

Technical Bulletin

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AAC Awesome VB Canada Western Special Purpose Wheat



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Description:

AAC Awesome VB is a very high yielding special purpose spring (with a soft white kernel type) wheat with a strong agronomic package. AAC Awesome VB has good straw strength and excellent disease package. AAC Awesome VB has the SM1 gene for tolerance to the orange wheat blossom midge (AC Andrew is the refuge). AAC Awesome VB has maturity similar to AC Andrew, manage maturity by seeding early and increasing seeding rate to hasten maturity.

Parentage: 93FHB37/2*Andrew//SWS366

Strengths:

- 14% higher yield than AC Andrew and 12% higher yield than AC[®] Sadash in Cooperative Registration trials
- Good lodging resistance
- Larger kernel size and excellent test weight
- Good resistance to stripe rust, leaf rust and stem rust

Neutral Traits:

- 3cm taller than AC Andrew
- Maturity similar to AC Andrew and AC[®] Sadash
- Intermediate resistance to common bunt and loose smut

Weaknesses:

- Intermediate resistance to FHB

Breeder:

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2013-2015 General Purpose Cooperative Registration Trials

Variety	Mean* (kg/ha)	% AC Andrew	Maturity* (days)	Lodging 1 = erect 9 = flat	Height (cm)	Test Weight (kg/hl)	Kernel Weight (mg/kernel)
AC Andrew	5744	100	101	1.8	86	75.9	35.7
Pasteur	6151	105	103	1.8	85	79.4	37.7
AC [®] Sadash	5879	102	101	2.1	87	77.5	34.3
AAC Awesome VB	6533	114	101	2.2	90	78.8	41.4

Variety	Leaf Rust	Stem Rust	Stripe Rust	Common Bunt	Loose Smut	Leaf Spot	FHB
AC Andrew	MS	MR	I	S	S	MS	I
Pasteur	R	MR	MR	S	MS	I	I
AC [®] Sadash	I	MR	R	S	I	I	S
AAC Awesome VB	MR	R	R	I	I	I	I

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2025 Seed Manitoba - Wheat Comparison

Variety	Site Years Tested	Yield bu/ac	Protein %	Maturity +/- 99 days	Height +/- 81cm	Spike Awned	Resistance to:								
							Lodging	Sprouting	Loose Smut	Common Bunt	Leaf Spot	Stem Rust	Leaf Rust	Stripe Rust	FHB
AAC Brandon	122	74	14.4	2	0	Y	VG	P	MR	S	I	R	R	MR	MR
Alotta	18	94	11.6	4	-1	Y	VG	---	---	I	---	R	R	R	MS
Pasteur	39	81	13.1	7	5	N	VG	G	MS	S	I	MR	R	MR	I
WPB Whistler	31	83	11.8	7	1	N	VG	F	---	I	---	R	R	R	MS
AAC Awesome VB	33	92	11.6	4	10	Y	G	P	I	I	I	R	MR	R	I

Lodging Ratings: F=Fair; G=Good; VG=Very Good

Disease Ratings: R=Resistant; MR=Moderately Resistant; I=Intermediate; MS=Moderately Susceptible; S=Susceptible

2025 Varieties of Grain Crops for Saskatchewan – Wheat Comparison

Variety	Years Tested	Yield as % AAC Brandon		Protein	Resistance to:									Awns	Stem Solidness	Relative Maturity (days)	Seed Weight (mg)	Test Weight (kg/hl)	Height (cm)
		Area 1 & 2	Area 3 & 4		Lodging	Sprouting	Stem Rust	Leaf Rust	Stripe Rust	Loose Smut	Bunt	Leaf Spot	FHB						
AAC Brandon	6	100	100	14.3	F	P	R	R	MR	MR	S	I	MR	Y	H	101	35.7	80.7	81
AAC Paramount VB	5	122	122	-3.2	VG	P	I	I	R	MR	S	---	MS	Y	H	+1	+0.9	-2.7	+7
AC Andrew	5	122	124	-2.9	G	P	MR	MS	I	S	S	---	I	Y	H	+1	+0.4	-3.0	+1
AC® Sadash VB	5	127	125	-3.6	G	P	MR	I	R	I	S	---	S	Y	H	+1	-0.4	-2.7	+4
Alotta	2	111	122	-2.2	VG	---	R	R	R	---	I	---	NS	Y	H	+1	+7.4	-2.0	-2
KWS® Sparrow VB	5	123	125	-2.5	VG	G	MR	R	MR	---	I	I	MR	N	H	+4	0.0	-4.2	+1
Pasteur	5	112	119	-1.9	VG	G	MR	R	MR	MS	S	I	I	N	H	+3	+0.5	-1.2	+5
WPB Whistler	5	108	116	-2.6	VG	F	R	R	R	---	I	---	MS	N	S	+3	+2.1	-4.5	-3
AAC Awesome VB	5	125	126	-3.0	F	P	R	MR	R	I	I	I	I	Y	H	+1	+4.2	-1.5	+7

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2025 Alberta Seed Guide – Special Purpose and Soft White Spring Wheat Comparison

Variety	Most Recent Year of Testing	Station years of testing	Overall yield	Yield Category (% AAC Brandon)		Maturity Rating (Days +/- AAC Brandon)	Protein %	Test Weight (lb/bu)	Kernel Weight g/1000	Height (cm)	Awns (Y/N)	Resistance to:		Disease Tolerance:		
				Low <77 bu/ac	High >77 bu/ac							Lodging	Sprouting	Bunt	Stripe Rust	FHB
AAC Brandon (bu/ac)			81	54	92											
AAC Brandon	2024	87	100	100	100	104	14.0	64	39	84	Y	F	P	S	MR	MR
Alotta	2024	23	117	110	123	+1	-2.7	63	48	82	Y	VG	XX	I	R	MS
KWS® Alderon	2018	37	125	114	129	+4	-2.8	58	41	81	N	VG	F	MS	MR	MS
KWS® Sparrow VB	2018	37	126	120	128	+4	-2.6	60	41	85	N	VG	G	I	MR	MR
Pasteur	2023	64	119	111	122	+3	-2.4	63	39	86	N	VG	G	S	MR	I
WPB Whistler	2021	27	120	113	122	+3	-2.6	60	40	78	N	VG	XX	I	R	MS
AAC Awesome VB	2024	49	122	113	126	+1	-2.3	63	44	91	Y	F	P	I	R	I

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