

## **How to get the Most Value out of your Wheat Crop**

Being prepared for all situations can allow wheat producers to maximize the value of their wheat. Preparation not only includes having equipment clean, calibrated and ready for the start of harvest, but also includes proper sample collection, evaluation of quality, and proper conditioning and storage. Following are some valuable links that should be viewed to ensure that you are prepared for wheat harvest:

- **Ontario Wheat Board Market Smart Brochure**

<http://ontariowheatboard.com/UserFiles/File/MarketSmartBrochure%20low%20res.pdf>

This brochure is a must read for Ontario wheat producers prior to harvest. It outlines the three different market scenarios that can occur in Ontario. The brochure also has great information about wheat quality and how to make the best of a crop with poor quality.

- **Setting up your combine and Field Harvesting Methods**

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/pub811/4harvesting.htm>

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/field/news/croppest/2009/11cpo09a3.htm>

Take the time to set up your harvesting equipment to maximize quality. These articles run through the basics as well as calibrating your combine to minimize fusarium in your sample.

- **Wheat Drying & Storage – a closer look .**

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/pub811/4drying.htm>

<http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/producer-producteur/ifpm-mrdp-eng.htm#c>

These articles outline the basics about setting up your dryer to dry wheat and store the grain to maintain the best quality possible.

- **Proper Sample Collection**

<http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/guides-guides/rs-er/trs-per-eng.htm>

A look at how to properly collect a representative sample of your wheat.

- **Grading Procedures**

<http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca/oggg-gocg/ggg-gcg-eng.htm>

When grain is received at an elevator, a sample will be taken, and the sample will have grade, moisture, and dockage assigned as per the Canadian Grain Commission "Official Grain Grading Guide". Producers should be aware of their rights, options, and any resulting costs and also timelines in the event they wish to dispute the grade assigned by the receiving elevator.

- **Who Grades Grain**

<http://www.redwheat.com/whogradesgrain.html>

Collection of a representative sample and having it analyzed by a trained professional can assist you in finding a suitable home for your crop.

- **Contacting Agricorp**

<http://www.agricorp.com>

Customers are reminded to report crop damage as soon as it becomes evident. Contact us at 1-888-247-4999.

New for 2009, the quality factor for spring wheat has been changed to 30%. If an insured peril reduces the quality of a crop to feed grade, a quality factor may be applied to the harvested yield to reflect the lower prices that you will receive. This adjustment increases the likelihood and size of a claim payment. Note however, that if the yield after factoring still exceeds the total guarantee of production, no claim is payable.

Other harvest tips include proper instruction to truck drivers making deliveries on your behalf. Provide wheat class, name, and detailed instructions with your driver, for use in the event that grade, moisture, dockage, or protein as established at delivery does not meet your expectations. In many instances, a decision has to be made at time of delivery. Don't risk costly errors based on lack of preparation.

**Wheat is a valuable food ingredient and preparation and attention to details can ensure that you get the most value out of your crop.**