

# Technical Bulletin

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## AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash VB Soft White Spring Wheat



AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash VB is a high yielding and high quality, awned, soft white spring wheat.

In 2017 AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash was identified as containing the *Sm1* trait – meaning it is tolerant to wheat midge and requires the addition of a refuge (AC Andrew) and stewardship to protect the midge tolerance for the future.

Producers with farm saved seed from non-blended AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash (purchased prior to 2018) are asked to do one of three things:

- 1) Purchase seed of AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash VB (or any newer product with refuge added)
- 2) Add 1 bus of AC Andrew to every 9 bushels of AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash
- 3) Spray every year to control midge.

AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash VB was selected for grain yield similar to AC Andrew but in addition, has lower protein than AC Andrew. AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash VB is a semi-dwarf with short, strong straw. It was especially selected for production under irrigation in southern Alberta and

Saskatchewan to produce high quality, low protein wheat for the SWS milling market. The lower protein of AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash VB, along with its high grain yields, should make it very suitable for ethanol production.

### Observations on Soft White Spring Wheat:

- Varieties like AC<sup>®</sup> Sadash VB are thought to yield 25% to 30% more than AC<sup>®</sup> Carberry over the long term
- Soft White Spring wheat is one of the lowest protein wheat classes (usually 2 to 3% lower grain protein than CWRS)

### Major risks for dryland production of Soft White Spring Wheat in western Canada:

- Delayed maturity under cool growing conditions
- Late maturity combined with early fall frost
- Moderately susceptible to reduced yield and increased grain protein under drought stress conditions
- Pre-harvest sprouting under wet harvest conditions

### Breeder:

AAFC Lethbridge Research Centre, Lethbridge, AB

### 2012-2014 Western Soft White Spring Wheat 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	6772	100	105	2.5	92	76.4	38.0
AC <sup>®</sup> Sadash VB	6993	103	105	2.6	94	77.9	37.7

Variety	Leaf Rust	Stem Rust	Stripe Rust	Common Bunt	Loose Smut	Powdery Mildew	Black Point	Leaf Spot	FHB
AC Andrew	MS	MR	I	S	S	R	I	I	I
AC <sup>®</sup> Sadash VB	I	MR	R	S	I	R	I	I	S

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## 2023 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 Awesome VB	33	92	11.6	4	10	Y	G	P	I	I	I	R	MR	R	I
AAC Brandon	97	73	14.5	2	0	Y	VG	P	MR	S	I	R	R	MR	MR
AAC Paramount VB	34	87	11.5	4	8	Y	VG	P	MR	S	---	I	I	R	MS
KWS® Alderon	33	81	12.0	9	-5	N	VG	F	---	MS	I	MR	R	MR	---
KWS® Sparrow VB	33	83	12.6	8	0	N	VG	G	---	I	I	MR	R	MR	---
Pasteur	39	81	13.0	7	5	N	VG	G	MS	S	I	MR	R	MR	I
WPB Whistler	31	83	11.9	7	1	N	VG	---	---	I	---	R	R	R	I
<b>AC® Sadash VB</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>

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 Solid-ness	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 Awesome VB	5	125	126	-3.0	F	P	R	MR	R	I	I	I	I	Y	H	+1	+4.2	-1.5	+7
AAC Paramount VB	5	122	122	-3.2	VG	P	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
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
<b>AC® Sadash VB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>+4</b>

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

Stem Solidness: H = Hollow, SS = semi-solid, S = solid;

## 2025 Alberta Seed Guide – Soft White Spring Wheat Comparison

Variety	Most Recent Year of Testing	Station years of testing	Overall yield	Yield Category (% AC Andrew)		Maturity Rating (Days +/- AC Andrew)	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
<b>AC Andrew (bu/ac)</b>			<b>94</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>112</b>											
AC Andrew	2024	233	100	100	100	103	11.4	62	40	85	Y	G	P	S	I	I
AAC Brandon	2024	83	87	93	84	+1	+2.9	63	39	84	Y	F	P	S	MR	MR
AAC Paramount VB	2019	39	103	101	103	0	-0.7	61	41	89	Y	VG	P	S	R	MS
<b>AC® Sadash VB</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>

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