

Organic Oats Variety Evaluation

Project duration: May 2020 – October 2020

Objective: To evaluate oat varieties for organic production.

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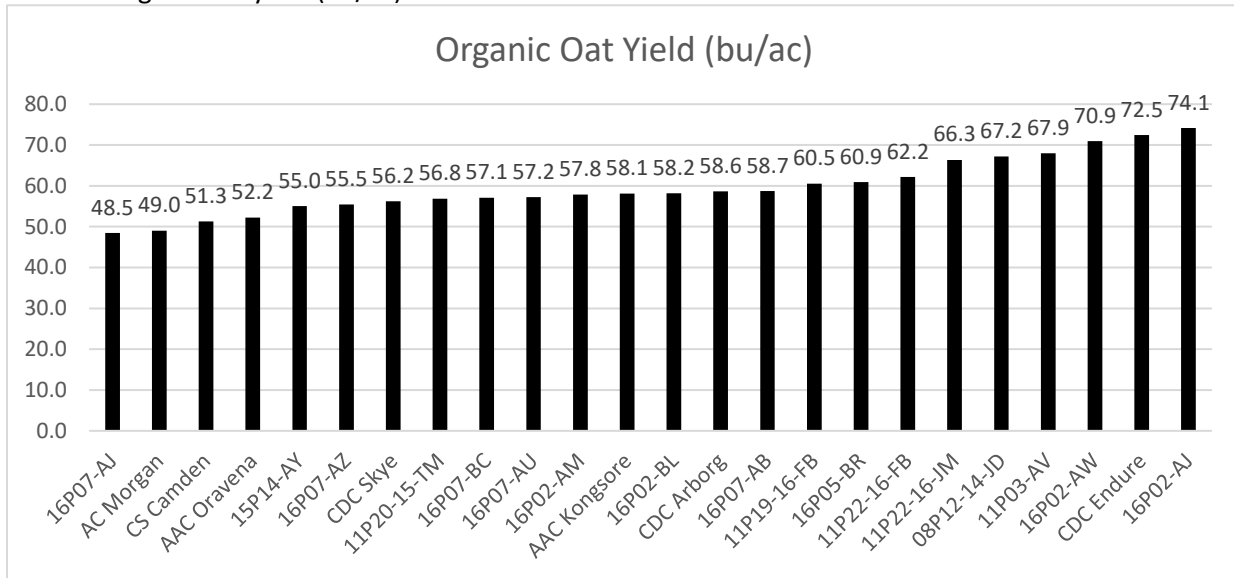
Background

Research suggests that selection of cereal crops specific to organic agriculture should be conducted on organically managed land [1,2]. Conventional management systems may mask or confound certain plant characteristics, resulting in selection of sub-optimal cultivars for organic production systems. The trial was grown on certified organic land belonging to a local organic producer.

Results

The majority of the entries in this test are unregistered varieties. The yield results are shown in Table 1 for reference and to allow interested producers to track the entries in the future.

Table 1: Organic oat yield (bu/ac)



Materials and methods

Experimental Design: Random Complete Block Design

Entries: 25 varieties

Seeding: May 14

Harvest: Sep 2

Table 2: Varieties included at Roblin 2020

AC Morgan	Summit	AAC Oravena	AAC Kongsore	CS Camden
CDC Arborg	CDC Skye	CDC Endure	11P03-AV	11P20-15-TM
11P22-16-FB	11P19-16-FB	11P22-16-JM	08P12-14-JD	16P02-AW
16P07-AU	16P07-AJ	16P02-AJ	16P07-BC	16P05-BR
16P02-AM	16P02-BL	16P07-AB	16P07-AZ	15P14-AY

Data collected	Date collected
Maturity:	Aug 15-17
Height:	Aug 14
Lodging:	Sep 2
Yield:	Sep 2
Moisture:	Sep 2

Agronomic info

Previous year's crop:	Organic wheat
Soil Type:	Erickson Clay Loam
Landscape:	Rolling with trees to the south
Seedbed preparation:	Cultivated and harrowed

Table 3: Spring 2020 Soil Test

<u>Available</u>	
N	73 lb/ac
P	5 ppm
K	168 ppm

References

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