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## CDC Defy Canada Western Amber Durum



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### Description:

CDC Defy is a conventional Canada Western Amber Durum with excellent grain yield potential, very good lodging tolerance and best in class FHB resistance. CDC Defy should be a good fit in all dryland durum growing areas of Western Canada.

**Parentage:** CDC Verona/DT563

### Strengths:

- 10% higher grain yield than AC® Strongfield
- Low DON accumulation compared to the check cultivars
- Rated MS\* in Saskatchewan to FHB resistance which is improved over most other durum cultivars
- Good lodging tolerance, better than all the check cultivars
- Maturity similar to AC® Strongfield
- Rated resistant to common bunt and leaf rust
- Moderately resistant to stem rust

### Neutral Traits:

- +4 cm height compared to AC® Strongfield
- Intermediate resistance to stripe rust

### Weaknesses:

- -0.8% protein compared to AC® Strongfield
- Not solid stem for sawfly tolerance

### Breeder:

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**PBR 91 Protected  
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### 2016-2018 Western Canadian Durum Cooperative Trials - Registration Data

Variety	Yield (% of AC® Strongfield)	Maturity (days)	Lodging 1 = erect 9 = flat	Height (cm)	Grain Protein (%)	TKW (g)	Gluten Strength Index %
AC® Strongfield	100	98	3.1	86	14.4	41.5	69
AC Navigator	97	99	2.8	75	13.8	43.3	73
Brigade	107	100	2.4	93	13.8	42.8	88
AAC Cabri	101	99	3.4	88	14.2	40.6	66
<b>CDC Defy</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>56</b>

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## 2026 Seed Manitoba – Durum Wheat Comparison

Variety	Site Years Tested	Yield bu/ac	Protein %	Maturity +/- 101 days	Height +/- 89cm	Spike Awned	Resistance to:									
							Lodging	Sprouting	Loose Smut	Common Bunt	Leaf Spot	Stem Rust	Leaf Rust	Stripe Rust	FHB	
AAC Frontier	2	64	14.2	+2	0	Y	G	G	---	R	---	R	R	R	I	
AAC Grainland	4	66	14.2	+1	+1	Y	F	G	R	R	MS	MR	R	R	MS	
AAC Schrader	2	67	14.2	+2	+4	Y	G	F	---	MR	---	R	R	R	I	
AAC Stronghold	4	64	14.1	+1	-2	Y	VG	G	R	I	I	R	R	MR	MS	
CDC Vanta	2	60	14.3	+4	-11	Y	G	G	---	R	---	I	R	R	MS	
CDC Wiseton	2	64	14.5	+2	+1	Y	F	---	---	R	---	R	MR	I	I	
<b>CDC Defy</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>MS</b>	

Lodging Ratings: F=Fair; G=Good; VG=Very Good; Disease Ratings: R=Resistant; MR=Moderately Resistant; I=Intermediate; MS=Moderately Susceptible; S=Susceptible

## 2026 Varieties of Grain Crops for Saskatchewan - Canada Western Amber Durum

Variety	Years Tested	Yield % AAC Schrader			Protein	Resistance to:									Head Awns	Stem Solid- ness	Rel. Maturity (days)	Seed Weight (mg)	Volume Weight (Kg/hl)	Height (cm)
		Area 1&2	Area 3&4	Irrig ation		Lodging	Sprouting	Stem Rust	Leaf Rust	Stripe Rust	Loose Smut	Bunt	Leaf Spot	FHB						
AAC Schrader	5	100	100	100	14.0	F	F	R	R	R	---	MR	---	I	Y	H	102	41.9	80.2	93
AAC Frontier	2	102	101	---	-0.2	F	G	R	R	R	---	R	---	I	Y	H	0	+0.6	+0.1	-3
AAC Grainland	5	99	100	93	+0.1	F	G	MR	R	R	R	R	MS	MS	Y	S	0	+0.5	-1.1	-5
AAC Spitfire	5	101	102	103	-0.1	G	F	R	R	R	MS	R	MS	S	Y	H	-1	+1.0	-0.6	-6
AAC Stronghold	5	97	93	104	0.0	VG	G	R	R	MR	R	I	I	MS	Y	S	+1	+1.9	+0.2	-8
CDC Vanta	5	101	93	99	-0.3	VG	G	I	R	R	---	R	---	MS	Y	H	+2	+0.1	+0.4	-13
CDC Wiseton	3	96	97	100	+0.3	F	F	R	MR	I	---	R	---	I	Y	H	0	+0.6	-0.5	-2
Transcend	5	95	98	86	+0.1	F	G	R	R	S	R	I	MS <sup>6</sup>	Y	H	0	-0.1	-0.4	+2	
<b>CDC Defy</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>MS<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>+0.8</b>	<b>-1</b>

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Stem Solidness: H = Hollow, SS = semi-solid, S = solid; MS<sup>6</sup> = these varieties generally express lower Fusarium Head Blight symptoms compared to other MS rated cultivars

## 2026 Alberta Seed Guide - Canada Western Amber Durum

Variety	Most Recent Year of Testing	Overall Station years of testing	Overall Yield	Yield as % of AAC Schrader		Maturity Rating (days +/- AAC Schrader)	Protein (%)	Test Weight (lb/bu)	Kernel Weight (mg)	Height (cm)	Resistance to:		Disease Tolerance:		
				Low <77 bu/ac	High >77 bu/ac						Lodging	Sprouting	Bunt	Stripe Rust	FHB
<b>AAC Schrader (bu/ac)</b>				<b>77</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>110</b>									
AAC Schrader	2025	148	100	100	100	100	14.5	65	40	88	F	F	MR	R	I
AAC Frontier	2025	29	102	105	98	+1	+0.2	64	41	85	G	G	R	R	I
AAC Grainland	2020	11	88	88	XX	0	-0.3	64	39	83	F	G	R	R	MS
AAC Stronghold	2025	39	94	91	97	-1	-0.2	65	42	81	VG	G	I	MR	MS
CDC Vanta	2023	12	89	XX	88	+2	-0.5	65	40	73	VG	G	R	R	MS
CDC Wiseton	2025	37	93	94	92	0	+0.4	64	41	87	F	F	R	I	I
Transcend	2022	55	91	92	90	0	+0.3	65	40	90	F	G	R	R	MS
<b>CDC Defy</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>MS</b>

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