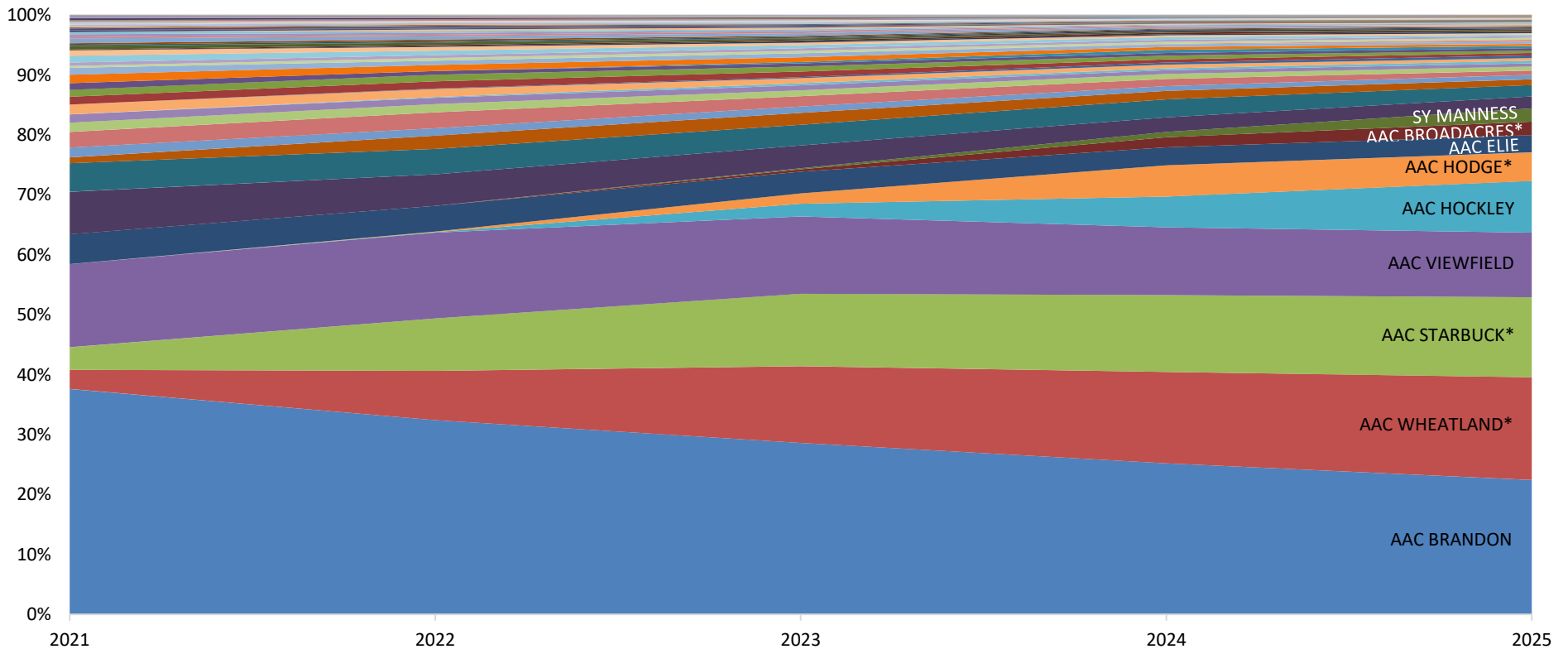


CWRS Designated Varieties by Acreage Insured



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| ■ AAC BRANDON | ■ AAC WHEATLAND* | ■ AAC STARBUCK* | ■ AAC VIEWFIELD | ■ AAC HOCKLEY | ■ AAC HODGE* |
| ■ AAC ELIE | ■ AAC BROADACRES* | ■ SY MANNESS | ■ CDC LANDMARK* | ■ AAC REDBERRY | ■ AAC LEROY* |
| ■ CDC GO | ■ AAC ALIDA* | ■ STETTLER | ■ CARBERRY | ■ AAC RUSSELL* | ■ CDC PLENTIFUL |
| ■ CDC PILAR CPLUS | ■ CDC HUGHES* | ■ CDC ABOUND | ■ BOLLES | ■ CDC SILAS | ■ CARDALE |
| ■ AAC CAMERON* | ■ CDC ENVY | ■ CDC ORTONA | ■ AAC TISDALE | ■ CDC UTMOST* | ■ CDC STANLEY |
| ■ AAC REDSTAR | ■ CDC ADAMANT* | ■ GLENN | ■ CDC SUCCESSION VB CLPLUS | ■ THORSBY | ■ AC BARRIE |
| ■ CDC TITANIUM* | ■ SY GABBRO | ■ AAC WESTKING | ■ AAC CONNERY | ■ PARATA | ■ SY CAST |
| ■ SY TORACH | ■ GO EARLY | ■ TRACKER | ■ AAC JATHARIA* | ■ CDC SKRUSH | ■ SUPERB |
| ■ SHAW* | ■ GOODEVE* | ■ AC SPLENDOR | ■ AC INTREPID | ■ ELLERSLIE | ■ JAKE |
| ■ AAC MAGNET | ■ CDC IMAGINE | ■ CDC TEAL | ■ AAC PREVAIL* | ■ SY CROSSITE | ■ AAC OAKMAN* |
| ■ AAC STOUGHTON* | ■ WASKADA | ■ AC CADILLAC | ■ CDC VR MORRIS | ■ 5604HR CL | ■ CDC BRADWELL |
| ■ WR859 CL | ■ REDNET | ■ AAC BAILEY | ■ DAYBREAK | ■ CDC BOUNTY | ■ SY OBSIDIAN |
| ■ AAC WARMAN* | ■ LAURA | ■ PRODIGY | ■ AC ELSA | ■ SY BRAWN | ■ AAC SPIKE |
| ■ AAC WALSH | ■ ROBLIN | ■ ZEALAND | ■ SY DONALD | ■ CDC ALSASK | ■ AAC W1876 |
| ■ 5500HR | ■ JOURNEY | ■ 5601HR | ■ DONALDA | ■ FLAME | ■ PALISADE |
| ■ SY SOVITE | ■ 5602HR | ■ COLEMAN | ■ SOMERSET | ■ AAC DARBY | ■ SY CHERT* |
| ■ SY479* | ■ SHEBA | ■ 5600HR | ■ CDC KERNEN | ■ FIELDSTAR* | ■ INFINITY |
| ■ CDC THRIVE | ■ NOOR | ■ RESOLVE | | | |

*Varieties are midge tolerant and sold as a varietal blend (VB) with a midge susceptible variety to reduce the impact of midge damage. VB will appear after their variety name.

Observations for 2025

- CWRS is a hard wheat with high protein content that is highly regarded for its superior milling and end-product quality. It is often referred to as an improver wheat as it is used to improve the quality of wheat that has weaker gluten strength when used as part of a wheat blend.
- CWRS is the most widely grown wheat class in Western Canada. From 2020-2024, Canada has produced an average 20.1 million tonnes annually of CWRS which represents 62% of wheat grown in Canada.¹
- The preceding graph uses data compiled by the Canadian Grain Commission from the provincial crop insurance organizations² and shows the change in insured acres of a variety as a percentage of the total amount of insured acres in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia between 2021-2025.
 - CWRS is purchased as a wheat class. CWRS varieties discussed in this report would be represented in similar proportions in shipments of CWRS.
- All the varieties listed meet the requirements for agronomic, disease and quality properties defined for the CWRS class. There are 126 varieties of CWRS on the variety designation list.³
- The top five CWRS varieties, AAC Brandon, AAC Wheatland, AAC Starbuck, AAC Viewfield, and AAC Hockley accounted for 72% of all insured acres in 2025 (represented in the black box around the variety names in the preceding graph).
- AAC Brandon remained the most popular CWRS variety in 2025 with 22% of all insured acres. However, insured acres have been declining since 2020. AAC Brandon was the most popular CWRS variety grown in Alberta and Manitoba.
 - AAC Brandon was registered in 2014. It is a semi-dwarf variety with good lodging and disease resistance. It has improved flour yield with lower flour ash content and high water absorption.⁴
- AAC Wheatland was the second most popular CWRS variety in 2025 representing 17% of insured acres. Insured acres of AAC Wheatland have steadily increased since 2019.
 - AAC Wheatland was registered in 2018. It has high agronomic yields with excellent lodging tolerance and resistance to orange wheat blossom midge.⁵ It has high flour milling yields and improved dough extensibility and Amylograph peak viscosity.
- AAC Starbuck and AAC Viewfield were the third and fourth most popular CWRS varieties in 2025 representing 13% and 11% of insured acres, respectively. AAC Starbuck was the most popular CWRS variety grown in Saskatchewan.
 - AAC Starbuck was registered in 2018. It has high agronomic yields with moderate resistance to fusarium head blight (FHB) and improved flour milling yields and dough extensibility.⁶
 - AAC Viewfield was registered in 2016 and has high agronomic yield, short straw, resistance to various rusts and high flour yield.⁷
- AAC Hockley was the fifth most popular variety in 2025, representing 9% of insured acres. Insured acres of AAC Hockley have been increasing since 2021.
 - AAC Hockley was registered in 2020. It is a variety with strong straw, high agronomic yields and very good lodging resistance. It has good disease resistance including moderate resistance to FHB along with good test weight and protein content.⁸

¹ <https://doi.org/10.25318/3210035901-eng>

² <https://grainscanada.gc.ca/en/grain-research/statistics/varieties-by-acreage/>

³ <https://grainscanada.gc.ca/en/grain-quality/variety-lists/2025/2025-18.html>

⁴ <https://cdnsiencepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1139/cjps-2016-0150>

⁵ <https://secan.com/system/files/AAC%20Wheatland%20VB%20CWRS%20TB%20Jan%202025.pdf>

⁶ <https://secan.com/system/files/AAC%20Starbuck%20VB%20CWRS%20TB%20Jan%202025.pdf>

⁷ <https://cdnsiencepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1139/cjps-2018-0147>

⁸ <https://www.fpgenetics.ca/wp-content/uploads/AAC-Hockley-2025.pdf>