

## WHEAT PLOT VARIETY TOUR Beaver County

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The wheat variety plot traditionally brings out producers to view the varieties grown side by side. This year, Steve and Beth Frantz hosted the trial near Bryan's Corner. Twenty-three varieties were planted in replication. Approximately 20 producers turned out to view the plot and brought a host of production questions. This year's crop has been challenged by drought, hail and insect transmitted disease.

Beaver County has over 900 farms producing winter wheat on over 170,000 acres. Annual production is in excess of one million bushels. Many producers rely on data generated from this county replicated plot which is planted in cooperation with the Oklahoma Panhandle Research & Extension Center and a local producer.

The producers attending this year's tour cumulatively planted 14,800 acres of wheat. Over 4,500 acres are no-till. No-till production is showing a measurable yield increase even with challenging conditions. Even with variety observation and fertility research the underlying factor in production is moisture.

