

Sunblade CL Plus[®]



Variety snapshot

- APH quality
- Very high grain yield
- Tolerant to Clearfield® Intervix® herbicide
- Derived from Suntop[Ⓛ], with similar maturity
- Good levels of *Pratylenchus thornei* tolerance and resistance
- Alternative to Elmore CL Plus[Ⓛ] wheat, or Clearfield® barley varieties
- Excellent plant-back option for managing imidazolinone residues

Breeder's comments

Sunblade CL Plus[®] offers a significant step forward in Clearfield[®] Intervix[®] tolerant wheat varieties, being the first to have an APH quality classification. Not only that, Sunblade CL Plus[®] also offers a big yield advantage over many commonly grown varieties.

There has been considerable adoption of Clearfield[®] technology across various crop types for the control of a broad range of weeds, but until recently, growers in southern NSW have only had limited options of suitable Clearfield[®] wheat varieties. Elmore CL Plus[®] has been used in the past, but comes with a yield penalty and an AH quality classification.

Sunblade CL Plus[®] displays a significant yield advantage over most other Clearfield[®] varieties, and is highly competitive with the best non-Clearfield[®] varieties. The maturity of Sunblade CL Plus[®] is very similar to Suntop[®]. In general, Sunblade CL Plus[®] is ideally suited to planting opportunities from the second week of May onwards.

Sunblade CL Plus[®] is slightly shorter in plant height compared to Suntop[®], with similar lodging resistance whilst displaying similar or slightly smaller grain size.

Many growers have already adopted Sunblade CL Plus[®] as their main season variety of choice, as it has proven to be very widely adapted throughout all wheat growing regions of southern NSW. A combination of very high yield, APH quality classification, sound disease resistance and tolerance in a wheat variety with Clearfield[®] technology is a very attractive option.

Clearfield[®] Wheat Production System

Sunblade CL Plus[®] has been specifically developed to carry two genes for tolerance to Clearfield[®] Intervix[®] herbicide. Intervix[®] is a member of the imidazolinone chemical family with Group 2 (formerly Group B) mode of action, offering one-pass post-emergent knockdown and residual control of many major grass and broadleaf weeds. Intervix[®] herbicide is available via the Clearfield[®] Agricentre Agency system, administered by BASF. For more information visit crop-solutions.basf.com.au/products/intervix or Toll Free 1800 558 399.

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Table 1. Specifications

Background

Tested as	SUN968G
Released	2020
EPR rate	\$4.35/tonne + GST

Performance

Grain yield	Please consult the NVT website for current data: https://nvt.grdc.com.au/
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Disease

Stem Rust resistance*	MS
Stripe Rust resistance*	MRMS
Leaf Rust resistance*	MSS
Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MSS
Powdery Mildew resistance*	S
Septoria Triticici Blotch resistance*	S
CCN resistance*	MSS
Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	MSS
Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	MTMI
Pratylenchus Thornei resistance*	MRMS
Pratylenchus Thornei tolerance*	MT
Crown Rot resistance*	S

Plant Characteristics

Maturity speed [^]	Mid
Maturity habit [^]	Spring
Sowing window [^]	Main
Novel herbicide tolerance [^]	Clearfield [®] Plus (Intervix [®] herbicide)
Head type [^]	Awned
Plant height [^]	Moderate
Coleoptile length [^]	Moderate
Lodging tolerance [^]	MTMI

Abiotic Stress

Boron tolerance [^]	Carries tolerance gene
Acid/aluminium tolerance [^]	Does not carry tolerance gene

Grain Quality

Quality classification	APH
Grain colour	White
Screenings level [^]	High
Test weight [^]	High
Sprouting tolerance [^]	I
Black Point resistance*	MRMS

Legend

R	Resistant	I	Intolerant	*	NVT consensus ratings 2026
MR	Moderately Resistant	VI	Very Intolerant	o	Rating based on Germination Index Values
MS	Moderately Susceptible	(P)	Provisional rating	^	AGT ratings/data interpretation. Comprehensive AGT agronomic trait ratings and data can be found at: https://bit.ly/Traits_2026
S	Susceptible	NA	Not Available		
VS	Very Susceptible	/	Pathotype differences		
T	Tolerant	-	Range		
MT	Moderately Tolerant	,	Mixed phenotype		
MI	Moderately Intolerant	#	May be more susceptible to alternate pathotypes		



Seed Availability

Please contact an AGT Affiliate or your local retailer for seed. Consult the AGT website for AGT Affiliate contact details (www.agtbreeding.com.au/affiliates). AGT varieties can be traded between growers upon the completion of a License Agreement as part of AGT's Seed Sharing™ initiative (www.agtbreeding.com.au/seedsharing)

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