



YEN Trials Rules

The YEN requires that a minimum of 2 hectares be entered into the competition for it to be eligible for YEN Awards. Trial entries should follow the same format as field entries, as outlined in the YEN guidance document circulated at registration.

Research Trials


Research trials rarely reach this requirement, but can still be eligible for YEN Trials awards, subject to the following additional rules.

- Research trial yields must be verified by **two** people who may, or may not, be independent of the entrant organisation.
- Research trial yields may be from a selected treatment or treatment combinations from any trial. They must be averaged from at least 3 plots covering a **total minimum area of 50m²**.
- The plots must have been selected before harvest and grab samples taken from each plot, bulked & submitted for analysis.
- The trial overall must have a coefficient of variation for grain yield of **less than 6%**. The plots entered must be from a coherent treatment or treatment combination with replication, they cannot simply be chosen from the highest yielding plots in the trial.
- An ANOVA must be submitted to ADAS with submitted treatment(s) and coefficient of variation identified. The treatments do not have to be disclosed to ADAS; they can be anonymised / given as treatment numbers.
- Research trial plot yields will be calculated from an area including the adjacent path width if the whole width of plot harvested. The length of each individual plot should be measured to nearest 10cm. The plot width should be measured to nearest 1cm from plot centre to plot centre. The cropped width of the plots should be given to nearest 1cm (i.e. from outside row to outside row) along with uncropped or path width. Combine cutter bar width should also be given to nearest 1cm. These lengths and widths must be verified at harvest.
- Weights of fresh grain from each trial plot should be recorded using calibrated plot combine weighing equipment. Copies of the latest weight calibration must be provided, and the weights must be signed by both the entrant and a verifier before submission.
- Moisture contents from each plot determined immediately after harvest should be provided. A representative grain sample (0.5-1kg) should be bulked from each plot and sent in the plastic bag provided to ADAS for determination of moisture content and admixture.

Additional Trial Entries

Where trial entries do not meet either of the above processes, they may still be considered for YEN Trials provided this is agreed in advance. Please contact yen@adas.co.uk to discuss non-conforming YEN Trials entries.

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