

# 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 four 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 2025 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 2025 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
<b>UK yield as % control (spring sowing)</b>			
Fungicide-treated (7.5 t/ha)	101	101	99
<b>Disease resistance</b>			
Mildew (1-9)	[8]	[7]	[7]
Yellow rust (1-9)	5	7	7
Brown rust (1-9)	7	5	6
Septoria tritici (1-9)	[6]	6	6
Orange wheat blossom midge	-	R	-
<b>Agronomic features (spring sowing)</b>			
Lodging with PGR (%)	-	[2]	[1]
Straw length without PGR (cm)	80	78	74
Ripening (days +/- Mulika)	-1	+1	0
<b>Grain quality (spring sowing)</b>			
Endosperm texture	Hard	Hard	Hard
Protein content (%)	13.0	12.8	13.4
Hagberg Falling Number	303	325	324
Specific weight (kg/hl)	81.2	78.9	78.5

## October sown establishment



STR Pace (375 seeds/m<sup>2</sup>)



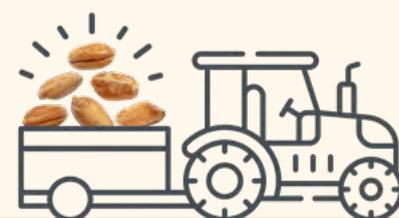
Skyfall (375 seeds/m<sup>2</sup>)

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

## 3 year mean November sown (t/ha) Sprinter Wheat comparison

Private trial - Cambridgeshire | Previous crop - Sugar Beet

Variety	2021	2022	2023	Yield Mean	Specific Weight Mean
Skyfall	9.54	12.93	11.01	11.16	73.18
STR Pace	10.25	12.11	10.49	10.95	78.08



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