WAKOOMA DURUM WHEAT

'Wakooma' durum wheat (Triticum turgidum L. var. durum) (Reg. No. 673) was developed at the Agriculture Canada Research Stations at Regina and Swift Current from the cross 'Lakota'x2/Pelissier'. Wakooma was selected using early generation tests for yield, seed size, and quality. It was evaluated in the Durum Wheat Cooperative Tests from 1967 to 1970 as DT 316 and was granted license number 1418 in 1973.

Wakooma is similar to 'Wascana' in most respects, but has stronger gluten and better pasta cooking quality. In tests in southwestern Saskatchewan, Wakooma has slightly stronger straw and a little more drought tolerance than Wascana. The kernels of Wakooma are slightly smaller than those of Wascana, but Wakooma has a greater hectolitre weight. It is similar to Wascana in grain yield.

Spikes of Wakooma are fusiform and midlax to middense with black awns. The glumes are glabrous, white, midlong and narrow; shoulders are narrow, usually oblique, but occasionally apiculate; and beaks are long and straight. The kernel is medium amber colored, midsized to small, elliptical to ovate with oval midsize germ. The cheeks are rounded to slightly angular. The straw is 2 cm shorter than Wascana. Wakooma is similar to Wascana in maturity. Wakooma is resistant to prevalent races of stem rust (caused by Puccinia graminis Pers. f. sp. tritici Eriks. and E. Henn.), leaf rust (caused by P. recondita Rob. ex Desm. f. sp. tritici), loose smut (caused by Ustilago rostrata [Pers.] Rostr.), and bunt (Tilletia foetida [Wall.] Liro); moderately resistant to kernel smudge and equal to Wascana. Wakooma is resistant to prevalent races of stem rust (caused by Helminthosporium sativum P.K. & B. and Fusarium sp.).

A more detailed description has been published (1). Breeder seed of Wakooma is maintained at the Research Station, Agriculture Canada, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3A2.

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MACOUN DURUM WHEAT

'Macoun' durum wheat (Triticum turgidum L. var. durum) (Reg. No. 674) was developed by scientists of the Agriculture Canada Research Stations at Swift Current, Regina, Saskatchewan, and Winnipeg. The cross RL 3607/DT 182 was made at the Agriculture Canada Research Station, Agriculture Canada, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3A2, respectively. Registration by the Crop Sci. Soc. of Am. Accepted 16 May 1983.

CREW, A MULTILINE WHEAT CULTIVAR

'Crew' (Reg. No. 675, Cl 17951) was developed cooperatively by the USDA-ARS and the Agriculture Stations of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the USDA-ARS and the Agriculture Experiment Stations of Idaho and Washington in October.

Crew is an awnless, semidwarf soft-white wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) multilnine cultivar, a composite of 10 closely related wheat lines. The recurrent parents are essentially backcross derivatives of Omar. Omar is a winter whea