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Researcher Marla Hall Hosts Field Day Featuring Limagrain Cereal Seeds
New wheat variety LCS Mint unveiled at LCS Trio Research Station event

Wichita Kansas, May 29, 2012 - More than 25 Distributors were hosted at a Wheat Field Day last week at the Limagrain Cereal Seeds Trio Research Station in Wichita.

“The highlight of the event was the unveiling of LCS Mint, a new variety that is resistant to the new strain of Stripe Rust so many wheat farmers are concerned about,” said Marla Hall, LCS’ HRWW Breeder. “LCS Mint fits well in an intensively managed wheat production environment and is now in production in foundation seed. It will be available for release next fall as certified seed.”

“The whole LCS line-up, including the excellent yielder T158 as well as T154 and T163, all exhibit resistance to the new Stripe Rust strain, showing a horizontal resistance to the pathogen, meaning they develop a mild form of the infection that does not spread,” Hall said.

“My research, based on USDA reported acreage, shows that 60% of this year’s wheat crop in Kansas was planted in varieties susceptible to Stripe Rust,” said Hall, “it could vastly impact the yields in the state.”

What are wheat farmers looking for this year?

According to Hall, a lot of farmers are looking for wheat varieties that are resistant to everything, especially the Stripe Rust pathogen, pointing to a need overall for disease resistant wheat varieties. Others are looking for high yielding varieties that can be intensively managed and under irrigation.

“Our research programs are devoted to producing superior varieties that help farmers overcome the challenges they face from disease and drought, ensuring the highest yields possible,” said Frank Curtis, LCS’ Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. “We have assembled a crack team of breeders and distributors,” he said, “who are committed to producing varieties that help farmers profit under all conditions.”

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Group Limagrain was founded in France in 1942. The farmer-owned company has 7,000 employees and is the largest seed company in the European Union. Fort Collins, Colorado, serves as the company’s North American headquarters, with regional operations located in Washington, Indiana, Minnesota and Kansas. LCS’ business focus is to create and market proprietary wheat seed varieties to sell to professional seed producers, who then market the seed varieties to their customers.

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