Branson Variety Description

Branson is a soft red winter wheat bred and developed by AgriPro Wheat. Branson is a medium height semi dwarf variety with good straw strength. Branson is moderately resistant to Septoria Leaf Blotch and Stripe rust and Powdery Mildew. Intermediate resistance to Soil borne Mosaic virus and Leaf rust. Primary adaptation is the wheat growing regions of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

Juvenile growth habit is semi erect. Plant color at boot stage is dark green. Flag leaf at boot stage is erect and twisted. Waxy bloom is present on the head, stem and flag leaf sheath. Anther color is yellow. Head shape is strap, mid-dense and awnletted. Glumes are glabrous, narrow in width and long in length with oblique shoulders and obtuse beaks. Seed shape is ovate. Brush hairs are mid-long in length and occupy a large area of the seed tip. Seed crease depth is shallow and width is narrow. Seed cheeks are rounded.

Branson has been uniform and stable since 2003. Less than 0.8% of the plants were rouged from the Breeders Seed increase in 2004. Approximately 90% of the rouged variant plants were taller height wheat plants (8 to 15 cm) and 10% were awned plants.

AgriPro Wheat maintains seed stock and certified classes of Foundation, Registered and Certified. Certified seed stocks of Branson will be available in the fall of 2005. Certified acreage is not to be published by AOSCA and certifying agencies. Plant Variety Protection is anticipated and Branson may only be sold as a class of certified seed.