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1. Year of Start : 1971

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3. Objectives/Mandates:

• To breed/evolve improved varieties of wheat (both *aestivum* and *durum*) responsive to recommended fertilizer doses, disease resistant, having superior grain quality, thermo-insensitivity and resistant to lodging.

- To find out the suitable agronomical practices for newly released wheat varieties and formulating wheat based cropping sequence and agro techniques.
- To screen wheat genotypes against various diseases.
- To screen germplasm for heat and drought tolerance.
- To identify the production constraints and gaps between yield potential on research farm and that on farmers' field.
- To produce breeder and nucleus seed as per indent.

4. Infrastructure

Land: 19.99 ha

Laboratories : Soil Science Laboratory & Plant Pathology Laboratory
 Advanced facilities : Meteorological observatory (Auto Weather Station)

Plant diseases diagnosis laboratory, Seed processing unit, farm

mechanization equipments

5. Human Resource

Technical Staff:

SN	Designation	Discipline	Remarks
1	Associate Professor	Agril Botany 01	Filled
2	Assistant Professor	Agronomy 01	Filled
3	Assistant Professor	Plant Pathology 01	Filled
4	Assistant Professor	FST 01	Vacant
5	Senior Res. Assistant	Agril Botany 02	Filled
6	Senior Res. Assistant	FST 01	Vacant
7	Junior Res. Assistant	FST 01	Vacant

Non-Technical Staff : Nil

6. Research : Varieties : 04
Achievements Recommendations : 17

7. Ongoing Research

A) Wheat Breeding

1. Co-ordinated trials

- i) Advance Varietal Trial (RI, TS & LS)
- ii) National Initial Varietal Trial-5B (RI)
- iii) National Initial Varietal Trial -2 (TS)
- iv) National Initial Varietal Trial -4 (TS)
- v) IIWBR Station Trial (RI, TS & LS)
- vi) National Initial Varietal Trial -3 B (LS)
- vii) Hybrid Wheat Trial

2. International Nurseries

- i) High Temperature Wheat Yield Trial
- ii) Semi Arid Wheat Yield Trial
- iii) Elite Selection Wheat Yield Trial
- iv) Semi Arid Wheat Screening Nursery
- v) International Durum Yield Trial
- vi) International Durum Screening Nursery

3. National Nurseries

- i) National Durum Screening Nursery
- ii) Elite International Germplasm Nursery
- iii) National Germplasm Screening Nursery
- iv) Drought Tolerence Screening Nursery (RI & TS)
- v) Short Duration Screening Nursery

4. Plant Physiology Trial

- i) NICRA Project Trial II & III
- ii) Multilocation Late Heat Tolerance -I & II

B) Agronomy

- i) Performance of new wheat genotypes under restricted irrigation conditions
- ii) Yield maximization in dicoccum wheat through various planting options and seed rates
- iii) To evaluate the performance of diverse varieties at different dates of sowing under changing climate

C) Plant Pathology

- i) Initial Plant Pathological Screening Nursery (IPPSN)
- ii) Plant Pathological Screening Nursery (PPSN)
- iii) Elite Plant Pathological Screening Nursery (EPPSN)
- iv) Multiple Disease Screening Nursery (MDSN)

D) Entomology

- i) Multiple Pest Screening Nursery (MPSN)
- ii) Entomological Screening Nursery (ESN)
- iii) Entomological Screening Nursery (NIVT)
- iv) Eco friendly management of foliage feeding wheat aphid (*Rhopalosiphum padi*)
- v) Evaluation of trapping efficiency of different type of insecttraps for aphids
- vi) Effect of varied nitrogen fertilization on aphid abundance and termite infestation in wheat.