

2024 VIRGINIA YIELD CONTEST

CHALLENGE HARVEST REPORT FORM

Attach weight ticket and field map. Entries only valid with current Virginia Grain Producers Association membership.

THIS FORM AND THE ACCOMPANYING MANAGEMENT INFORMATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 1, 2025 TO QUALIFY FOR THE CONTEST.

Note: You must have this form completed by a contest supervisor who must be one of the following: Vocational Ag Instructor, State or Private College agricultural staff person; County Agent; Nutrient Management Specialist, NRCS staff person, FSA staff person, representative of Production Credit association or Farmers Home Administration; Federal Land Bank fieldman, agricultural loan officer at local bank; a person retired from one of these occupations.

The supervisor may not be a relative, employee or manager of the contestant or represent any product used in the contest field. The supervisor must be present during harvest to make all field measurements and computations to oversee the weight and moisture testing and report the results.

Please Print

1. Name of Grower _____
 Name of Farm _____
 Address _____ Phone (____) _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Email: _____
2. Location of Contest Field: _____
3. Entry Class (Circle One): Soft Wheat, Hard Wheat or Barley
4. Size of contest field in acres (Must be at least 10 continuous acres) _____
5. Size of the harvested area within the contest field, computed to two decimal places (from item 7 on this form) _____
6. Yield (bu./acre from item 8 or 9 on the back of this form) _____
7. Map of contest field showing harvested area: (draw a map of the field or attach a current aerial map with the field marked).

FIELD MEASUREMENTS
(Diagram of area harvested)



A steel or fiberglass tape can be used to measure distances. Measuring wheels are permitted that have large wheels and non-slip surfaces. The supervisor must verify the accuracy of the wheel under field conditions by checking the wheel against a tape. _____ length (ft) X _____ width (ft.)
 = _____ sq ft. _____ sq.ft.43,560 _____ =acres
 harvested. (Copy the number of acres harvest to line 5 of this form).
 Harvested area may also be determined by handheld GPS units.

8. Yield, bu./acres dry basis (see below) _____

Yield determination: Prior to harvest, the supervisor should verify that the combine grain tank is empty by having the operator run unloading auger for one minute. The supervisor must be present during all harvest and weighing. All wagons or trucks must be checked to make certain they are empty.

The grain obtained from the harvest area can be weighed on a certified scale. Alternatively, a weigh wagon can be used to measure yield. The accuracy of the weigh wagon should be verified by the supervisor weighing one or two people with a reasonably known weight standing on the weigh wagon at several places. Another alternative is to use "truck scales" under each wheel or weigh point. The supervisor must operate and record the weights obtained. In all cases, a sample of the grain shall be taken to a certified grain buying station for moisture and test weight determination. All wheat or barley yields determined to be in excess of 120 bu/acre shall be verified by weighting on an official scale. Yield must be corrected for moisture content by subtracting the average moisture from 100% then multiplying that number by the total pounds of wheat or barley harvested. Divide that sum by 51.9 (lb. of dry wheat or barley in 1 bu.). Divide corrected bushels by acres to get bushels per acre. PLEASE SHOW YIELD CALCULATIONS BELOW

Example: 1 5-acre wheat or barley contest field yielded 18,600 lbs. of 15% moisture.

100% -15% (moisture) = 85% (.85 x 18,600 lbs. = 15,810 lbs.)
15,810 lb./51.9 lb. = 304.62 bu.
304.62 bu/5 acres = 60.92 bu./acre

YOUR YIELD CALCULATIONS _____

_____ acres harvested yielded _____ lbs. Of wheat or barley at _____ % moisture.

100% - _____ % (moisture in wheat or barley) = _____ % x _____ lbs. _____ = lbs.

_____ lbs./51.9 lbs. = _____ bushels.

_____ bushels/_____ acres harvested = _____ bu./acre contest yield.

(Copy this number to line 6 on the front of the form.) _____

**SUPERVISOR
Please Print**

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I, the undersigned supervised the harvesting procedure of this contest field as described in the rules and regulations of the 2025 Virginia Yield Challenge and find this report to be complete and accurate.

Signature of Supervisor _____ Signature of Contestant _____

Entrants must be members of the Virginia Grain Producers Association. If you are not currently a member, a check for \$75.00 for one year membership or \$200.00 for three year membership MUST be included with the entry form to be eligible. Membership applications may be downloaded at viriniagrains.com. Membership inquiries should be directed to Taylor.Hubbard@viriniagrains.com

12. Fertilizer (applied since last crop): Please attach a copy of a recent soil sample from this field and tissue sample result if samples were taken.

Date	Method	Analysis	N**	P**	K**	Trace Elements

	Product Name	Rate/Acre	Date Applied
Herbicides			
Insecticides			
Fungicides			
Growth Regulator			
Other Applications			

* Broadcast or Stream, Etc. _____ **Rate in Actual lb/acre

19. Please describe any unique machinery modifications or production practices used on the contest field: _____

**This Harvest Report Form, weight tickets and the management information should be mailed within 14 days of harvest to:
 Dr. Olga Walsh, Virginia Tech, 306-D Saunders Hall, 490 W Campus Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060.**

The entry must be received by August 1, 2025. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Olga Walsh at oswalsh@vt.edu

Entrants MUST be members of the Virginia Grain Producers Association. Entries will not eligible to win without current membership. Membership applications available a



2025 Virginia Yield Challenge Contest Rules

1. **CONTEST CLASSES**

Only certified seed or seed purchased from:

AgriMAXX
Nutrien Ag Solutions
EPIX SEED
Pioneer
Revere
Featherstone
Progeny Ag
Dyna-Gro
Syngenta Seeds
USG
Southern Harvest
Mid-Atlantic Seeds
Growmark
KWS
Croplan
Mercer Brand
Progeny
Local Seed Company
Limagrain Cereal Seeds
Virginia Crop Improvement Association (public varieties)

All entrants must be members of the Virginia Grain Producers Association.

2. **CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS**

The entrant must be a member of the Virginia Grain Producers Association. The entrant must be at least 18 years old and be actively engaged in wheat or barley production. The entrant agrees to provide a record of all production practices, including number and type of tillage operations, the amount and grade of fertilizer used, the type of seed used along with the date and rate of planting, the rate and application of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and growth regulators.

3. **FIELD QUALIFICATIONS**

The contest field must be 10 or more continuous acres in size. A minimum of three or more continuous acres from within the contest field must be harvested as the actual contest entry. This harvested area must be at least one combine - swath from the edge of the field, must have four straight sides and must be measured by the contest supervisor. Note: Measure all 4 sides with a tape or calibrated measuring wheel or the total with handheld GPS. The unit can be used to calculate the total area.

4. **CONTEST SUPERVISORS**

The entrant must contact and request that a qualified supervisor be present at harvest to record the harvest report. This supervisor must make all field measurements and oversee the weighing, moisture testing and determination of test weight. **The supervisor must be present during the entire harvest, weighing and computations to assure that the combine and truck are empty when harvest of the plot begins.**

Supervisors must be from the following list:

County extension agent
Vocational agricultural instructor
State or private college agricultural staff person
Production Credit Association representative
NRCS staff person
FSA staff person
Federal Land Bank field person

Bank Ag loan officer
Or a retired individual from one of these occupations

The supervisor may not be a relative, employee, employer or farm manager of the contestant. They also may not be a company representative of any product or service used in the contest field. Supervisors must complete and sign the Harvest Report Form. The entrant must then sign and mail the form according to information provided.

5. **JUDGING**

Winning entries will be selected according to a harvested yield. In the event of a tie, the contestant harvesting and reporting the largest contest area will be the winner. The grain obtained from the harvest area can be weighed on a certified scale. Alternatively, a weigh wagon can be used to measure yields. The supervisor weighing one or two people with a reasonably known weight standing on the weigh wagon at several places should verify the accuracy of the weigh wagon. Another alternative is to use “truck scales” under each wheel or weigh point. The supervisor must operate and record the weights obtained. In all cases, a sample of the grain shall be taken to a certified grain buying station for moisture and test weight determination. **All wheat or barley yields determined to be in excess of 120 bu/acre shall be further verified by weighing on an official scale.**

6. **CONTEST AWARDS**

First, second, and third place winners will be recognized. More than one entry can be submitted from a farm operation as long as the entries are materially different in production practices and entered by different people.

There can be no more than two winning entries from one farm operation. **Note: To qualify for these prizes, the entry must be from a field planted with certified seed or seed purchased from a seed company listed in item**

1.

Statewide

1st Prize \$750

2nd Prize \$500

3rd Prize \$250

Statewide winners will be determined based on the highest submitted yield, regardless of area contest results. Prizes in the statewide category may be in addition to prizes in the area category.

7. **DEADLINES**

A Harvest Form and Management Information Form must be completed and postmarked to Yield Committee no later than **August 1, 2025**. The harvest forms can be obtained from the local Extension office and agribusinesses.

NOTE: All entries will be judged by Yield Committee.
All entries become the property of Yield Committee. All decisions of Yield Committee are final.

9. **For further information about contest specifics, contact Dr. Olga Walsh at oswalsh@vt.edu**