

## 2024 FORAGE MAIZE DESCRIPTIVE LIST

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ES PALLADIUM	29.0	19.4	107	11.50	223	26.7	5.19	59.4	7.1	7.6	1.6	0.3	7.4	5.1	2023	GRAINSEED
EMELEEN	31.9	19.3	106	11.48	222	29.5	5.69	58.5	7.1	7.6	1.6	0.4	7.3	7.2	2023	GRAINSEED
SAXON	34.8	19.1	105	11.75	225	32.9	6.29	59.2	7.6	7.1	2.7	1.0	6.9	3.1	2022	LIMAGRAIN
KWS ANASTASIO	32.9	19.0	104	11.63	221	32.2	6.11	58.6	7.3	7.6	1.4	1.1	7.5	6.6	2022	KWS
FAITH	35.4	19.0	104	11.73	222	34.1	6.47	58.9	7.3	7.8	1.2	0.5	6.6	[3.5]	2023	GRAINSEED
DIGNITY	35.3	18.9	104	11.75	223	33.6	6.37	59.5	7.1	7.4	1.9	0.3	6.9	2.8	2022	LIMAGRAIN
RESOLUTE	33.1	18.9	104	11.69	221	33.3	6.28	58.9	7.2	7.7	1.4	0.3	7.5	2.4	2020	LIMAGRAIN
CONCLUSION	33.2	18.8	103	11.87	223	33.9	6.38	60.3	7.4	7.4	1.9	0.2	7.3	4.0	2020	LIMAGRAIN
SKIPPER	35.9	18.8	103	11.80	221	36.0	6.74	58.8	7.2	7.8	1.0	0.4	7.3	[3.4]	2023	LIMAGRAIN
FOXTROT	35.3	18.7	103	11.87	222	34.9	6.54	59.4	7.2	6.7	3.6	0.6	7.3	[2.0]	2023	LIMAGRAIN
KWS PASCO	33.5	18.7	103	11.82	221	34.4	6.43	59.1	7.1	7.6	1.6	1.6	7.0	7.0	2022	KWS
FARMUNOX	31.8	18.7	103	11.76	220	32.8	6.12	59.0	6.7	6.7	3.4	1.5	7.8	6.7	2020	DSV
SMOOTH CS	29.9	18.7	103	11.41	213	29.7	5.55	58.4	6.6	7.2	2.4	0.1	7.4	7.1	2019	CAUSSADE
ABILITY	33.2	18.7	103	11.67	218	31.6	5.90	59.5	7.2	8.0	0.7	0.4	7.4	5.6	2020	DLF
CROSBY	30.6	18.7	103	11.43	213	31.5	5.88	57.4	6.7	8.0	0.6	0.3	7.6	5.9	2023	GRAINSEED
BONNIE	33.0	18.6	102	11.81	219	33.9	6.29	59.8	7.4	7.7	1.2	0.3	7.7	6.3	2017	GRAINSEED
KWS EXELON	34.6	18.5	102	11.81	219	34.6	6.41	58.8	7.1	7.0	2.8	0.6	6.9	7.7	2021	KWS
PROSPECT	35.9	18.5	101	11.93	220	35.4	6.53	60.1	7.2	7.7	1.2	0.2	7.3	7.5	2019	LIMAGRAIN
FIELDSTAR	34.4	18.3	101	11.76	215	34.5	6.31	59.0	7.1	8.0	0.6	0.5	7.2	6.5	2013	LIMAGRAIN
AVITUS KWS	35.7	18.1	100	11.86	215	36.0	6.52	59.2	7.0	6.4	4.2	2.0	6.1	5.8	2018	KWS
KWS CALVINI	35.1	18.1	99	11.81	213	35.0	6.34	59.2	7.2	7.7	1.3	1.6	6.2	6.7	2019	KWS
PINNACLE	35.0	18.0	99	11.83	213	35.8	6.46	59.0	7.1	7.0	2.9	0.8	7.3	6.6	2018	LIMAGRAIN
RODRIGUEZ KWS	33.9	17.9	98	11.85	212	36.0	6.42	59.4	6.6	8.2	0.3	0.5	7.2	4.7	2015	KWS
MADONIAS	33.7	17.8	98	11.82	211	35.5	6.33	58.9	6.7	7.6	1.5	0.6	6.4	5.7	2018	MAISADOUR
SY SILVERBULL	35.1	17.8	98	12.08	215	35.3	6.29	61.7	6.6	7.3	2.2	0.5	6.7	[6.1]	2023	SYNGENTA
TROOPER	35.4	17.8	98	11.82	210	35.4	6.30	59.3	7.1	8.1	0.4	0.4	7.0	1.4	2020	LIMAGRAIN
GEMA	36.8	17.7	97	11.72	207	36.8	6.51	58.0	6.7	7.4	2.1	0.7	6.3	6.0	2021	LIMAGRAIN
AUGUSTUS KWS	36.3	17.1	94	12.02	205	38.1	6.50	59.8	6.9	7.4	1.9	1.4	6.1	6.7	2015	KWS
CITO KWS	37.6	16.8	93	12.01	202	37.6	6.33	59.7	7.0	7.7	1.4	0.7	5.9	5.5	2018	KWS
<b>Trial statistics</b>																
Mean of 4&5 year varieties	34.1	18.2	100	11.72	213	33.8	6.15	59.0	7.0	7.6	1.6	0.6	6.9	5.8		
LSD (V.Cont)	1.12	0.58	3.2	0.147	-	1.59	-	0.91	0.22	-	-	-	0.29	-		
SE (variety mean)	0.565	0.293	1.61	0.0738	-	0.801	-	0.459	0.113	-	-	-	0.146	-		

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LG31207	31.3	19.1	105	11.33	217	28.9	5.52	57.7	7.1	7.9	0.9	0.2	7.5	7.5	2023	LIMAGRAIN
ES MYRDAL	33.2	19.0	105	11.38	217	28.9	5.51	58.1	7.2	7.1	2.7	0.6	7.4	6.0	2022	GRAINSEED
CATHY	31.2	18.7	103	11.49	215	29.0	5.42	58.9	7.3	7.9	0.9	0.5	7.7	5.6	2015	GRAINSEED
RGT BLUEFOXX	33.3	18.5	102	11.63	215	30.9	5.72	59.7	6.7	8.0	0.6	0.4	7.6	5.1	2023	RAGT
RGT EASIXX	33.6	18.5	102	11.45	212	30.8	5.71	58.4	6.5	7.9	0.9	0.7	7.4	5.3	2023	RAGT
ABRISSE	32.0	18.5	102	11.55	213	31.2	5.76	59.0	6.6	7.9	0.8	0.3	7.2	7.9	2019	CAUSSADE
DEBALTO	36.6	18.5	102	11.63	215	34.3	6.33	57.6	7.2	4.9	7.4	0.6	5.8	6.6	2022	KWS
AMBITION	35.1	18.3	100	11.67	213	34.5	6.31	58.3	7.2	8.0	0.7	0.3	7.0	6.4	2012	LIMAGRAIN
GLENOE	32.4	18.2	100	11.34	206	28.1	5.12	57.9	6.9	7.9	0.8	0.3	7.6	4.7	2023	CAUSSADE
KWS RESOLVO	32.7	18.0	99	11.59	209	31.6	5.69	59.0	7.0	8.0	0.5	0.3	6.6	5.9	2023	KWS
MARCAMO	31.0	18.0	99	11.25	202	29.4	5.28	56.4	6.5	5.2	6.7	1.1	6.5	7.1	2019	DLF
LIKEIT	32.8	17.9	99	11.65	209	32.9	5.90	58.5	7.2	8.1	0.4	0.4	7.0	4.7	2018	DSV
RGT PIXXON	34.4	17.9	99	11.69	209	31.2	5.60	59.9	6.8	7.8	1.1	0.5	7.5	6.3	2022	RAGT
RGT OXXGOOD	34.3	17.9	99	11.76	211	34.2	6.12	59.3	6.7	7.5	1.8	0.5	6.6	6.5	2016	RAGT
SY NORDICSTAR	33.2	17.8	98	11.65	207	33.2	5.92	59.2	7.1	7.5	1.8	0.1	7.2	7.9	2016	SYNGENTA
LIROYAL	33.9	17.7	97	11.88	210	35.2	6.22	59.6	6.5	7.8	1.1	0.6	6.5	6.1	2019	DSV
ES TOMMEN	33.9	17.6	97	11.63	205	33.7	5.93	58.6	7.4	7.9	0.8	0.4	6.7	3.6	2021	GRAINSEED
ES LOVELY	34.6	17.6	97	11.69	205	35.3	6.20	58.5	7.0	8.0	0.8	0.6	6.5	4.4	2016	GRAINSEED
RGT DUXXBURY	36.5	17.0	94	11.73	200	35.7	6.08	58.6	7.0	7.9	0.8	0.3	6.0	5.5	2018	RAGT
<b>Trial statistics</b>																
Mean of 4&5 year varieties	34.1	18.2	100	11.72	213	33.8	6.15	59.0	7.0	7.6	1.6	0.6	6.9	5.8		
LSD (V.Cont)	1.12	0.58	3.2	0.147	-	1.59	-	0.91	0.22	-	-	-	0.29	-		
SE (variety mean)	0.565	0.293	1.61	0.0738	-	0.801	-	0.459	0.113	-	-	-	0.146	-		

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CITO KWS	39.4	16.7	93	12.12	202	39.9	6.64	60.0	6.8	7.3	2.3	0.3	5.0	5.5	2018	KWS
GEMA	37.6	17.3	97	11.74	202	37.4	6.45	58.1	6.7	7.1	2.6	0.4	5.8	6.0	2021	LIMAGRAIN
AUGUSTUS KWS	37.1	16.8	94	11.91	200	38.0	6.39	59.2	6.9	6.9	3.1	0.5	5.3	6.7	2015	KWS
KWS CALVINI	35.8	17.7	99	11.84	210	36.3	6.43	59.1	7.1	7.5	1.6	1.0	5.8	6.7	2019	KWS
SKIPPER	35.8	18.3	103	11.83	217	36.1	6.62	59.2	6.9	7.6	1.6	0.3	7.3	[3.4]	2023	LIMAGRAIN
TROOPER	35.7	17.3	97	11.84	205	35.6	6.16	59.3	7.0	8.1	0.5	0.2	6.4	1.4	2020	LIMAGRAIN
DIGNITY	35.5	18.5	104	11.73	217	34.0	6.30	59.4	7.0	7.6	1.5	0.0	6.7	2.8	2022	LIMAGRAIN
PROSPECT	35.2	18.0	101	11.88	214	35.4	6.39	59.8	7.1	7.3	2.3	0.3	7.4	7.5	2019	LIMAGRAIN
FAITH	35.2	18.5	104	11.73	217	34.5	6.39	59.0	7.1	7.4	1.9	0.2	6.4	[3.5]	2023	GRAINSEED
SY SILVERBULL	35.2	17.8	100	12.03	214	35.7	6.35	61.4	6.5	7.2	2.3	0.2	6.4	[6.1]	2023	SYNGENTA
AMBITION	35.0	17.9	100	11.67	208	34.8	6.21	58.4	6.9	7.8	1.1	0.2	7.1	6.4	2012	LIMAGRAIN
RGT OXXGOOD	34.9	17.9	100	11.85	212	35.8	6.40	59.5	6.7	7.3	2.2	0.4	6.3	6.5	2016	RAGT
SAXON	34.6	18.7	105	11.80	221	33.7	6.30	59.7	7.2	6.5	3.9	0.5	6.8	3.1	2022	LIMAGRAIN
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FIELDSTAR	34.4	18.0	100	11.76	211	35.1	6.31	58.8	6.8	7.8	1.0	0.5	7.1	6.5	2013	LIMAGRAIN
PINNACLE	34.4	17.8	100	11.80	210	35.8	6.39	59.0	6.8	6.4	4.1	0.5	7.4	6.6	2018	LIMAGRAIN
LIROYAL	34.2	17.7	99	11.88	210	36.0	6.37	59.6	6.7	7.7	1.2	0.5	6.6	6.1	2019	DSV
MADONIAS	34.0	17.8	100	11.73	209	35.7	6.34	58.4	6.7	7.2	2.4	0.9	6.2	5.7	2018	MAISADOUR
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CONCLUSION	33.2	18.5	103	11.90	220	33.9	6.25	60.6	7.2	7.3	2.3	0.2	7.5	4.0	2020	LIMAGRAIN
LIKEIT	32.8	17.7	99	11.66	206	33.7	5.94	58.4	6.9	8.1	0.4	0.6	6.9	4.7	2018	DSV
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<b>Trial statistics</b>																
Mean of 4&5 year varieties	34.8	17.9	100	11.76	210	34.9	6.24	59.0	6.9	7.3	2.1	0.5	6.7	5.6		
LSD (V.Cont)	1.35	0.70	4.0	0.173	-	1.62	-	1.11	0.24	-	-	-	0.37	-		
SE (variety mean)	0.677	0.352	1.97	0.0868	-	0.811	-	0.555	0.119	-	-	-	0.188	-		

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VARIETY	Dry matter content at harvest (%)	Dry matter yield (t/ha)	Dry matter yield (% of 4 and 5 year varieties)	ME of fresh plant at harvest (MJ/kg dry matter)	ME yield of fresh plant at harvest ('000s MJ/ha)	Starch content of whole plant at harvest (%)	Starch yield of whole plant at harvest (t/ha)	Cell wall digestibility (%)	Early vigour (1-9)	Standing power at harvest (root lodging) (1-9)	Lodging (%) #	Brackling (%) #	Leaf senescence (1-9)	Eyespot rating (1-9)	Year first listed	Agent
LG31207	35.3	18.7	104	11.60	217	31.6	5.92	58.5	8.2	8.0	0.6	1.4	6.1	7.5	2023	LIMAGRAIN
MANTILLA	34.6	18.6	103	11.53	214	32.0	5.93	57.8	7.5	7.6	1.4	0.6	6.3	6.8	2021	LIMAGRAIN
LG31205	35.2	18.3	101	11.58	212	33.0	6.03	57.5	7.6	7.6	1.6	0.8	6.1	8.2	2018	LIMAGRAIN
ES METRONOM.	32.4	18.9	105	11.18	212	27.8	5.26	56.4	7.2	8.0	0.6	0.7	6.7	7.8	2018	GRAINSEED
SMOOTH CS	33.2	18.4	102	11.46	210	32.1	5.90	57.1	7.2	7.7	1.3	0.8	5.6	7.1	2022	CAUSSADE
AGA GOLD	33.7	17.9	99	11.65	208	32.6	5.81	58.2	7.1	7.7	1.2	1.2	6.1	6.7	2018	Field Options
PETROSCHKA	33.2	18.3	101	11.29	206	31.0	5.65	55.9	6.8	7.3	2.1	1.6	5.7	5.6	2018	DSV
ABRISE	36.3	17.4	96	11.73	204	34.0	5.91	59.1	7.3	8.0	0.6	1.1	4.3	7.9	2022	CAUSSADE
SY KARTHOUN	35.3	18.0	99	11.24	202	32.1	5.77	55.6	7.6	6.9	3.0	0.8	6.0	7.5	2018	SYNGENTA
MARCAMO	34.9	17.8	98	11.34	201	31.6	5.62	55.7	7.0	6.2	4.5	2.8	3.6	7.1	2018	DLF
ACTUAL	37.9	16.9	93	11.79	199	36.1	6.09	58.6	7.3	7.8	1.0	3.0	4.4	6.3	2018	SYNGENTA
<b>Trial statistics</b>																
Mean of 4 year varieties	34.5	18.1	100	11.45	207	32.0	5.79	57.0	7.3	7.5	1.7	1.2	5.6	7.0		
LSD (V.Cont)	1.14	0.67	3.7	0.171	-	2.04	-	0.94	0.38	-	-	-	0.60	-		
SE (variety mean)	0.541	0.319	1.77	0.0806	-	0.96	-	0.44	0.183	-	-	-	0.284	-		

On the 1-9 scales, high figures indicate that a variety shows the character to a high degree (e.g. high resistance)

ME is calculated as D-value x 0.16

# = values are re-transformed from the mean of the log data

Eyespot rating derived from inoculated nurseries rather than field scores



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#### Data from 2018-2022 trials

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