

# *Merl Soft Red Winter Wheat*

## Genetic Information

Merl is a new awnletted, white chaffed, high yielding soft red winter wheat variety developed at Virginia Tech. Merl is a broadly adapted mid-season variety with good milling and baking quality.

Merl is resistant to powdery mildew, and moderately resistant to stripe rust, fusarium head blight, Barley Yellow dwarf Virus, wheat spindle streak mosaic virus and glume blotch. Merl is moderately short averaging 33 inches in height.

## Agronomic Information

Merl is a mid-season high yielding soft red winter wheat with **excellent test weight**. Merl has very good straw strength resulting in very good lodging resistance.

Merl is high yielding with a three year (2006-2008) average grain yield of 92.0 Bu. per acre in the Virginia Tech wheat performance trials.

## Marketing Information

Merl wheat was evaluated by the USDA Soft Wheat Quality Lab in Wooster and found to have good milling and baking properties.

Merl will be sold by variety name as a class of Certified Seed. Merl soft red winter wheat is marketed and sold by members of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association through a licensing agreement. A royalty fee will be assessed on each unit of seed sold. Merl seed will be inspected and certified by MCIA inspectors to insure a high quality product.

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