REGISTRATION OF CROP CULTIVARS

REGISTRATION OF MISSOURI-96 TALL FESCUE
(Reg. No. 15)

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'Missouri-96' tall fescue (Festuca arundinacea Schreb.) was developed by the Univ. of Missouri Agric. Exp. Stn. and released in 1978. During the development and testing stages, this forage grass was tested as experimental I-96.

The original seed from which Missouri-96 was derived came to the Univ. of Missouri from the Station d’Amerlioration des Plantes Fourragères, Lusignan, France in 1966. This germplasm was established in a space-planted source nursery at the Agronomy Research Center, Columbia, Mo. Thirty-six clones were selected in 1968 for vegetative vigor, seed yield potential, leaf texture, and resistance to foliar diseases. The selected clones were vegetatively propagated in replicated sward plots at Columbia and evaluated for forage yield, in vitro digestibility, and characters previously studied in the source nursery. Thirteen clones were selected in 1971 and isolated in a crossing block to produce the synthetic I generation of the experimental cultivar.

Missouri-96 consistently produced over 50% more average daily gain than 'Kentucky-31' tall fescue in grazing trials with cattle at the Southwest Research Center, Univ. of Missouri, Mount Vernon, Mo. Herbage dry matter yield, in vitro digestibility and maturity are similar to Kentucky-31. However, in feeding trials, voluntary intake of Missouri-96 was significantly greater than that of Kentucky 31. This was apparently responsible for the improved animal performance.

In trials at Columbia and the Southwest Missouri Research Center, Missouri-96 was more resistant to crown rust caused by Puccinia coronata than other cultivars, especially Kentucky 31, 'Kenhy', 'Fawn', and 'Goar'.

Breeder and foundation seed classes will be maintained by the Agronomy Dep., Univ. of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.

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REGISTRATION OF GALENA HOP
(Reg. No. 7)

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'Galena' is a new hop cultivar (Humulus lupulus L.) released for commercial production in Idaho in 1978. It was obtained from a seed set by open pollination of 'Brewer's Gold' in 1968. The seeds were germinated in 1969, and the resultant seedlings exposed to heavy inoculations of Pseudoperonospora humuli (Miy. and Tak.) G. Wils. in order to eliminate individuals susceptible to Hop Downy Mildew. Agronomic and quality observations began in 1971 and trial production blocks were planted in 1976 (0.405 ha) and 1977 (0.810 ha). Within this group, during this period Galena was identified as Idaho experimental hop cultivar 43-16.

In the Boise Valley, Galena is an early maturing hop variety. Galena has a columnar growth habit with open branching and medium foliation. The small leaves are lanceolate, and often pointed at the tips. Lupulin is yellow, slightly glossy. Cones are plump, fairly closed, and green bracts. They are medium to medium-large, typically have averaged 150 to 200 mg each. Flavor scores for in-the-shell and shelled hops were superior to Floriogiant in most evaluations.

Galena was supported by IAES together with grants from the U.S. Brewers Association and the Cooperation of the Idaho Hop Growers Association and the U.S. Brewers Association and the Idaho Hop Growers Commission and the U.S. Brewers Association. Essential services were provided by the Cooperation of the Idaho Hop Growers Association and the U.S. Brewers Association.

Galena is susceptible to Downy Mildew. Galena is susceptible to the two-spotted mite (Tetranychus urticae Koch), but sparse foliation facilitates efficient coverage with acaricides.

Galena has exhibited an ability to withstand dry soil residues of heptachlor, and a tolerance to Verticillium dahliae Kleb. It has displayed virus-like symptoms and has an intermediate degree of resistance to Downy Mildew.

Galena has a characteristically high content of lupulic acids. Analyses of 10 different lots of cones during the period 1972 through 1978, give an average of 12.3% alpha and 7.9% beta acids. In 1978, the alpha content on a dry weight basis for three mature plantings were: 14.2, 11.4, and 15.0%. Tests of storage stability over 5 years indicate an alpha stability comparable to that of NC 7.

This alpha content combined with good storage stability create a ready demand for Galena as an extract. Slight proportion analysis by NMR indicated the following distribution of the acids: humulone, 55%; cohumulone, 33%; adhumulone, 12%; lupulone, 36%; colupulone, 54%; and others 2%.

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Galena will be maintained by the Idaho Hop Growers Commission, P.O. Box 790, Caldwell, ID 83605 and the Hop cultivar collection at Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331.

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REGISTRATION OF NC 7 PEANUT
(Reg. No. 22)

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'NC 7' is a large-seeded Virginia-type peanut (Arachis hypogaea L.) cultivar developed by the North Carolina Agric. Exp. Serv. and released in 1978. It was selected in the greenhouse using a single-seed-descent breeding method following a cross of 'Fla 393' and 'NC 5'. It was released in 1978 and the first three generations were greenhouse evaluated during 1975 and 1976. The cross was made in 1965 and the first three generations were greenhouse evaluated during 1975 and 1976. NC 7 was designated NC 17209 during development and testing.

NC 7 is a December maturity variety. NC 7 has a higher protein content than that of NC 5. It matures up to 10 days earlier than 'Florigiant,' the predominant cultivar in North Carolina and Virginia. NC 7 is similar to 'Florigiant' in disease and insect resistance except that NC 7 is less susceptible to the southern corn rootworm. NC 7 is also similar to 'Florigiant' in protein and oil content but has a higher value per hectare, the higher value is due to a higher percentage of extra large kernels and a higher percentage of extra large kernels and a higher percentage of large kernels than 'Florigiant.' Flavor scores for in-the-shell and shelled peanuts were superior to 'Florigiant' in most evaluations.