REGISTRATIONS OF CULTIVARS

Registration of ‘Ross’ Meadowfoam

The meadowfoam (Limnanthes alba ssp. alba Benth.) cultivar Ross (Reg. no. CV-13, PI 634713) was developed and released in 2003 by the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. Ross was developed by three cycles of recurrent half-sib family selection for increased seed yield and lodging resistance from OMF58, a heterogenous, open-pollinated population. The first and second cycles of selection were performed between 1990 and 1997 (Crane and Knapp, 2000; 2002). Seed increases and field tests of Ross were performed at Corvallis, OR, between 1997 and 2003. Half-sib family seed for cycle three ($C_3$) was produced from open-pollinated plants in an isolated field in 1997–1998. Ross was developed by field testing 114 $C_3$ half-sib families in 1998–1999, selecting 10 families for seed yield, bulking nearly equal quantities of remnant seed of the selected families, and growing and intermating the selected families in an isolated field in 1999–2000. Breeder seed of Ross was produced in an isolated field in 2000–2001 from OMF58 $C_3$ seed produced by intermating selected $C_3$ families. Breeder seed was further increased in an isolated field in 2001–2002.

Ross was tested as OMF164 in replicated yield trials at Corvallis, OR, from 2000 to 2003, where single prophylactic sprays of the insecticide Capture (bifenthrin) were applied in January or February of each year to control meadowfoam fly (Scaptomyza apicalis Hardy) (Fisher et al., 2000). Ross was tested in unsprayed replicated yield trials at Corvallis from 2001 to 2003. Three check cultivars, Wheeler, Knowles, and Floral (Jolliff, 1994; Crane and Knapp, 2000, 2002) were grown in both sprayed and unsprayed yield trials. Seed yields were significantly greater for Ross than check cultivars in individual trials and across trials. The cultivar–trial interaction was non-significant and cultivar rankings for seed yield were identical in every trial. The seed yield for Ross across trials was 1681 kg ha$^{-1}$, compared with 1529 kg ha$^{-1}$ for Wheeler, 1307 kg ha$^{-1}$ for Knowles, and 1084 kg ha$^{-1}$ for Floral (LSD 0.05 = 127 kg ha$^{-1}$). The last two cycles of selection in OMF58 increased seed yield by 374 kg ha$^{-1}$, and three cycles of selection in OMF58 produced a cultivar outyielding Floral by 597 kg ha$^{-1}$.

The seed oil concentration of Ross (292 g kg$^{-1}$) was significantly greater than Floral (277 g kg$^{-1}$) (LSD$_{0.05}$ = 10 kg ha$^{-1}$), whereas the seed oil concentrations of Ross, Wheeler (293 g kg$^{-1}$), and Knowles (290 g kg$^{-1}$) were not significantly different. Ross produced significantly more seed oil per hectare than the other cultivars tested. The mean seed oil yield for Ross across trials was 2241 kg ha$^{-1}$, compared with 2139 kg ha$^{-1}$ for Wheeler, 2005 kg ha$^{-1}$ for Knowles, and 1843 kg ha$^{-1}$ for Floral (LSD$_{0.05}$ = 75 kg ha$^{-1}$). The 100-seed weights for Ross, Wheeler, Knowles, and Floral were 5.04 g, 4.94 g, 5.09 g, and 5.07 g, respectively, compared with 631, 46, 137, and 160 g kg$^{-1}$ for Wheeler seed oil.

Ross is adapted for production as a winter annual in the Willamette Valley of Oregon and other milder climates. There were no significant differences in time to heading or days to physiological maturity among the cultivars tested. Ross has an upright growth habit and lodging resistance superior to Wheeler, while both were more resistant to lodging than the other cultivars. Wild meadowfoam produces a prostrate growth habit.

Breeder seed of Ross is maintained at the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. Recognized seed are Breeder, Foundation, Registered, and Certified. Small quantities of seed may be obtained from the author for research purposes for a period of five years.

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Registration of ‘S99-3181’ Soybean

‘S99-3181’ soybean [Glycine max (L.) Merr. var. Glycine max (L.) Merr. ssp. alba (Kofoid & White) Chitwood] (Reg. no. CV-13, PI 634713) was developed by the Missouri Soybean Research and Extension Center, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Cooperative Extension Service, Special Grants Program (#99-34407-7509, #2002-06119, and #2003-06105). The release of Ross is dedicated to William M. R. Hardy (Lincoln, Nebraska), mentor, teacher, and plant breeder.

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