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Leading Recommended List candidates, **DK Expansion** and **DK Exsteel** are showing their commercial value in field-scale DEKALB trials run with growers across the country under their own farm regimes, with **DK Expedient** and **DK Exception** also performing particularly well.

Across the eight main sites harvested to date with up to 12 of the latest DEKALB varieties, **DK Expansion** is topping the performance table, producing 108% of the 4.29t/ha all-trial mean seed yield.

At 6.04t/ha (111% of the trial mean), the variety led the field at the highest yielding site, both **DK Expedient** and **DK Exsteel** also delivering well over 5.5t/ha.

Underlining their all-round strengths, **DK Expedient**, **DK Expansion** and **DK Exsteel** all exceeded the lowest yielding site's 3.38t/ha mean by at least 7%.

Overall, **DK Expansion** stood out among the five best performers at six of the eight sites, taking poll position in two of them.

Confirming their consistency too, both **DK Expedient** and **DK Exception** were in the top five places in four of the eight trials.



Only grown on six of the eight sites so far **DK Exsteel** took a top five place in all but one, averaging 4.59t/ha (104% of the all-trial mean).

Despite being included in just one of the sites harvested, **DK Exclaim** impressed in first place with 4.51t/ha - 134% of the 3.51t/ha trial mean.

Data for **DK Secret** is only available from a single site too. Again, though, it underlined the capabilities of low biomass hybrids with a trial mean-matching 4.77t/ha.

CLEAR ON VIGOUR

Provisional NIAB-TAG trial results show **DK Impressario CL** standing out as the Clearfield variety with the greatest early vigour. A score of 8.2 on the 1-9 scale identifies it as significantly more vigorous than all but one of non-DK varieties in this year's specialist trial series.

The variety's two-trial average seed yield of 3.91t/ha was not significantly different from the other top-performing varieties. Interestingly, the Morley Clearfield trial's mean of 4.0 t/ha was very close to that of the main NIAB-TAG variety trial in the same field at 4.14 t/ha, demonstrating the lack of any real yield gap these days.

FROM THE FIELD

LEICESTERSHIRE

DK Imperial CL averages 3.9t/ha across the farm to compete well with highest yielding conventional non-CL varieties.

YORKSHIRE

First 17ha of **DK Extrovert** delivers an average 4.67t/ha over the weighbridge.

BERKSHIRE

167ha of **DK Exalte** shows its ability to deal with challenging conditions with a whole farm average of 3.95t/ha.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

V3160L produces a very pleasing average of 4.4t/ha across 100ha.

STAFFORDSHIRE

DK Exception delights with 5.43t/ha over 12ha alongside a conventional variety sown on the same day averaging only 3.95t/ha.

YORKSHIRE

DK Exalte rewards growers' faith with yields of 4.5-5.25t/ha in fields suffering badly in a tough winter.

SHROPSHIRE

Averaging 4.45t/ha over 13ha, low biomass hybrid, **DK Secret** outperforms the leading conventional variety on the East/West RL.

CO MEATH, IRELAND

DK Exclaim at 5.24t/ha delights alongside rival hybrid at just 4.08t/ha.



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