

The Extension Cord
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Pratt County Fair Market Wheat Show

The Pratt County Fair Board, along with the Extension Ag. PDC, will be conducting a county-wide Market Wheat Show at the 2017 Pratt County Fair. Producer participation in this event is strictly voluntary. If a producer wishes to enter, just inform the scale operator at the participating elevator. Samples will be collected right off the truck as it comes across the scales. Participating grain elevators and sponsors of the show are: **ADM Grain - Cullison; Skyland Grain, LLC; Farmers Co-op - Isabel; the Kanza Co-op and The Scoular Company.** Branches of these elevators will be included in this collection process.

The sample will be tagged with the producer's name, address, and variety on it. All producers that are entered will be sent a postage-paid envelope with a Crop Data Card following harvest. Simply fill out the agronomic information section of the card and drop it in the mail. If this is done prior to July 8th, you will be entered into the Market Wheat Show.

All the wheat entries will be judged by the Kansas Grain Inspection Service prior to the County Fair and displayed at the Fair. The area elevators are the sponsors for this year's show.

A listing of Market Wheat Show criteria is as follows:

1. Crop Data Cards are to mailed be into the Extension Office prior to July 7th. No cards or entries will be accepted after this date due to revised judging procedures.
2. All wheat exhibits must be produced in Pratt County during the present year.
3. All exhibits shall be COMBINE RUNS ONLY, samples shall consist of approximately 5 lbs. of wheat collected at the elevators listed above. If a producer has grain stored on the farm and wishes to enter, the County Agent should be notified for sample collection.
4. Any entry which has been hand-picked or screened will be disqualified.
5. Limitation of entries: Each farmer is limited to one (1) entry for each variety of wheat grown on the exhibitor's farm. A producer is someone who is recognized by the FSA (Farm Service Agency) as a producer within the county.
6. All samples will be graded by the Kansas Grain Inspection Service prior to the County Fair.
7. Premiums will be awarded for 1st through 3rd places for each class.
8. The County Champion Wheat Producers name will be listed on a plaque presented at the County Fair and displayed at the Extension Office throughout the year.

Samples will be judged by the following criteria:

Protein.....	225 points
Test Weight.....	200 points
Dockage.....	200 points
Shrunken/Broken Kernels.....	100 points
Crop Data Card.....	25 points
Variety / Mill-Bake.....	250 points
Total Points.....	1000 points

Entries will be divided into the following classes:

- Class #1 KSU HRW Varieties
- Class #2 Other Public HRW Varieties
- Class #3 HRW Blends
- Class #4 All Westbred/Monsanto HRW Varieties
- Class #5 All Hard White Wheat Varieties
- Class #6 All Other Varieties

Market Wheat Show Special Elevator Division

The Pratt County Fair Association will sponsor the "Special Elevator Division" award, also. Criteria for this award is as follows:

Purpose: To increase public and farmer awareness of the excellent quality of winter wheat produced in Pratt County; create a spirit of competition among elevator managers; and to reward and recognize our grain elevators for their fine services provided to their farm customers.

General Rules:

1. Elevator sites are encouraged to collect samples of high quality combine run wheat.
2. Market wheat samples collected by Pratt County elevators will be entered in the producers name at the County Fair.
3. Special Elevator Division samples must be clearly identified by writing the elevator company name and site on the tag included in the sample bag.
4. The elevator collecting the highest number of placing samples will determine which elevator site and its manager will be recognized with the special award.

The special award is a traveling plaque to be displayed by the winning elevator and will list the producer's name, variety, year, and name of the elevator submitting the sample. Sponsored by Pratt County Fair Association, this award will be presented during the County Fair.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact the Pratt County Extension Office at 672-6121.