

News release  
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## **Producers making their 2026 wheat variety selections!**

Producers of northcentral Kansas are studying their 2025 wheat yields and making selections for their 2026 wheat crop! Our Post Rock Extension District was fortunate to have had three wheat demonstration plots around the district with one of them the KSU performance “replicated” trials that were planted four times in one location. “We are fortunate to have very special cooperators around the district that are willing to put in the extra time to provide local data for producers of north central Kansas,” according to Sandra L Wick, K-State Extension, Post Rock District, Crop Production Agent.” Cooperators included Justin Angleton and Jason Ryan, Jewell County; Marty Fletchall, Mitchell County; along with Mark Kuhlmann for Smith County. We certainly would like to thank these cooperators for their continued commitment to this wheat demonstration plot program!

Wick, along with K-State Research and Extension Agronomists and Plant Pathologists, provided participants information about specific wheat varieties as well as the growing conditions during the growing season along with disease and insect concerns and issues at our annual KSU Post Rock Extension District tour held the end of May. If you missed the tour, you can simply go to our Post Rock Extension District website and view the recorded tour at <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/crops/test-plots/index.html>.

“The variety plots provide a visual demonstration of how crop varieties perform in a particular area of the state along with yield potential of that variety,” Wick explains. “This is known as “seeing is believing!” “Producers who observe the demonstrations and the latest methods or practices, then may apply them to their own situations,” added Wick. Producers can then compare the yield data from the many K-State Research and Extension experiment fields across the state of Kansas, to this local yield data, in selecting the most adaptive and productive wheat varieties. K-State Research and Extension has an excellent publication, “2025 Wheat Variety Guide” that provides specific information about many varieties for yield, insect and disease resistance/susceptibility along with adaptability across the state. These are available online or at any of our district offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.

We would also like to thank our many agribusiness sponsors for their continued support of our KSU/Post Rock Extension District Wheat Demonstration Plot Program!!! The yield reports for each of the locations are posted on our Post Rock Extension District website ([www.postrock.ksu.edu/crops/test-plots](http://www.postrock.ksu.edu/crops/test-plots)) and also available at each of our offices.

If you would like to be a cooperator for any of the Post Rock Extension District wheat demonstration plots, simply give Sandra a call at any of our offices of the Post Rock Extension District.