

The hot new thing

What are Sprinter Wheats?

A unique cross of wheats specifically designed to follow late-lifted break crops such as sugar beet, maize and potatoes. Sprinter Wheats are quick to emerge, establish and develop rapidly with good winter hardiness and no vernalisation requirement. These wheats have been bred from a milling quality-focused breeding program and as a result benefit from enhanced protein content, grain quality and robust specific weight.

The Sprinter Wheat drilling window runs from mid-October throughout the spring giving growers security that whatever the weather seed can be confidently drilled when conditions allow.



Introducing STR Pace

STR Pace is the first Sprinter Wheat to be launched and has been recommended by the AHDB as a high yielding group 1 spring wheat variety with exceptional specific weight and early maturity.



As well as AHDB and VL trials, STR Pace has been further drilled October to spring in private trials over the last five years.



STR Pace has performed comparably to group 1 winter wheat competitors throughout the autumn drilling windows with a much-improved specific weight.



STR Pace has solid agronomics balancing yield, grain quality and maintaining a respectable disease resistance.



STR Pace is the earliest maturing Group 1 milling spring wheat on the 2026 AHDB Recommended list and one of the earliest overall. Earliness of maturity is a key consideration for a milling variety to safeguard harberg and potentially reduce sprouting risk and drying costs on farm.



An earlier harvest offers greater flexibility for subsequent crop options or to establish a following cover crop in good time.



With the highest specific weight of all recommended spring wheat varieties these are further illustrations of the variety's ability to build yield quickly and reliably.



AHDB 2026 recommended list

Spring wheat (Group 1)



	STR Pace	KWS Harsum	KWS Ladum
End-use group	UKFM Group 1		
Scope of recommendation	UK	UK	UK
Variety status	NEW		C
UK yield as % control (spring sowing)			
Fungicide-treated (7.5 t/ha)	100	101	98
Disease resistance			
Mildew (1–9)	[8]	[7]	[7]
Yellow rust (1–9)	5	7	6
Brown rust (1–9)	7	5	5
Septoria tritici (1–9)	[6]	6	6
Orange wheat blossom midge	-	R	-
Agronomic features (spring sowing)			
Lodging with PGR (%)	-	[1]	[0]
Straw length without PGR (cm)	80	79	73
Ripening (days +/- Mulika)	-1	+1	0
Grain quality (spring sowing)			
Endosperm texture	Hard	Hard	Hard
Protein content (%)	13.0	12.8	13.3
Hagberg Falling Number	303	326	330
Specific weight (kg/hl)	80.6	78.7	78.1

October sown establishment



STR Pace (375 seeds/m²)



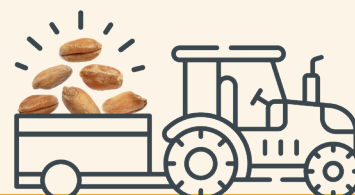
Skyfall (375 seeds/m²)

Private trials, Northants, images taken 13th November 2024, October-drilled

5 year mean November sown STR Pace comparison

Private trial - Cambridgeshire | Previous crop - Sugar Beet

	Variety	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Mean
Yield t/ha	Skyfall	9.54	12.93	11.01	10.37	11.28	11.03
	STR Pace	10.25	12.11	10.49	10.30	11.87	11.00
Spec weight kg/hl	Skyfall	63.04	81.57	82.56	81.65	73.97	74.56
	STR Pace	71.67	82.55	75.47	82.02	79.27	78.20



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