

## Buckwheat Production in Southwestern North Dakota

Buckwheat can be grown successfully in southwestern North Dakota, but has not become popular with area farmers, and is considered to be a crop of minor importance in the Missouri Slope region.

Grain yields at various experiment station locations in North Dakota over the past few years have varied depending on the growing season. Yields recorded in Dickinson station trials are equal or better than those recorded in other areas of the state.

Construction of the MinnDak elevator in Dickinson in 1988, belonging to a company which specializes in buckwheat and other specialty crops may help to increase the acreage of these crops in southwest North Dakota by providing a ready market for them.

**Table 25. 1988 Dickinson Buckwheat Variety Trial**

Variety	Lbs./A Avg.	Test Wt. Lbs.
Common	636.5	43.0
Manor	387.9	38.5
Mancan	338.1	38.5
Seeding Rate: 50 lbs./A		
Seeding Date: May 27      Harvest Date: September 1		
L.S.D. 5% = 218.6 Bu/A      C.V. = 21.2 %		
Fertilizer: 50 lbs./A 18-46-0, drill		

**Table 26. Long Term Yields – Buckwheat, Dickinson**

Variety	1985	1986	1987	1988	Average
Mancan	1826	1290	1810	338	1317
Manor	2116	1523	1810	338	1459
Windsor Royal	1697	1172	1894	---	1588*
Common	2280	---	3016	637	1978*
*3-year average					