



IMPROVEMENT THRU RESEARCH

PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

The developers of new plant varieties which reproduce by seed may establish their ownership and obtain legal protection through the United States Plant Variety Protection Act, provided the varieties meet certain requirements. This act permits the developer or owner to control the multiplication and marketing of PVP varieties for seed.

Two options are available to the developer under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Under one option the developer of the variety or his agent protects his rights through contractual agreements and may sell either certified or uncertified seed of the variety.

The other option utilizes the provision of Title V of the Federal Seed Act often called the "certification option." A variety protected under this option may be legally sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed.

If the owner of a protected variety has reason to believe that anyone is infringing on his Plant Variety Protection rights, he may take civil action through the legal system. If a variety is protected by either option or an application for protection has been filed with the United States PVP Office, a statement will be printed on the seed container or on an attached tag.

Following is a partial list of the varieties that are "protected" or for which "protection has been applied for."

Caution: This is only a partial listing of PVP varieties that are sold in Wisconsin.



PROTECTED VARIETIES

SMALL GRAINS

SOYBEANS

Bounty Barley
Chilton Barley
Kewaunee Barley
Lacey Barley
Robust Barley
Stander Barley

Horicon Oats
Kame Oats
Moraine Oats
Prairie Oats
Richard Oats
Vista Oats

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Bay Oats
Belle Oats
Dane Oats
Drumlin Oats
Ensiler Oats
Esker Oats
ForagePlus Oats
Gem Oats

Cardinal Winter Wheat
Glacier Winter Wheat
Hopewell Winter Wheat
Kaskaskia Winter Wheat
Truman Winter Wheat
Spoooner Winter Rye

WISCONSIN LICENSED VARIETIES

The authority to produce, label and market seed of University of Wisconsin licensed varieties is controlled by licensing agreements. That authority is also controlled by United States Federal Laws when licensed varieties are protected under the Federal Plant Variety Protection Act. Legal action can be taken against those who illegally produce and market seed of licensed varieties.

Research fees are collected from seed producers of licensed varieties for the support of University of Wisconsin variety development and research.

Those interested in obtaining a license authorizing seed production and labeling of University of Wisconsin small grain licensed varieties should contact the Wisconsin Crop Improvement Association.

Listed below are the University of Wisconsin licensed small grain varieties.

SMALL GRAINS

Chilton Barley
Kewaunee Barley

Bay Oats
Belle Oats
Dane Oats
Drumlin Oats
Ensiler Oats
Esker Oats
ForagePlus Oats
Gem Oats
Horicon Oats
Kame Oats
Moraine Oats
Prairie Oats
Vista Oats

Spooner Winter Rye

Glacier Winter Wheat