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2007 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. Each year, 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 Most tests are planted in mid-August or the tests. 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 there is enough interest.

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 through 5. 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 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, CVs less than 10% generally indicate reliable, uniform data, whereas CVs of 10 to 15% are not uncommon and generally indicate that the data are acceptable for rough comparisons. Tests with CVs 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. Many alfalfa breeders and testers agree that tests with MCV values greater than 10% are of little benefit.

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 insectresistance, 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 (NAAIC). That report summarizes information
submitted by developers of alfalfa varieties as part of the
variety registration process. The Association of Official
Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) National Alfalfa
Variety Review Board (NAVRB) 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. Southeast Kansas, Mound Valley Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded April 14, 2005.

Joe Moyer, agronomist

Southeast Ag. Research Center, Mound Valley, Parsons silty clay loam The extremely wet spring conditions reduced stands of some plots in the fourth rep by early

Plots 5'x20'; 3'x20' harvested 20-50-200 lb/a of N-P-K in March

The extremely wet spring conditions reduced stands of some plots in the fourth rep by early June, so it was abandoned. By the end of August, growth had slowed because moisture was limited.

						Fora	ge Yield	i						
		tons/acre												
					Dr	y Matter					Total,	Total,		
			2007								15% [°]	% of		
NAME	4-12	6-6	7-16	8-27	11-1		2007	2006	2005	Total	Moist.	Mean		
RELEASED CULTIVARS														
FSG505	1.19	1.64	1.40	0.61	0.82		5.67	2.13	4.51	12.31	14.48	107		
FSG408DP	1.12	1.67	1.28	0.68	0.82		5.58	1.87	4.27	11.73	13.80	102		
6530	1.12	1.76	1.44	0.60	0.76		5.68	1.88	4.14	11.69	13.76	102		
Cimarron VL400	1.21	1.62	1.36	0.59	0.83		5.61	1.83	4.19	11.62	13.67	101		
Good as Gold II	1.14	1.54	1.02	0.55	0.75		5.00	2.08	4.46	11.54	13.57	100		
WL 357 HQ	1.14	1.49	1.16	0.60	0.85		5.24	1.89	4.28	11.41	13.43	99		
Kanza	1.06	1.44	1.20	0.60	0.74		5.04	1.89	4.46	11.39	13.40	99		
6420	1.17	1.70	1.03	0.53	0.78		5.22	1.95	4.09	11.26	13.25	98		
Perry	1.14	1.55	1.03	0.54	0.75		5.02	1.95	4.13	11.10	13.06	97		
Integrity	1.09	1.63	1.23	0.60	0.73		5.28	1.82	3.89	10.99	12.93	96		
EXPERIMENTAL STRAINS														
AA112E	1.12	1.63	1.47	0.73	0.76		5.71	1.95	4.21	11.87	13.97	103		
CW 15030	1.13	1.67	1.21	0.50	0.67		5.18	2.00	4.14	11.31	13.31	98		
AA108E	1.15	1.65	1.47	0.53	0.68		5.48	1.73	3.88	11.10	13.06	97		
SUMMARY STATISTICS														
Average	1.14	1.61	1.25	0.59	0.77		5.36	1.92	4.20	11.49	13.51	100		
LSD (0.05)	0.09	0.33	0.32	0.15	0.22		0.47	0.20	0.33	0.61	0.72	5		
LSD (0.20)	0.06	0.21	0.20	0.10	0.14		0.30	0.13	0.21	0.39	0.46	3		
CV (%)	4.25	10.71	13.29	13.71	14.68		5.96	7.11	5.53	3.64	3.64	4		
MCV (%)	7.16	18.04	22.39	23.11	24.73		8.70	10.20	7.93	5.31	5.31	5		

Table 2. North Central Kansas, Belleville Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded September 1, 2004.

Barney Gordon, agronomist

North Central Kansas Exp. Field, Belleville, Crete silt loam

20 lb. seed/acre

Plots 5'x15'; 3'x15' harvested 11-52-0 lb/a of N-P-K in February

First cutting was lost due to the freeze on April 6, 7, and 8. Regrowth was very slow after the freeze.

				Forage Yield	d				
				tons/acre					
				Dry Matter				Total,	Total,
NAME			2007					15%	% of
NAME	6-11	7-13	8-14	2007	2006	2005	Total	Moist.	Mean
RELEASED CULTIVARS									
Good as Gold II	2.67	1.81	1.50	5.99	4.92	6.83	17.74	20.87	108
DKA42-15	2.59	1.64	1.29	5.52	4.73	6.73	16.97	19.97	103
Reward II	2.73	1.62	1.26	5.61	4.71	6.66	16.97	19.96	103
WL 335 HQ	2.59	1.60	1.22	5.42	4.70	6.67	16.79	19.75	102
6415	2.42	1.59	1.28	5.29	4.54	6.75	16.57	19.50	101
HybriForce-420/wet	2.58	1.66	1.19	5.44	4.41	6.67	16.52	19.43	101
Pioneer 54V46	2.48	1.61	1.20	5.29	4.51	6.68	16.48	19.39	100
6400HT	2.61	1.65	1.19	5.46	4.31	6.65	16.42	19.32	100
Genoa	2.44	1.69	1.21	5.34	4.53	6.46	16.33	19.21	99
Kanza	2.32	1.64	1.38	5.34	4.52	6.24	16.10	18.94	98
DKA50-18	2.50	1.65	1.28	5.43	4.37	6.22	16.02	18.84	98
WL 357 HQ	2.45	1.64	1.48	5.56	4.11	6.12	15.79	18.58	96
EXPERIMENTAL STRAINS									
DS361HY	2.40	1.53	1.32	5.24	4.56	6.34	16.14	18.99	98
DS362HY	2.48	1.43	1.24	5.14	4.50	6.47	16.11	18.95	98
DS416	2.56	1.47	1.12	5.15	4.23	6.58	15.95	18.76	97
DS415	2.20	1.42	1.39	5.00	4.26	6.52	15.79	18.57	96
SUMMARY STATISTICS									
Average	2.50	1.60	1.28	5.39	4.49	6.54	16.42	19.31	100
LSD (0.05)	0.36	0.29	0.28	0.54	0.31	0.30	0.69	0.82	4
LSD (0.20)	0.23	0.18	0.18	0.35	0.20	0.19	0.45	0.53	3
CV (%)	10.21	12.54	15.42	7.06	4.85	3.23	2.96	2.96	3
MCV (%)	14.55	17.85	21.96	10.06	6.91	4.60	4.22	4.22	4

Table 3. South Central Kansas, Hutchinson Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded September 1, 2004.

Bill Heer, agronomist

South Central Kansas Exp. Field, Hutchinson, Ost silt loam

10 lb. seed/acre

Plots 5'x24', 3'x18' harvested

75-40-0 lb/a of N-P-K before planting

First cutting was lost to freeze in April. Regrowth and cuttings were delayed by wet weather in May and June, and yields were further injured by hot, dry weather ending in September.

				Forage Yiel	d				
				tons/acre					
				Dry Matter				Total,	Total,
NAME	5-31	7-14	2007 8-15	2007	2006	2005	Total	15% Moist.	% of <u>Mean</u>
RELEASED CULTIVARS									
Good as Gold II	1.66	1.74	0.89	4.29	1.06	4.53	9.88	11.62	108
WL 335 HQ	1.68	1.90	1.05	4.63	1.06	4.16	9.85	11.59	108
FSG408DP	1.58	1.84	0.90	4.33	0.98	4.21	9.52	11.20	104
Perry	1.60	1.92	1.01	4.53	0.91	4.00	9.45	11.11	104
6400HT	1.58	1.71	0.82	4.11	0.84	4.26	9.20	10.82	101
DKA50-18	1.45	1.79	0.94	4.18	0.84	3.96	8.98	10.56	98
Kanza	1.54	1.81	0.86	4.20	0.75	4.00	8.95	10.53	98
Jade III	1.51	1.80	0.66	3.97	0.78	4.17	8.92	10.50	98
Genoa	1.60	1.84	0.83	4.27	0.71	3.92	8.90	10.47	98
6420	1.56	1.73	0.66	3.95	0.86	4.08	8.89	10.45	97
WL 357 HQ	1.57	1.70	0.87	4.14	0.65	4.06	8.86	10.42	97
FSG406	1.47	1.76	0.75	3.98	0.80	3.99	8.76	10.31	96
HybriForce-420/wet	1.29	2.02	0.85	4.15	0.67	3.91	8.73	10.27	96
FSG505	1.39	1.74	0.81	3.94	0.74	3.80	8.47	9.96	93
DKA42-15	1.38	1.61	0.68	3.67	0.83	3.87	8.37	9.85	92
FSG351	1.41	1.73	0.71	3.84	0.68	3.73	8.25	9.71	90
EXPERIMENTAL STRAINS									
405	1.78	1.97	1.07	4.82	1.05	4.45	10.32	12.14	113
CW 15030	1.43	1.92	0.80	4.15	0.99	3.98	9.12	10.73	100
406	1.69	1.84	0.92	4.45	0.84	3.73	9.02	10.61	99
404	1.70	1.72	0.62	4.05	0.71	4.17	8.93	10.51	98
407	1.47	1.86	0.66	3.99	0.81	3.82	8.61	10.13	94
SUMMARY STATISTICS									
Average	1.54	1.81	0.90	4.25	0.84	4.04	9.12	10.73	100
LSD (0.05)	0.24	0.27	1.06	1.12	0.27	0.37	1.21	1.43	13
LSD (0.20)	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.73	0.18	0.24	0.79	0.92	9
CV (%)	10.92	10.46	23.42	18.65	23.25	6.52	9.40	9.40	9
MCV (%)	15.44	14.79	33.13	26.38	32.89	9.21	13.29	13.29	13

Table 4. Northwest Kansas, Colby Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded August 24, 2006.

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Pat Evans, agronomist

Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby, Keith silt loam

18 lb. seed/acre

MCV (%)

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.

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					Forage Yield tons/acre										
		Dry Matter													
	•		2007		Diy macco.	Total, 15%	Total, % of								
NAME	6-4	7-6		9-13	Total	Moist.									
RELEASED CULTIVARS															
Hybri+421	3.42	2.48	1.68	1.42	8.99	10.58	107								
Pioneer 54Q25	3.03	2.47	1.76	1.60	8.87	10.44	105								
Kanza	2.85	2.51	1.82	1.45	8.62	10.14	102								
Pioneer 54V09	3.12	2.27	1.76	1.45	8.59	10.11	102								
Mountaineer 2.0	3.10	2.38	1.75	1.34	8.57	10.08	102								
4A421	2.96	2.40	1.80	1.41	8.57	10.08	102								
Rebound 5.0	3.24	2.17	1.66	1.50	8.56	10.07	102								
DKA41-18RR	2.95	2.41	1.63	1.47	8.47	9.96	101								
Pioneer 54V46	3.17	2.26	1.62	1.34	8.38	9.86	100								
WL 343 HQ	2.88	2.14	1.83	1.40	8.25	9.70	98								
Jade III	2.71	2.39	1.71	1.33	8.14	9.57	97								
WL 355 RR	2.82	2.12	1.69	1.51	8.13	9.57	97								
6400HT	3.11	2.14	1.74	1.14	8.13	9.56	97								
4G418RR	2.82	2.15	1.69	1.40	8.07	9.49	96								
Perry	2.47	2.15	1.72	1.51	7.85	9.23	93								
SUMMARY STATISTICS															
Average	2.98	2.30	1.72	1.42	8.41	9.90	100								
LSD (0.05)	0.73	0.42	0.30	0.25	0.93	1.10	11								
LSD (0.20)	0.47	0.27	0.19	0.16	0.60	0.71	7								
CV (%)	17.26	12.93	12.28	12.26	7.77	7.77	8								

Table 5. Southwest Kansas, Garden City Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded August 30, 2006.

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 after first cutting

Second and third cuttings were delayed by rains. Very hot in July and August with little moisture until early September.

						Forage Yield		
						tons/acre		
					Dry	Matter	Total,	Total,
NAME	5-18	7-2	2007 8-6	9-4	10-16	Total	15% Moist.	% of <u>Mean</u>
RELEASED CULTIVARS								
Marvel	3.16	3.62	3.17	1.64	1.40	12.99	15.28	105
6415	3.00	3.82	3.18	1.59	1.39	12.96	15.25	105
Rebound 5.0	3.08	3.76	3.14	1.53	1.31	12.82	15.08	104
Pioneer 54V09	2.94	3.77	3.18	1.55	1.29	12.73	14.97	103
FSG505	3.16	3.61	3.00	1.53	1.37	12.66	14.90	103
GH 727	2.98	3.68	2.98	1.59	1.40	12.61	14.84	103
Genoa	3.01	3.66	3.02	1.56	1.37	12.61	14.84	102
Expedition	3.03	3.67	2.98	1.58	1.35	12.59	14.81	102
WL 355 RR	2.88	3.55	3.29	1.56	1.32	12.59	14.81	102
6530	2.84	3.77	3.28	1.47	1.23	12.59	14.81	102
Mariner III	3.10	3.60	3.20 3.12	1.48	1.30	12.59	14.81	102
FSG406		3.67		1.50	1.28			102
WL 357 HQ	2.95	3.56	3.18	1.56	1.40	12.57	14.79	
	2.92		3.10			12.54	14.75	102
4A421	3.01	3.56	3.08	1.54	1.30	12.48	14.69	101
6420	3.27	3.42	3.03	1.47	1.30	12.48	14.68	101
Reward II	3.22	3.71	2.86	1.40	1.28	12.48	14.68	101
Pioneer 54Q25	3.20	3.43	3.06	1.50	1.29	12.47	14.67	101
Pioneer 54V46	3.02	3.65	2.95	1.49	1.31	12.42	14.61	101
Hybri+421	3.06	3.65	2.92	1.49	1.23	12.33	14.51	100
DKA41-18RR	2.84	3.39	3.27	1.49	1.31	12.30	14.46	100
Mountaineer 2.0	2.88	3.72	3.01	1.42	1.25	12.27	14.44	100
4G418RR	2.73	3.54	3.20	1.50	1.31	12.27	14.43	100
FSG408DP	3.16	3.52	2.83	1.40	1.23	12.14	14.28	99
Artesian Sunrise	2.74	3.42	3.01	1.51	1.41	12.08	14.21	98
Cimarron VL400	2.78	3.64	3.06	1.40	1.16	12.03	14.16	98
Escalade	2.88	3.44	2.81	1.51	1.28	11.92	14.02	97
Phoenix	2.76	3.39	2.99	1.40	1.23	11.77	13.85	96
WL 343 HQ	2.72	3.34	2.85	1.51	1.27	11.68	13.74	95
Perry	2.90	3.33	2.90	1.38	1.13	11.63	13.68	94
Kanza	2.89	3.10	2.74	1.54	1.30	11.57	13.61	94
MP04	2.64	3.43	2.78	1.39	1.16	11.39	13.40	92
EXPERIMENTAL STRAINS								
4S419	3.34	3.57	3.34	1.62	1.42	13.30	15.64	108
FG 52M146	2.74	3.60	3.35	1.62	1.42	12.72	14.97	103
msSunstra-614	2.92	3.40	3.11	1.51	1.39	12.32	14.49	100
msSunstra-613	2.90	3.66	2.98	1.45	1.30	12.28	14.44	100
I Chg 04	2.80	3.52	3.03	1.44	1.17	11.95	14.06	97
DS961	2.70	3.10	2.71	1.53	1.44	11.48	13.51	93
DS253	2.63	3.00	2.92	1.49	1.40	11.43	13.45	93
SUMMARY STATISTICS								
Average	2.94	3.53	3.04	1.50		12.32	14.49	100
LSD (0.05)	0.28	0.30	0.43	0.10	0.08	0.61	0.72	5
LSD (0.20)	0.18	0.20	0.28	0.07	0.05	0.40	0.47	3
CV (%)	6.90	6.08	10.17	4.91	4.49	3.55	3.55	4
MCV (%)	9.67	8.51	14.25	6.88	6.29	4.98	4.98	5

Table 6. 2007 Performance Test entries with disease and insect resistance ratings for released varieties.

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						Р	s		В			P	_	R		М								Р	s		В			P				м	
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*WS = Winter survival, 1 = superior
BW = Bacterial wilt
VW = Verticillium wilt
FW = Fusarium wilt
AN = Anthracnose race 1
PRR = Phytophthora root rot
SAA = Spotted alfalfa aphid
PA = Pea aphid

APH1 = Aphanomyces root rot race 1
APH2 = Aphanomyces root rot race 2
SRKN = Southern root knot nematode
NRKN = Northern root knot nematode
PL = Potato leafhopper

PRR = Phytophthora root rot SAA = Spotted alfalfa aphid PL = Potato leafhopper MLE = Multi-foliolate expression

Disease and insect resistance ratings are from the National Alfalfa Alliance, NAAIC

S Susceptible
L Low Resistance
M Moderate Resistance
R Resistance
H High Resistance
- Not adequately tested

0-5% 6-14% ce 15-30% 31-50% >50%

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