

The varieties were analyzed at the California Wheat Commission wheat quality lab for grain, milling, and bread baking qualities.

Quality score data was statistically analyzed by the University of California, Davis Breeding and Small Grains Program.

Varieties must have a minimum of two years' data to be published in the ranking list. As more varieties are introduced and analyzed the ranking is subjected to change every two years. For specific information on agronomics, consult the wheat certified seed guide: <https://www.californiawheat.org/growers> and http://smallgrains.ucdavis.edu/Variety_Selection.



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2026 CALIFORNIA PREFERRED WHEAT VARIETIES

Based on baking quality



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2026 Quality Rakings

Varieties are statistically ranked by bread baking qualities. The varieties are categorized by Preferred and Not Preferred.

Selecting varieties from the preferred class will help to increase the overall quality and desirability of California wheat.

The varieties were planted and harvested from 21 locations across 5 years in California by the University of California from year 2021-2025.

Preferred (P) – Varieties have acceptable test weight, protein, milling, and end-use bread baking qualities.

Not Preferred (NR) – Varieties have unacceptable test weight, protein, milling and end-use bread baking qualities.

PREFERRED

<u>VARIETIES</u>	<u>BREEDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>YIELD*</u> <u>AVG</u> <u>(lb/acre)</u>
WB JOAQUIN ORO	WB	HRS	5800
WB 9229	WB	HRS	6500
UC CENTRAL WHITE	UCD	HWS	7100
YECORA ROJO	UCD	HRS	6000
WB 9727	WB	HRS	7100
YECORA ROJO 515	UCD	HRS	5500
UC 1988	UCD	HRS	7600
WB 9215	WB	HRS	7200
UC CENTRAL RED	UCD	HRS	6700
AP REDWING 204	AP-SYN	HRS	6600
SUMMIT 515	AP-SYN	HRS	7200
CAL ROJO	AP-SYN	HRS	7000
AP OCTANE	AP-SYN	HRS	7400
UC PATWIN 515 HP	UCD	HWS	6500
UC PATWIN 515	UCD	HWS	6700

NOT PREFERRED

<u>VARIETIES</u>	<u>BREEDER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>YIELD*</u> <u>AVG</u> <u>(lb/acre)</u>
UC YUROC	UCD	HRS	6600
WB 9940	WB	HRS	6200
WB 9990	WB	HRS	7100
WB 9725	WB	HRS	7800
WB 9904	WB	HRS	6500
WB PATRON	WB	HRS	6600
WB 9444	WB	HRS	6700

*For more information on regionally specific yield and agronomic varietal performance go to the University of California's Small Grain website:

http://smallgrains.ucdavis.edu/Variety_Selection

Abbreviations

AP-SYN	AgriPro-Syngenta
UCD	Univ. of California, Davis
WB	WestBred
HRS	Hard Red Spring
HWS	Hard White Spring

