



BASF introduces two new varieties of Wheat for 2023

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"Introducing new genetics into the market is critical as we grapple with climate changes and nations seeking to improve their food security. We at BASF, have focused on innovations to support the need for more sustainable agriculture and assist farmers to do the biggest job on earth to feed us and the growing demands of wheat. The new genetics in Reilly will provide growers from the Eyre Peninsula, right through the mid-north of South Australia and into the Wimmera and Mallee, a great opportunity to more effectively manage rust with a high-yielding variety. In higher rainfall zones, Kingston will provide a robust, short stature, high yielding variety," said Gavin Heard, Head of Seeds and Traits, BASF Australia and New Zealand.

Following the same naming convention as Ascot, BASF and Seednet chose to honour local farming pioneers in naming the new varieties.

"Like Ascot, Kingston in central Victoria was the site of a flour mill built by gold miner turned pioneering wheat grower, breeder and miller James Fry, who was one of the pioneering wheat growers in the Wimmera," explains Simon Crane, General Manager, Seednet.

Kingston wheat has high-end yield potential and grain quality, exceptional straw strength, and outstanding lodging resistance, and the plant type results in low residues to manage the following year. In addition, Kingston has an AH classification (Southern zone) and is suited to medium and higher-rainfall zones and irrigation.

Reilly wheat will bring about the advantages of brand-new genetics to Australian growers, and offers excellent grain quality and exceptional resistance to all the major path types of stripe rust. Reilly is AH classified (Southern zone) and has the capacity to thrive in low to medium-rainfall environments.