



Spelt...

...A Forgotten Treasure

Comet

Comet is an exciting release exclusive to French's. This true spelt is easily distinguishable from other varieties due to its short stature, earliness and its creamy off-white chaff. Comet averages 10-12 inches shorter than Maverick. It is about the same maturity as Maverick. Comet is a high yielding, high protein variety. It has much improved test weight and protein content approaching 16%. Comet has excellent standability and will tolerate higher fertility than other spelt varieties. We recommend this variety for feed use.

- ◆ **Do Not Use Comet For Straw Production**

Sungold

Sungold is 2-3 days later maturing than Maverick, exhibiting better standability and winter survival. It is slightly taller than Maverick. Sungold is easily distinguishable from Maverick as it has medium-brown chaff. It's well adapted to our Midwestern growing conditions. Sungold is also an excellent grain yielder and has very good protein levels. This variety has excellent standability and is an excellent straw yielder.

- ◆ **Sungold is a Food-Grade Spelt with Excellent Baking Qualities.**
- ◆ **Sungold is an Excellent Multipurpose Variety that Exhibits Excellent Straw Yield.**

Spelt As Feed

Spelt is widely used as feed for beef, dairy, hogs and horses. The hull has nearly as much value as the kernel. If thrashed severely consider the value as barley. If left unhulled, feed as oats. Spelt usually average slightly higher in protein than oats, depending on variety. Spelt can be fed as whole grain by itself or in a complete ration. Please consult with your feed nutritionist for a program that fits your operation. Beef and horses are known to perform extremely well on spelt

Sonic

Sonic is a recently released cultivar exclusive to French's. Sonic is a full-season, tall, robust variety. Awnless and brown-chaffed, Sonic is well adapted for grain production, but excels as a forage and/or straw producer. Sonic also has very good protein levels and possesses excellent disease tolerance. In 2006, Sonic exhibited 5% leaf rust while Oberkulmer had 45%. In 2013, Sonic exhibited 2% leaf rust while Oberkulmer had 55%.

- ◆ **Sonic is Well-Suited for Grain or Forage/Straw Production.**

Maverick

A true spelt licensed exclusively to French's, Maverick resulted from the efforts of Dr. Howard N. Lafever. Maverick is a white-chaffed spelt variety averaging several inches shorter and maturing 5 days earlier than Champ. Maverick has much improved winter survival over other varieties as well as improved test weight. Protein content is very acceptable. In addition, Maverick has demonstrated far superior baking qualities to other commonly used varieties.

- ◆ **We recommend Maverick for Milling/Baking.**
- ◆ **Also Excellent Straw Yielder.**

Spelt As Flour

Several companies are currently working with spelt to mill for flour. Spelt usage as human food is growing. Spelt is much lower in gluten and has very high water solubility. Therefore, many individuals with wheat intolerance and gluten intolerance can eat spelt products with no ill effects. However, differences do exist with varieties and most companies are using proprietary lines for their own products.