

2025 National Wheat Yield Contest Digital Yield Pilot Category Rules



Please read contest rules carefully before completing the entry form.

***NEW PILOT CATEGORY:**
(Spring Wheat dryland only available in the states of MN, MT, ND, SD) (Winter Wheat dryland only available in the states of CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, WY)

ENTRY FEES and DEADLINES for Digital Yield Category

Winter entries deadline May 15, 2025. Spring entries deadline - August 1, 2025. All entry data must be submitted by the entry deadlines and all harvest data must be submitted online by October 1, 2025. No late entries or harvest data will be accepted.

\$100 per entry (you may use vouchers if they are available)

You may enter up to 3 fields in this digital yield pilot category.

Field boundaries must be submitted at entry. A field map will be attached to the entry, in addition to the GPS coordinates.

Supervisors will not be used in this category. The digital field maps and weights from calibrated equipment will be verification of the yield.

Contestants must attest that their submissions are accurate.

Contestants may enter more than one category but can only win a national award in one category.

Any contestant committing fraud will be barred from the contest for three years.

CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS

Entrants must be a member of their state wheat grower associations or NAWG (if no state organization affiliated with NAWG) at the time of entry.

Also, entrants must enter as an individual and must be at least 14 years of age at time of entry. Partnerships can enter under the partnership name if the partnership holds a membership. Entrants must be a certified FSA owner/operator (or child) showing a minimum of 50 acres wheat in an operation. Only one winner per FSA tract number is eligible to be a state and national winner.

DIGITAL YIELD PILOT CONTEST CATEGORIES and WINNERS

1. Winter and Spring Wheat Dryland- One High Yield Winner will be recognized in each category.

2. Winter and Spring Wheat Dryland-One

Percent over county winner will be recognized in each category.

State winners (1st-3rd place) will be recognized in Digital Yield (high yield) Categories.

Publicity will include a press release, listing on the Foundation and Yield Contest website and other media.

FIELD QUALIFICATIONS: Field must be at least 40 continuous acres, planted with professionally produced, certified, branded, newly-purchased wheat seed. Field will be verified by a field map generated electronically and

signed by the contestant. Entry field and harvest field must be the same and submitted electronically upon entry and harvest.

WHEAT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to win a National Award, wheat must meet quality standards:

- Test weight for hard red spring or white club must be 57+ lbs.
- Test weight for all other classes must be 58+ lbs.

QUALITY RECOGNITION

Our contest encourages you to strive for both high yield and high quality. All contestants in the Digital Yield Category are asked to save a grain sample of at least 10 lbs. for quality analysis if they are a national winner. A panel of experts will rank the wheat quality by class and the top industry desired quality will be recognized with an additional cash prize.

PRIZES

National award winners will receive travel, lodging and registration to the Commodity Classic in 2026. Top Quality Winners will be recognized with a cash award in addition to the Commodity Classic trip.

NOTE: National Winners who do not travel to the Commodity Classic will not receive the cash value of their trip. Quality winners who do not travel to the Commodity Classic will receive the cash award by mail after the Commodity Classic.

APPROVED PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR INDUSTRY PARTNERS

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Partners may pay the entrant's membership dues or entry fees into the contest. Partners may provide company products or samples to cover the contest plot area or field up to 40 acres. They may also provide additional prizes to the winners for Commodity Classic travel to family members or farm employees.

JUDGING

Decisions of the National Wheat Yield Contest in all matters pertaining to the contest are final. The NWF reserves the right to disqualify any entry without a refund for violation of these stated rules. Any contestant committing fraud will be barred from the contest for three years.

HARVEST RULES

Do not use end/ turning rows and the outermost rows of the field as part of the contest acres.

The field must be at least 40 contiguous acres, and entrant will digitally select a contiguous block (rectangle shape) of 20 acres to submit their yield for the contest.

No rechecks are required.

Submit a picture of the calibration screen as proof that you have calibrated the combine/grain cart scale within 30 days of harvest.

HARVEST ENTRY

Your yield submission will consist of your data from your calibrated equipment.

1. Proof of Calibration of equipment (photos of screens on equipment)

2. 2-3 photos of your Yield Monitor yield taken in the field during harvest and dated with date of harvest
3. Grain Cart scale weights for the entire field (or elevator scale tickets for entire field)
4. Summary report showing the full field yield and selected 20-acre yield (from John Deere Operations Center, Climate FieldView, etc)
5. Shape file export for the entire field

MOISTURE

Yields will be calculated on a dry basis (0%) moisture. Your accurate wheat moisture will need to be calculated at time of harvest and entered into the harvest form. Use an experienced person to determine the wheat moisture, use an average of 3 meter readings if self-testing.

GRAIN SAMPLE REQUIREMENT

You will need to get your grain tested for protein & test weight at some time before submitting your harvest data. Please attach the elevator ticket showing these measurements. Test weight is required. (protein optional)

REPORTING

Yield data must be submitted by October 1, 2025, 11:59 pm eastern time. If you have

trouble submitting, please notify the contest director before the Oct. 1, 11:59 pm deadline.

The online harvest submission form will be closed after Oct. 1 11:59 pm and harvest data will not be accepted after Oct. 1.

Keep a copy of your harvest submission.

PILOT CATEGORY

This new category is being tested in a limited area this year for the contest to learn and offer more ways for wheat farmers to participate in the contest. Education is the main goal of the contest. We look forward to improving and expanding this category and will need feedback from participants. We reserve the right to request more information on the submitted field if needed for clarification purposes.

QUESTIONS

For questions or issues with your entries, please contact Anne Osborne before the deadlines at 701-368-9815

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ENTRY FORM, MORE DETAILS AND CONTEST PARTNERS CAN BE FOUND:

www.wheatcontest.org

