## **UC Davis Triticale Breeding – 2022 Update**

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The UC Davis triticale-breeding program was initiated in 2016 with a research interest to enhance the bread making performance of triticale but has expended to include the additional objective of delivering improved forage and feed cultivars. Since 2019, this effort now includes winter hearty material being tested in the Klamath Basin and in Washington and Colorado, in collaboration with the Arron Carter and Esten Mason, the winter wheat breeders at WSU and CSU, respectively.

Fig. 1. Triticale Breeding locations



Fig. 2. Bread made from triticale with improved baking performance







In 2021, we released two fully awned triticale cultivars, UC-Atrea and UC-Bopak. UC-Bopak, tested as UC3190 is a medium height spring triticale intended for the production of silage forage or feed grain. Compared to 158EP, its heads emerge 4 days earlier, is 7.5 inches taller and yields 8.3% more grain, on average. Compared to UC-Atrea (UC3185), it is 3 inches taller, heads 2 days earlier and has a slightly greater yield potential. UC- Atrea has been licensed to Second Nature and UC-Bopak is licensed to Baglietto Seeds.

Table 1. Spring planted grain and soft dough forage yield results from 2021.

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				Grain	Yield	Yie	ld	
		Height	Heding	%		Dry	%	
Name	Species	in	Date	t/ac	Yeco.	t/ac	Yeco.	
UC-Atrea	Triticale	38.6	24-Jun	5.10	33%	9.56	9%	
UC-Bopak	Triticale	38.2	22-Jun	5.55	45%	9.76	11%	
UC3193	Triticale	38.3	24-Jun	3.87	1%	8.68	-1%	
UC3196	Triticale	44.4	23-Jun	5.49	43%	10.19	16%	
Yecora Rojo	Wheat	29.8	21-Jun	3.83	0%	8.79	0%	
	Average	37.9	23-Jun	4.77		9.39		

2021 IREC Spring

Soft Dough

**Table 2**. Grain and forage yield results from fall planted triticale in the 2020-2021 growing season. Lodging 1 = none, 9 = flat on ground. Yield results are given in tons per acre (t/ac) and relative to the wheat cultivar Brundage (Brun.).

2021 IREC							Soft Do	ugh	Boot Fo	orage	Re-Gro	wth	Boot+Re-Growt		
						Grain Yield		Yi	eld	Yi	eld	Yield		Yield	
	Height Heding Lodging		Lodging		%	Dry	%	Dry	%	Dry	%	Dry	%		
Name Species	Awns?	Source	in	Date	1-9	t/ac	Brund.	t/ac	Brund.	t/ac	Brund.	t/ac	Brund.	t/ac	Brund.
UKR04 Triticale	Yes	UCD	57.6	12-Jun	8.8	4.58	22%	12.78	21%	4.54	8%	4.10	-16%	8.64	-5%
UC-Atrea Triticale	Yes	UCD	40.6	6-Jun	1.0	4.46	19%	10.18	-4%	4.09	-3%	1.72	-65%	5.81	-36%
UC-Bopak Triticale	Yes	UCD	45.0	8-Jun	1.0	4.62	23%	11.65	10%	4.45	6%	3.33	-32%	7.78	-14%
Brundage Wheat	No	Winema	40.6	17-Jun	1.0	3.76	0%	10.60	0%	4.20	0%	4.87	0%	9.07	0%
Forerunner Triticale	Yes	Winema	57.3	7-Jun	8.0	3.18	-16%	11.60	9%	4.63	10%	1.95	-60%	6.58	-28%
HighOctane Triticale	Reduced	d Winema	51.3	12-Jun	1.0	5.44	44%	12.55	18%	4.50	7%	1.05	-78%	5.55	-39%
MerlinMax Triticale	No	TriCal	55.8	9-Jun	9.0	3.98	6%	11.75	11%	4.86	16%	0.73	-85%	5.59	-38%
Gunner Triticale	No	TriCal	63.3	10-Jun	3.8	4.40	17%	12.55	18%	5.19	24%	0.68	-86%	5.87	-35%
Surge Triticale	No	TriCal	62.7	9-Jun	4.0	4.32	15%	12.38	17%	4.38	4%	0.99	-80%	5.37	-41%
Hyb52 Triticale	No	TriCal	54.6	7-Jun	4.3	4.73	26%	12.40	17%	4.71	12%	1.23	-75%	5.94	-35%
Hyb53 Triticale	No	TriCal	64.7	8-Jun	3.5	3.87	3%	12.70	20%	4.56	9%	1.36	-72%	5.92	-35%
TriCal131 Triticale	No	TriCal	64.3	11-Jun	6.0	3.77	0%	13.13	24%	4.99	19%	1.30	-73%	6.28	-31%
		Average	3.18	10-Jun	4.27	4.26		12.02		4.59		1.94		6.53	

**Table 3**. Forage yield results from fall planted triticale in the 2021-2022 growing season. Yield results are given in tons per acre (t/ac) and relative to the wheat cultivar Brundage (Brun.). The trail at the Klamath Basin REC in Klamath Falls, OR was rain-fed, experience a strong drought stress.

2022 IREC											2022 KBRE	2022 KBREC		
						Soft Dough, 19 July Boot Fo			Boot Forag	ge, 07 J	lune	Soft Dough, 06 July		
							Yield			Yield		Yie		eld
				Winter	Heding	Height	Dry	%	Height in	Dry	%	Height In	Dry	%
Name	Species	Awns :	Source	Kill %	Date	in	t/ac	Brund.		t/ac	Brund.		t/ac	Brund.
UKR04	Triticale	Yes	UCD	0%	14-Jun	51.8	12.63	11%	33.3	6.48	2%	32.1	4.66	34%
UCT3131	Triticale	Yes	UCD	0%	13-Jun	47.1	12.95	14%	31.5	6.71	5%	29.5	4.22	21%
UC-Atrea	Triticale	Yes	UCD	40%	16-Jun	36.4	9.15	-19%	20.2	3.61	-43%	19.1	2.53	-28%
UC-Bopak	Triticale	Yes	UCD	20%	15-Jun	38.2	10.10	-11%	23.8	3.91	-39%	23.6	3.69	6%
Forerunner	Triticale	Yes	Winema	0%	13-Jun	51.9	11.87	5%	36.5	6.06	-5%	37.7	4.98	43%
Gunner	Triticale	No	TriCal	0%	12-Jun	59.8	13.80	22%	39.9	7.66	21%	45.5	6.37	83%
Thor	Triticale	No	TriCal	0%	12-Jun	63.4	12.97	14%	39.1	7.37	16%	44.6	4.67	34%
Merlin Max	Triticale	No	TriCal	15%	14-Jun	50.1	11.19	-1%	29.8	4.60	-28%	29.2	3.02	-13%
Surge	Triticale	No	TriCal	0%	11-Jun	59.5	12.37	9%	37.6	6.72	6%	42.8	5.54	59%
Tri Mark 099	Triticale	Yes	ProGene	0%	14-Jun	44.5	12.14	7%	28.8	6.06	-5%	31.5	4.93	41%
Alvena	Wheat	No	WalkerSeed	10%	20-Jun	40.5	10.84	-5%	26.4	5.85	-8%	21.1	3.22	-8%
Brundage96	Wheat	No	WalkerSeed	0%	20-Jun	36.6	9.99	-12%	23.7	5.82	-9%	23.7	4.55	30%
Yamhill	Wheat	No	WalkerSeed	15%	22-Jun	42.8	10.09	-11%	26.5	5.09	-20%	19.9	2.49	-29%
Mandala	Wheat	No	WalkerSeed	5%	18-Jun	41.4	11.27	-1%	27.3	5.57	-12%	20.3	3.69	6%
Brundage	Wheat	No	Winema	0%	16-Jun	37.0	11.35	0%	26.8	6.36	0%	21.6	3.48	0%
		•	Average		15-Jun	46.7	11.5	•	30.1	5.9		29.5	4.1	