



# 2026 Virginia Small Grain Yield Contest

## Harvest Report Form

### Attach:

- Weight ticket
- Field map or aerial map with harvested area clearly marked

**Deadline:** *Forms must be received by **August 1, 2026***

**Membership Required:** Must have current **Virginia Grain Producers Association (VGPA)** membership to qualify. Please contact [Taylor.Hubbard@VirginiaGrains.com](mailto:Taylor.Hubbard@VirginiaGrains.com) with questions.

## Grower Information (Please Print)

- **Grower Name:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Farm Name:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Contest Field Information

- **Location of Field:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Entry Class (Circle One):** Soft Wheat / Hard Wheat / Barley

- Total Field Size (acres; min. 10 continuous): \_\_\_\_\_
- Harvested Contest Area (acres, from measurements): \_\_\_\_\_
- Yield (bu/acre): \_\_\_\_\_

## Field Map

Attach map or sketch showing the shape and boundaries of the harvested area.

## Field Measurements

Use a measuring tape, calibrated wheel, or GPS.

- Length (ft): \_\_\_\_\_ × Width (ft): \_\_\_\_\_  
= \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft ÷ 43,560 = \_\_\_\_\_ **acres harvested**

## Yield Calculation

Supervisor must ensure combine and trucks are empty before harvest begins. Grain must be weighed on:

- Certified scale **OR**
- Verified weigh wagon **OR**
- Truck-mounted scales

A sample must be taken to a certified grain station for **moisture** and **test weight**. **All yields over 120 bu/acre must be verified on an official scale.**

### Yield Formula

1. \_\_\_\_\_ acres produced \_\_\_\_\_ lbs grain at \_\_\_\_\_ % moisture
2. 100% – moisture % = \_\_\_\_\_ %
3. Adjusted weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs × decimal moisture factor = \_\_\_\_\_ lbs dry grain

4. Dry bushels: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs ÷ 51.9 (wheat/barley lbs/bu) = \_\_\_\_\_ bu
5. Contest yield: \_\_\_\_\_ bu ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ acres = \_\_\_\_\_ bu/acre

## Supervisor Information (Please Print)

Must be: Extension agent, ag educator, NRCS/FSA staff, ag loan officer, agricultural college staff, PCA rep, Federal Land Bank fieldman, or retired person from these roles.

**Cannot** be a relative, employer/employee, farm manager, or any product representative.

- **Supervisor Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Signatures

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

## Management Information Form

*(Must be completed to avoid disqualification)*

- **Planting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Variety:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Certified Seed?** Yes / No  
*Certified seed required for cash prizes*
- **Seed Treatment?** Yes / No — If yes, type: \_\_\_\_\_
- **Seeding Rate:** \_\_\_\_\_ (lb/ac, seeds/ac, or seeds/ft)
- **Row Width:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Tramlines:** Yes / No
- **Previous Crop:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Soil Type:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Tillage System:** No-Till / Minimum Till / Conventional

## Tillage Operations

- Moldboard Plow \_\_\_\_\_
- Chisel \_\_\_\_\_
- Off-Set Disk \_\_\_\_\_
- Light Disk \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Cultivator \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Stalk Shredder / Rotary Mower \_\_\_\_\_

## Fertilizer Applications

*(Attach recent soil test and tissue test if taken)*

Date	Method	Analysis	N	P	K	Trace Elements
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## Crop Protection & Other Applications

Type	Product	Rate/Acre	Date
Herbicides	_____	_____	_____
Insecticides	_____	_____	_____
Fungicides	_____	_____	_____
Growth Regulator	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

## Unique Practices / Equipment Modifications

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# Mail Forms Within 14 Days of Harvest To:

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Blacksburg, VA 24060  
Email: [oswalsh@vt.edu](mailto:oswalsh@vt.edu)

## 2026 Virginia Yield Challenge Contest Rules

1. **CONTEST CLASSES**

Only certified seed or seed purchased from:

AgriMAXX  
Nutrien Ag Solutions  
EPIX SEED  
Pioneer Revere  
Featherstone  
Progeny Ag  
Dyna-Gro  
Syngenta Seeds  
USG  
Southern Harvest  
Mid-Atlantic Seeds  
Growmark  
KWS  
Croplan  
Mercer Brand  
Progeny  
Local Seed Company  
Limagrain Cereal Seeds  
Virginia Crop Improvement Association (public varieties)

2. **CONTEST QUALIFICATIONS**

The entrant must be a member of the Virginia Grain Producers Association. The entrant must be at least 18 years old and be actively engaged in wheat or barley production. The entrant agrees to provide a record of all production practices, including number and type of tillage operations, the amount and grade of fertilizer used, the type of seed used along with

the date and rate of planting, the rate and application of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and growth regulators.

3. **FIELD QUALIFICATIONS**

The contest field must be 10 or more continuous acres in size. A minimum of three or more continuous acres from within the contest field must be harvested as the actual contest entry. This harvested area must be at least one combine - swath from the edge of the field, must have four straight sides and must be measured by the contest supervisor. Note: Measure all 4 sides with a tape or calibrated measuring wheel or the total with handheld GPS. The unit can be used to calculate the total area.

4. **CONTEST SUPERVISORS**

The entrant must contact and request that a qualified supervisor be present at harvest to record the harvest report. This supervisor must make all field measurements and oversee the weighing, moisture testing and determination of test weight. **The supervisor must be present during the entire harvest, weighing and computations to assure that the combine and truck are empty when harvest of the plot begins.**

**Supervisors must be from the following list:**

County extension agent  
Vocational agricultural instructor  
State or private college agricultural staff person  
Production Credit Association representative  
NRCS staff person  
FSA staff person  
Federal Land Bank field person  
Bank Ag loan officer  
Or a retired individual from one of these occupations

**The supervisor may not be a relative, employee, employer or farm manager of the contestant. They also may not be a company representative of any product or service used in the contest field. Supervisors must complete and sign the Harvest Report Form.** The entrant must then sign and mail the form according to information provided.

5. **JUDGING**

Winning entries will be selected according to a harvested yield. In the event of a tie, the contestant harvesting and reporting the largest contest area will be the winner. The grain obtained from the harvest area can be weighed on a certified scale. Alternatively, a weigh wagon can be used to measure yields. The supervisor weighing one or two people with a reasonably known weight standing on the weigh wagon at several places should verify the accuracy of the weigh wagon. Another alternative is to use "truck scales" under each wheel or weigh point. The supervisor must operate and record the weights obtained. In all cases, a sample of the grain shall be taken to a certified grain buying station for moisture and test weight determination. **All wheat or barley yields determined to be in excess of 120 bu/acre shall be further verified by weighing on an official scale.**

6. **CONTEST AWARDS**

First, second, and third place winners will be recognized. More than one entry can be submitted from a farm operation as long as the entries are materially different in production practices and entered by different people. There can be no more than two

winning entries from one farm operation. **Note: To qualify for these prizes, the entry must be from a field planted with certified seed or seed purchased from a seed company listed in item 1.**

## Prize Pool

<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>\$250</b>

Statewide winners will be determined based on the highest submitted yield, regardless of area contest results. Prizes in the statewide category may be in addition to prizes in the area category.

### 7. **DEADLINES**

A Harvest Form and Management Information Form must be completed and postmarked to Yield Committee no later than **August 1, 2026**. The harvest forms can be obtained from the local Extension office and agribusinesses.

NOTE: All entries will be judged by Yield Committee. All entries become the property of Yield Committee. All decisions of Yield Committee are final.

### 9. **For further information about contest specifics, contact Dr. Olga Walsh at [oswalsh@vt.edu](mailto:oswalsh@vt.edu)**