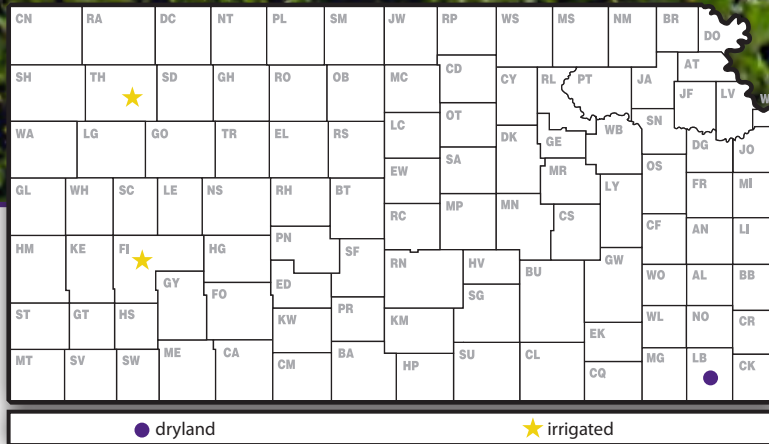
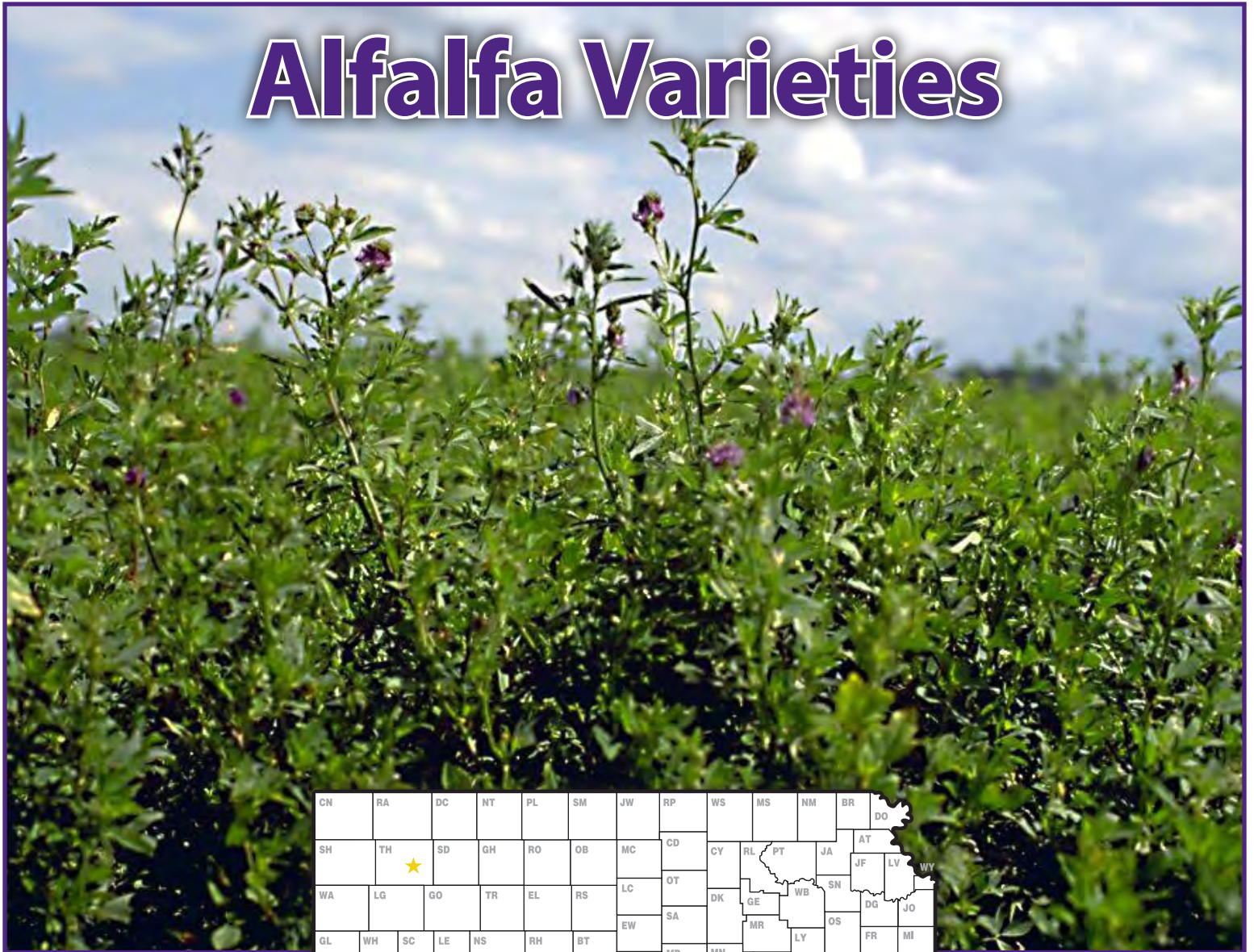


2012 Kansas Performance Tests with

Alfalfa Varieties



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2012 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. Every three years, 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 the tests. Most tests are planted in mid-August or 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 interest is strong.

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, 2, and 3. 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 of 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, CV less than 10% generally indicate reliable, uniform data, whereas CV of 10 to 15% are not uncommon and generally indicate the data are acceptable for rough comparisons. Tests with CV 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.

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 3 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 4 provides winter survival, disease and insect-resistance, 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. That report summarizes information submitted by developers of alfalfa varieties as part of the variety registration process. The Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies National Alfalfa Variety Review Board 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 4 for brand identification.

Table 1. Southwest Kansas, Garden City Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded August 24, 2010

Monty Spangler, agronomist

Southwest Research-Extension Center, Garden City

No disease or insect problems noted.

Keith silt loam; 30 lb seed/acre

Plots 3'x20'; 3'x20' harvested

22-100-0 lb/a of N-P-K

NAME	Forage yield									Total, 15% moist.	Total, % of mean
	tons/acre										
	dry matter										
	2012					2012	2011	Total			
5/9	6/8	7/13	8/10	9/18							
RELEASED CULTIVARS											
LegenDairy 5.0	2.88	2.06	2.13	1.50	1.53	10.10	9.59	19.69	23.16	104	
Mountaineer 2.0	2.94	1.98	2.04	1.49	1.51	9.96	9.72	19.68	23.16	104	
6431	2.73	1.87	2.17	1.45	1.49	9.72	9.82	19.54	22.98	103	
Archer III	2.60	2.02	2.07	1.50	1.54	9.72	9.50	19.23	22.62	101	
DKA50-18	2.57	1.90	2.02	1.49	1.54	9.52	9.70	19.22	22.61	101	
DG 4210	2.49	1.96	2.10	1.57	1.60	9.71	9.40	19.11	22.48	101	
AmeriStand 403T+	2.60	1.86	2.03	1.42	1.42	9.33	9.69	19.02	22.38	100	
AmeriStand 407TQ	2.51	1.98	2.05	1.54	1.56	9.64	9.37	19.01	22.36	100	
Perry	2.76	1.83	2.07	1.34	1.52	9.52	9.44	18.96	22.31	100	
WL 363HQ	2.47	2.01	2.11	1.53	1.52	9.64	9.23	18.87	22.20	99	
6422Q	2.31	1.96	2.03	1.52	1.47	9.29	9.03	18.33	21.56	97	
Vernal	2.51	1.76	1.94	1.30	1.42	8.93	9.33	18.27	21.49	96	
Kanza	2.49	1.75	1.87	1.27	1.32	8.70	9.20	17.89	21.05	94	
SUMMARY STATISTICS											
Average	2.61	1.92	2.05	1.45	1.50	9.52	9.46	18.98	18.98	19	
LSD (0.05)	0.23	0.14	0.12	0.08	0.14	0.33	0.45	0.56	0.66	3	
LSD (0.20)	0.15	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.21	0.29	0.36	0.42	2	
CV (%)	6.13	5.12	3.95	3.68	6.53	1.12	1.53	0.95	--	--	
MCV (%)	8.79	7.34	5.67	5.27	9.37	3.50	4.77	2.95	2.95	3	

Table 2. Northwest Kansas, Colby Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded September 2, 2009

Pat Evans, agronomist

Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby

Keith silt loam; 18 lb seed/acre

Plots 3'x20'; 3'x17' harvested

14-46-0 lb/a of N-P-K before planting

Plots required 12-15 inches of irrigation between cuttings for regrowth to occur.

NAME	Forage yield									
	tons/acre									
	dry matter								Total, 15% moist.	Total, % of mean
	2012				2012	2011	2010	10-12 Total		
5/21	6/25	7/23	8/23							
RELEASED CULTIVARS										
WL 363HQ	2.12	1.95	2.83	0.94	7.83	8.52	7.98	24.33	28.62	111
6422Q	2.07	1.96	2.63	1.39	8.05	7.88	7.16	23.09	27.16	105
Mountaineer 2.0	2.17	2.03	2.12	0.82	7.13	8.03	7.22	22.38	26.33	102
Archer III	2.10	1.50	2.19	1.38	7.17	7.51	7.66	22.34	26.28	102
AmeriStand 403T+	1.56	1.81	2.28	1.40	7.05	7.61	7.64	22.30	26.24	102
Kanza	2.62	2.11	2.14	1.34	8.21	7.94	5.98	22.13	26.04	101
LegenDairy 5.0	1.87	1.53	2.35	0.82	6.56	7.63	7.26	21.46	25.24	98
Perry	1.93	1.73	2.53	1.08	7.27	7.31	6.82	21.40	25.18	97
AmeriStand 407TQ	1.39	1.82	2.03	0.84	6.08	7.26	6.80	20.14	23.69	92
Vernal	2.28	1.46	3.35	0.66	7.74	6.53	5.86	20.13	23.69	92
SUMMARY STATISTICS										
Average	2.01	1.79	2.44	1.07	7.31	7.62	7.03	21.96	25.84	100
LSD (0.05)	1.14	0.66	1.67	0.79	2.27	1.29	1.11	2.84	3.34	13
LSD (0.20)	0.73	0.42	1.07	0.50	1.45	0.83	0.71	1.82	2.14	8
CV (%)	39.15	23.53	47.12	50.83	9.93	11.70	10.90	4.13	4.14	4
MCV (%)	56.81	36.71	68.36	73.75	31.03	16.97	15.81	12.92	12.92	13

Table 3. Southeast Kansas, Mound Valley Alfalfa Performance Test, Seeded April 12, 2010

Joseph Moyer, agronomist

Southeast Research-Extension Center, Mound Valley

Parsons silt loam; 18 lb seed/acre

Plots 3'x20'; 3'x17' harvested

20-50-200 lb/a of N-P-K before planting

Challenging season with blister beetle and hail damage in May.

NAME	Forage yield									
	tons/acre									
	dry matter									
	2012				2012	2011	2010	10-12 Total	Total, 15% moist.	Total, % of mean
4/25	5/31	6/28	10/9							
RELEASED CULTIVARS										
FSG639ST Bt	1.60	1.10	0.50	0.59	3.80	4.99	4.25	13.03	15.33	107
AmeriStand 407TQ	1.64	1.12	0.47	0.60	3.83	4.91	4.04	12.77	15.03	105
Perry	1.69	1.06	0.35	0.69	3.80	4.84	4.08	12.72	14.96	105
FSG408DP Bt	1.71	1.16	0.41	0.55	3.82	4.65	4.18	12.66	14.89	104
AmeriStand 403T+	1.60	1.13	0.40	0.63	3.76	4.97	3.86	12.59	14.81	104
Kanza	1.42	0.98	0.42	0.70	3.52	4.84	4.18	12.54	14.76	103
Vernal	1.59	1.07	0.42	0.64	3.71	4.95	3.87	12.54	14.75	103
FSG505 Bt	1.61	1.11	0.42	0.54	3.68	4.85	3.84	12.38	14.56	102
WL 363HQ	1.51	1.07	0.49	0.62	3.69	4.51	3.97	12.16	14.31	100
FSG 528SF	1.48	1.01	0.36	0.58	3.42	4.82	3.65	11.89	13.99	98
6422Q	1.49	1.03	0.38	0.57	3.48	4.61	3.76	11.84	13.93	98
WL 343 HQ	1.57	1.02	0.39	0.58	3.56	4.62	3.36	11.53	13.57	95
DG 4210	1.50	1.06	0.32	0.44	3.32	4.40	3.80	11.52	13.55	95
6552	1.53	1.03	0.38	0.53	3.47	4.40	3.63	11.49	13.52	95
Archer III	1.42	1.00	0.35	0.54	3.30	4.42	3.72	11.45	13.47	94
DKA50-18	1.56	1.07	0.37	0.51	3.51	4.31	3.35	11.17	13.14	92
SUMMARY STATISTICS										
Average	1.56	1.06	0.40	0.58	3.60	4.69	3.84	12.14	12.14	12
LSD (0.05)	0.15	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.25	0.38	0.40	0.61	0.71	5
LSD (0.20)	0.10	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.16	0.25	--	0.39	0.46	3
CV (%)	6.77	7.27	21.59	13.62	4.87	5.71	7.25	3.50	--	--
MCV (%)	9.64	10.35	30.75	19.40	6.94	8.13	--	4.98	4.98	5

Table 4. 2012 Performance Test entries, with disease and insect resistance ratings for released varieties.*

Brand Name	W	B	V	F	A	R	A	P	A	S	H	H	K	K	P	L	G	A A S N			
																		P	S	B	M
	S	W	W	W	N	R	A	A	A	N	1	2	N	N	L	E	T				
Allied																					
FSG408DP Bt	2	H	R	H	H	H	-	R	-	R	R	-	-	H	-	-	-				
FSG505 Bt	2	H	H	H	H	H	R	R	-	R	H	-	-	R	-	-	-				
FSG639ST Bt	3	H	R	R	R	H	-	R	-	H	M	-	R	H	-	-	-				
America's Alfalfa																					
AmeriStand 403T+	2	H	H	H	H	H	M	H	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y			
AmeriStand 407TQ	2	H	H	H	H	H	R	H	-	M	H	R	-	-	-	-	-				
Archer III	2	H	H	H	H	H	-	H	-	H	H	-	-	H	-	H	-				
CPS																					
DG 4210	1	H	H	H	H	H	-	R	-	R	H	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Croplan Genetics																					
LegenDairy 5.0	2	H	H	H	H	H	R	R	-	M	H	-	-	R	-	H	-				
Mountaineer 2.0	2	H	R	H	H	H	R	H	-	H	R	-	-	R	-	H	-				
Farm Science Genetics																					
FSG 528SF	-	H	H	H	H	R	-	R	R	-	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-		
KS AES & USDA																					
Kanza	-	R	-	-	-	-	R	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Monsanto																					
DKA50-18	2	H	H	H	H	H	R	R	-	R	H	-	-	-	-	H	-				
NE AES & USDA																					
Perry	-	R	-	-	L	-	M	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	-				
NEXGROW																					
6305Q	1	H	H	H	H	H	H	-	-	R	H	-	-	-	-	H	-				
6422Q	1	H	H	H	H	H	-	R	-	R	H	-	-	-	-	H	-				
6431	2	H	H	H	H	H	-	R	-	H	H	-	-	H	-	-	-				
6552	2	H	H	H	H	H	-	R	-	R	H	-	-	-	-	H	-				
WI AES																					
Vernal	-	R	-	MR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	MR	-	-	-				
W-L Research																					
WL 343 HQ	1	H	H	H	H	H	-	H	-	R	H	-	-	-	-	H	-				
WL 363HQ	1	H	H	H	H	H	-	H	-	H	H	-	-	H	-	H	-				

*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

BAA = Blue alfalfa aphid
 SN = Stem nematode
 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
 MLE = Multi-foliolate expression

GT = Continuous grazing tolerance, Y/N

Pest resistance ratings:		
Code	Resistance class	% resistant plants
S	Susceptible	0-5%
L	Low resistance	6-14%
M	Moderate resistance	15-30%
R	Resistance	31-50%
H	High resistance	>50%
-	Not adequately tested	

Disease and insect resistance ratings are from the National Alfalfa Alliance, NAAIC descriptions, or from developers of the varieties.

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