

# Personal Column

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## Post Rock Extension District “Recorded” Wheat Plot Tour

Well, it won't be long, and the combines and farm trucks will be rolling in the wheat fields around north central KS. The 2023 wheat crop has certainly been through a variety of conditions during the growing season. Stay tuned and I will provide an update on our Post Rock Extension District Wheat Demonstration Plot Tours that were held the end of May.

Annually, the Post Rock Extension District conducts face-to-face tours of our wheat demonstration plots around the district, and this was held on Wednesday, May 31 at two locations, Jewell and Smith counties. The Smith County was also abandoned after the plot tour, so it will not be harvested for yield. However, the variety signs are up in the Jewell County plot and the field location is posted on our website at [www.postrock.ksu.edu](http://www.postrock.ksu.edu) under the “Crops” tab and then go to “Test Plots”. So, if you would like to go by and take a look at the varieties in the Jewell County plot, the signs will be up until it is harvested.

Thanks to our Post Rock Extension District Office Professional in the Smith Center Office, Shelly Garlow, for recording our Wheat Demonstration Plot tour at the Smith County location south of Lebanon. The Smith County wheat demonstration plot tour recording is posted on our “Crops” page, under “Test Plots.” K-State Research and Extension agronomists along with myself provided information on each of the varieties along with conditions throughout the growing season.

“The wheat 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.

We encourage all producers and agriculture businesses to take advantage of these educational opportunities from the Post Rock Extension District and K-State Research and Extension.

For more information on our **Wheat Demonstration plot program**, contact me at any of our Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.

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