					
Drussel Seed 2197 W. Para Garden City, I	llel Road	Hobart Seed Hobart Seed 530 S. Main Hobart , OK 7369	800-866-6074			
Reward	4 H R H R H R H M M - M		2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
		SuperCuts 4	H H H H H - H - L - R			
Forage Genetics Forage Genetics P.O. Box 5645		Hoegemeyer 402-654-3399 Hoegemeyer Hybrids				
Minneapolis , N		R.R. 2, Box 126				
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Hooper, NE 680	31			
3T26 Exp			2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 3 H R H H H - H R			
Germain's	913-674-2062					
Germain's Sec P.O. Box 373 Hill City ,KS 6		ICI ICI Seeds R.R. 2 Box 92A Carroll , IA 5140	712-792-5760			
Ogallala 633 WL 252 HQ WL 317 WL 320 WL 322 HQ	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 4 H R R H H H R - M - M 2 H R H H H M R L R - L 3 H R H R H R H - R M - 4 R M R M R R M M M 4 H R H M R H H R LR L -	630 4 645	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 H M R M R M R M M			
WL 323	4 H R H H H M R - H - R	Johnston Johnston Seed (405-233-5800 Co.			
Golden Harvest 402-779-2531 The J.C. Robinson Seed Co. 100 J.C. Robinson Blvd. Waterloo , NE 68069		P.O. Box 1392 Enid , OK 73702				
			2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
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Keltgen	605-983-5171	NC+	913-626-3034			
Keltgen Seed 103 Cherry St Arlington, SD		NC+ Hybrids 404 S. 5th Atwood , KS 67	7730			
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
Allegro	4 H R H H H M H - M - R	Jade Sierra	4 H R R R H M 3 H R H R H R - L M M M			
KS AES & US	SDA 913-532-6115					
KSU-Foundati 2200 Kimball		NE AES & US Nebraska Four				
Manhattan, KS	6 66502	University of N 3115 North 70t	ebraska-Lincoln			
Kanza	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Lincoln, NE	68507-2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
Riley	4 H L - M - H H	Perry	3 R L - M R			
MBS	515-296-2676	Northrup King	g 316-543-2707			
Mike Brayton 9 P.O. Box 308		Northrup King (
2055 Ironwood		Buhler, KS 675	522			
Ames , IA	50010 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 101112		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
Crystal	4 H R H R H L R M M - L	Fortress	4 R R R - H H R - H			
MBS 2042 Exp More		MB5141 Exp MultiKing1	3 H R H R R M M - M			
PGI3212 Exp		Rushmore	4 H R H H H H R H			
PGI3392 Exp PGI4212 Exp		Viking 1	2 R H H R R - M M			
PGI4372 Exp		Ohlde (M/W G	Gen) 913-692-4555			
PGI9047 Exp		Ohlde Seed Fa	•			
Mycogen	906 005 4444	Midwest Seed				
Mycogen Plan	806-995-4111	Box 63 RR 1	2000			
P.O. Box 68	t ociences	Palmer, KS 6	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
505 South 87t		Magnum III	4 R M R M R M R M M - L			
Tulia ,TX	79088 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 101112	Magnum IV	4 H R H R H M - M R M M			
Multi-plier	3 H R H H H M R					
•	4 H H H H H - R R	Pioneer	515-270-3342			
			Pioneer Hi-Bred Int., Inc.			
		Box 287 7305 NW 62nd	1			
		Johnston , IA	50131			
			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
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87CV842 Exp												
88C2PI2 Exp												
88W2CR2 Exp												
90W3PR1 Exp												
91CO1PR1 Exp												
91CO2PR1 Exp												
91I12PJ1 Exp												

Fall Dormancy and disease resistance ratings are from *Alfalfa Varieties*, a publication of the Certified Alfalfa Seed Council, or from developers of the varieties. Blank spaces indicate that the variety has not been adequately tested.

Sharp

316-398-2231

Sharp Bros. Seed Company Box 140

Healy, KS 67850

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 4 H R R R H R R - - - M

Star

Alfaleaf

800-782-7611

Star Seed, Inc. P.O. Box 504 Beloit, KS 67420

> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 4 H R R R H R R - - - M

Union

A-100 Asset

Union Seeds P.O. Box 339 Nampa, ID 83651

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Wilbur-Ellis

UN-74

719-336-2226

Wilbur-Ellis P.O. Box 1017 Lamar , CO 81052

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Jewel 4 H R R R H R R - - - M Mede 5 M M H R R H R R - R -

Variety characterization codes:

1 = Fall dormancy rating (see below)

2 = Bacterial Wilt 3 = Verticillium Wilt

4 = Fusarium Wilt

5 = Anthracnose Race 1

6 = Phytophthora Root Rot 7 = Spotted Alfalfa Aphid

8 = Pea Aphid

9 = Blue Alfalfa Aphid

10 = Stem Nematode

11 = Root Knot Nematode

12 = Aphanomyces Root Rot race 1

Fall dormancy ratings

Check	Dormancy
<u>variety</u>	rating
Norseman	1
Vernal	2
Ranger	3
Saranac	4
DuPuits	5
Lahontan	6
Mesilla	7
Moapa 69	8
CUF 101	9

Pest resistance ratings

	Resistance	% Resistant
<u>Code</u>	<u>class</u>	<u>plants</u>
S	Susceptible	0-5%
L	Low Resistance	6-14%
M	Moderate Resistance	e15-30%
R	Resistance	31-50%
Н	High Resistance	>50%
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