

1863 is a new hard red winter wheat variety developed cooperatively by K-State Research and Extension and the Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Foundation seed of 1863 was distributed to Kansas registered seed growers for fall planting in 2012. Certified seed will be available for fall planting in 2013. The name '1863' was chosen in honor of the K-State sesquicentennial.

Origin and development. 1863 is a hard red winter wheat selected from the cross Overley 'S'/Karl 92// Cutter made in 2002. Overley and Karl 92 are both hard red winter varieties released by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station. Cutter is a hard red winter wheat released by AgriPro. 1863 was tested as KS020319-7-3.

Agronomic characteristics. 1863 is an awned, whitechaffed, semi-dwarf hard winter wheat. It is a mediumtall variety with good yield potential and average straw strength. 1863 is slightly taller (1 inch) than Fuller and it is tolerant to shattering. Lodging has not been a significant concern during its development but can be observed in high-yield conditions. 1863 is a mediummaturing variety that is about 3 days later than Fuller (see Table 1). Part of the rationale for releasing 1863 is there are relatively few medium-maturing varieties currently available to Kansas wheat producers. An ability to select varieties from different maturity classes reduces the risk of spring freeze injury and allows for some diversity in harvest date.

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Milling and baking quality. 1863 has good milling and baking quality with excellent test weight patterns. Its test weight is more than 0.5 pounds per bushel greater than Fuller. Its average kernel hardness value is 66 and it averages about 0.5 points lower than Fuller for protein content. The average bake absorptions are similar to Fuller and loaf volume average 930 cubic centimeters, which is slightly lower than Fuller but better than Armour. Flour yield on the experimental mill has averaged 70.5 percent, which is higher than Fuller and Armour.

Table 3. Four-year yield summary of 1863 and checks averaged	
over locations in central Kansas.	

	Average Yields (bu/a)												
	4-Year	2012 ¹	2011 ²	2010 ²	2009 ³								
1863	52.8	47.7	46.7	51.2	65.6								
Everest	-	53.3	46	53.6	-								
Fuller	49.6	50	46	46.6	55.8								
Armour	50	48	44.8	52.7	54.3								
Art	49	45.9	41	48	61.1								

¹ Tested in nine locations.

² Tested in six locations.

³ Tested in four locations.

Table 1. Agronomic and pest resistance characteristics of 1863¹.

	Mat	TW	WH	CL	Lod	Shat	Pm	Lr	Sr	Yr	Slb	Ts	SBMV	SSMV	WSMV	HF	Fhb	BYD
1863	3	3	3	6	5	2	7	7	5	5	4	5	1	1	7	9	7	7
Everest	1	2	3	6	3	2	3	3	6	8	4	7	1	1	7	9	4	6
Fuller	1	4	5	6	5	3	6	5	5	7	6	6	1	1	5	9	6	9

¹Rated on a scale of 1 to 9. Except for maturity (where 1 means earliest and 9 means latest), 1–3 is good or resistant, 4–6 average or intermediate and 7–9 is poorest or susceptible.

Mat = Maturity; TW = Test weight; WH = Winterhardiness; CL = Coleoptile length; Lod = Lodging; Shat = Shatter tolerance; Pm = Powdery mildew; Lr = Leaf rust; Sr = Stem rust; Yr = Stripe rust; Slb = Speckled leaf blotch;

Ts = Tan spot; SBMV = Soilborne mosaic virus; WSMV = Wheat streak mosaic virus; HF = Hessian fly; Fhb = Fusarium Head blight; BYD = Barley yellow dwarf

Table 2. Central and eastern Kansas yields of 1863 and checks (bu/a) from 2009 to 2012.

					2012	2				2011									2010	2009					
	BA	К	SFI	SU	MP	М	GY	EW	BE	GY	К	М	MP	SU	EW	BA	CW	GY	SU	К	BE	GY	К	BA	BE
1863	57.2	58.1	50.7	48	54.4	42.4	29.6	36.5	52.7	46.9	39.7	65.1	42.1	38.7	47.7	48.3	56.8	50	50.6	44.7	56.9	77	71.5	50.1	63.9
Everest	66.5	61.1	49.8	59.1	57.9	42.9	39.5	50.9	52.1	52.4	40.1	56.5	49	39.9	38.2	46.7	60.5	54.2	56.2	49	55.2				
Fuller	68.6	53.3	45	58.5	47.8	38.5	39.1	37.8	61.5	51.4	35.9	54.8	45.5	36.3	52.1	43.3	51.7	44.1	54.1	37.7	48.9	73.8	53.7	37.1	58.4
Armour	68.2	40.9	51.6	56.6	44.4	34.3	45.5	39.1	51.1	48.8	40.4	59.8	39.9	37.8	42.2	46.8	56.9	50.4	56.2	52.7	53.3	71.5	67.5	38.1	40
Art	61.5	45.1	47.4	48.6	37.2	37.9	41.3	39.4	54.3	47.2	34	58.8	36.9	36.4	32.7	46	49.5	52.6	50.1	40.8	48.7	72	65.7	45.7	60.9
LSD*	6.2	4.6	9.1	1.5	4.9	5.3	3.7	4.5	6.6	6.7	2.8	7.4	4.7	4.2	6.9	6.6	5.8	4.2	5.6	6.2	4.7	7.1	6.2	9.3	12.6

Location Code: BA=Barber Co., BE=Belleville, CW=Caldwell, EW=Ellsworth Co., GY=Gypsum, HE=Hesston, K=Hutchinson, M=Manhattan, MP=McPherson Co., SFI=Stafford Co. irrigated, SU=Sumner Co. (Conway Springs) * If the yield difference between two varieties is less than the LSD value, the varieties are not statistically different.