MEMORANDUM

TO: Personnel Concerned with Small Grain Variety Testing

FROM: Kyle Stephens, SC OVT Program Manager

SUBJECT: 2026-27 Small Grain Variety Trials

The testing fee is $600.00 per entry. Invoices will be sent separately by the Clemson Business office. DO NOT SEND CHECKS WITH YOUR ENTRIES.

For 2026-27, we will again be offering the Wheat Challenge. The OVT test will be the same as it has been with experimental and commercial varieties. The Wheat challenge will include only commercial varieties. You must enter the varieties into the OVT for them to be eligible to enter the Challenge. Companies may enter up to 3 commercial varieties in the Challenge that will be available for sale in SC. There is no additional cost for this replicated (3 reps) test.

- **Please note the shipping address**
- **The deadline for application and seed delivery is October 1, 2026**
- **Any seed treatment will be accepted. IT MUST BE LABELED! Please read the seed treatment policy below.**
- I have added a column for Company or Brand name to the application form. What you put in those blanks is what will appear on the data tables. Please indicate exactly how you want your company, brand, and variety referred to. We are trying to use a standard nomenclature for the entire Southeast to make data exchange easier.

Guidelines for Submitting Entries in the 2026-27 Small Grain Variety Trials in South Carolina

TEST LOCATIONS – 3 REPLICATES PER LOCATION

Blackville
Clemson
Florence

SEED REQUIREMENTS

All seed should be packaged in sturdy bags and shipped early enough to arrive no later than **October 1, 2026**.

Five (5) lbs. of seed will be required for each entry in the Test.

Treated seed must be labeled with the name of the treatment.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THE NAME AGRONOMY, CROP & SOIL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE , OR ENTOMOLOGY, SOILS, AND PLANT SCIENCES IN MY SHIPPING ADDRESS. THIS CAUSES PACKAGES AND MAIL TO BE ROUTED TO THE WRONG BUILDING. THANK YOU.

APPLICATION FOR 2026-27 Small Grain Variety Trials
Clemson University

This form constitutes an official application whereby commercial seed companies having a bona fide small grain breeding program may submit released varieties and experimental strains of small grains for inclusion in the performance tests.

Do not pay fees with this application an invoice will be sent to you.

The application form should be submitted by October 1 to:

Kyle Stephens
Email: rstphns@clemson.edu

The seed should be mailed to:

Germplasm Building
179 Cherry Road
Clemson, SC 29634

Please send Applications ASAP! Seed should be packaged in a sturdy bag and received in Clemson by October 1. Five (5) pounds of seed will be sufficient for each entry in the Test. Please indicate if entry has disease and/or nematode resistance and/or herbicide tolerance in the appropriate column below.

Name, address, telephone and FAX number, and e-mail of commercial seed company and contact person

NAME:
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
FAX:
e-mail:

VARIETIES AND STRAINS

COMPANY OR BRAND NAME	**CROP (OAT, WHEAT…)**	**VARIETY OR STRAIN**	Place and X in this column to enter the variety in the Wheat Challenge	General comments relative to pest resistance, outstanding characteristics, etc.

SEED TREATMENT POLICY – South Carolina State OVT

1. All seed submitted for testing must be labeled as to seed treatment preferably with the same tag that would be on a regular bag of seed. Un-labeled seed will not be tested.
2. Please indicate if the seed will be available to the growers with that treatment.
3. The seed treatment used will be indicated on the data tables.

Seed received for testing will be used solely for that purpose. Clemson University will not isolate or have isolated, sequence or have sequenced, or analyze or have analyzed genetic material from seed received and shall not use any biotechnology process to manipulate the seed. Seed received will not be transferred to a third party. Clemson University agrees not to use the seed of any participants lines for plant breeding or seed stock increases.