

# *Sunburst Soft Red Wheat*

## **Genetic Information**

Sunburst is a proprietary soft red winter wheat variety developed by Sunbeam Extract Company and marketed through C.O.S.T. (Central Ohio Seed testing) and its sub-licensees. It was released in 2008 because of its high yields, winter hardiness, stripe rust resistance, stand ability, and good scab resistance.

Sunburst is moderately resistant to powdery mildew and Hessian fly, while being resistant to leaf rust and stripe rust.

Sunburst is short with excellent straw strength to prevent lodging. Sunburst is white chaffed and awn less at maturity, and is described as having up to 1.05% variants including beards, yellow-green heads, and tall plants.

## **Agronomic Features**

Sunburst is beardless and white chaffed at maturity. Sunburst is short strawed with excellent straw strength to prevent lodging. Sunburst is a mid-maturing variety with excellent test weight.

In the 2008 Ohio Wheat Performance Results, Sunburst had an average yield of 88.8 bu. / acre. Along with its yielding ability, Sunburst has excellent test weight, excellent lodging resistance, excellent winter hardiness, and a very good disease package including stripe rust resistance.

## **Marketing**

Sunburst was evaluated by the USDA Soft Wheat Quality Lab in Wooster. It is considered to have excellent milling and baking quality.

Sunburst is protected under the **Plant Variety Protection Act - Title V**. Seed of this variety can only be sold by variety name as a class of certified seed. A royalty fee will be collected on the certified class of seed.

## **Summary**

Sunburst is a mid-maturing variety that has excellent test weight, excellent winter hardiness and disease resistance to go along with its high yielding ability.

Sunburst is sublicensed to Michigan Crop Improvement Association members. For more information or a list of producers, please contact your local seed dealer or the MCIA office at:

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