# HOW TO PICK THE BEST WHEAT VARIETY

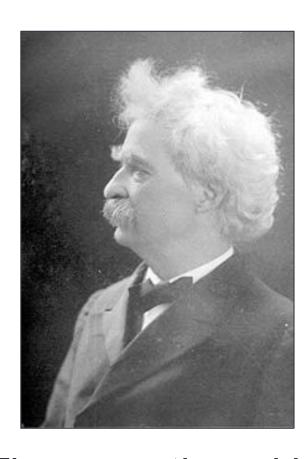
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## Famous Statisticians and Quotes



There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.

- Mark Twain



While it is easy to lie with statistics, it is even easier to lie without them.

- Frederick Mosteller



#### Summary of 2016 Dryland Winter Wheat Variety Performance Results

	2016 Individual Trial Yield <sup>a</sup>							2016 Mu	lti-Location A	verage			
						Sheridan						Test	
Variety <sup>b</sup>	Arapahoe	Julesburg	Lamar	Orchard	Roggen	Lake	Walsh	Yuma	Yield	Yield	Stripe Rust	Weight	Height
				— bu/ac					bu/ac	% of avg	score (1-9) <sup>c</sup>	lb/bu	in
Antero	98.3	95.0	68.7	51.4	105.5	115.5	62.0	93.3	86.2	110%	2	57.2	34
CO11D1539	91.3	96.2	64.8	49.0	111.1	111.1	66.4	94.7	85.6	109%	3	56.3	36
Langin	110.2	84.2	72.7	45.3	101.2	115.1	64.6	90.0	85.4	109%	2	59.0	32
CO12D2011	95.2	89.0	62.6	47.3	106.3	108.6	62.1	94.1	83.2	106%	3	60.1	34
CO12D2010	93.8	91.1	66.2	46.2	103.0	108.9	57.5	94.3	82.6	105%	3	56.2	33
Hatcher	97.9	91.4	71.3	50.7	103.0	100.9	57.3	88.2	82.6	105%	5	57.7	33
Avery	93.0	95.7	66.7	47.7	109.6	113.9	58.7	73.8	82.4	105%	7	58.6	35
CO11D1312	92.2	98.6	64.9	51.0	107.0	108.0	62.6	74.1	82.3	105%	8	58.3	34
LCH13NEDH-14-69	89.9	91.8	56.5	44.2	111.8	114.0	57.6	90.5	82.0	104%	2	59.0	32
Joe	95.4	92.1	54.6	45.0	110.7	106.7	62.2	87.3	81.7	104%	1	58.7	34
Sunshine	85.3	95.5	57.2	49.9	110.1	102.2	60.7	91.8	81.6	104%	7	56.4	34
WB-Grainfield	92.9	93.1	61.0	50.5	96.4	105.1	60.5	92.1	81.5	104%	3	59.4	34
CO11D1767	96.0	91.4	63.3	49.8	94.6	110.7	58.0	85.8	81.2	103%	1	57.0	33
CO11D1397	94.4	89.3	67.1	48.5	104.4	111.8	60.0	71.5	80.9	103%	7	57.8	31
CO11D1236	102.3	90.4	58.8	47.9	101.1	105.5	64.0	76.2	80.8	103%	6	58.3	35
TAM 114	96.4	100.6	56.3	51.1	96.0	100.2	54.3	90.5	80.7	103%	2	60.6	34
CO12D922	70.0	96.3	61.2	49.5	102.2	108.5	66.1	91.2	80.6	103%	7	58.6	35
LCS Mint	96.4	91.8	54.6	47.3	105.3	110.2	54.0	84.7	80.5	103%	4	59.4	34
Byrd	94.2	86.8	67.9	46.0	100.6	110.3	60.4	73.6	80.0	102%	6	59.3	34
CO11D421	89.9	84.6	70.4	46.9	102.5	108.3	59.6	77.2	79.9	102%	4	57.6	33
Cowboy	94.1	83.0	62.0	52.6	111.3	110.7	50.0	75.1	79.8	102%	8	56.8	32
CO11D1306W	91.9	91.2	65.9	43.6	101.8	109.3	60.9	73.7	79.8	102%	7	59.6	34
Denali	87.9	98.5	59.6	50.7	101.9	102.4	56.6	76.5	79.3	101%	8	59.5	36

#### **Summary of 2015 Dryland Variety Performance Results**

2015 Individual Trial Yielda

2015 Multi-Location Average

								Sheridan					Test	
Variety <sup>b</sup>	Akron	Burlington	Genoa	Julesburg	Lamar	Orchard	Roggen	Lake	Yuma	Yield	Yield	Stripe Rust	Weight	Height
					bu/ac -					bu/ac	% of avg	score (1-9) <sup>c</sup>	lb/bu	in
Joe	90.2	89.1	46.7	88.0	27.4	114.3	89.2	86.7	100.3	81.3	133%	1	60.7	33
CO11D1767	81.5	92.1	50.9	85.3	31.8	118.0	83.7	69.4	102.4	79.4	130%	1	57.2	33
Antero	71.5	89.4	50.0	8.08	36.5	120.8	63.2	74.7	103.3	76.7	126%	2	58.5	33
SY Monument	75.3	85.8	41.9	79.7	29.6	110.9	76.5	60.1	106.8	74.1	121%	2	58.8	32
CO11D1539	59.4	86.4	49.4	79.3	36.9	111.3	63.1	77.7	90.9	72.7	119%	3	58.4	33
Oakley CL	75.0	78.2	47.2	65.6	25.6	109.5	73.5	85.6	89.7	72.2	118%	1	57.6	31
CO11D1236	65.2	79.3	41.9	76.0	37.3	108.5	65.7	66.7	106.1	71.9	118%	7	59.0	34
Ruth	64.5	72.5	38.3	79.5	21.2	122.1	53.4	68.3	104.1	69.3	114%	3	59.8	33
CO11D1306W	65.9	72.9	38.4	75.1	34.4	108.0	70.8	60.8	95.6	69.1	113%	6	59.2	33
TAM 114	68.5	72.2	47.7	82.3	24.5	92.4	55.9	65.5	104.2	68.1	112%	2	58.9	33
Denali	57.6	67.4	38.8	76.8	29.9	107.8	67.1	55.9	105.0	67.4	110%	8	58.5	35
WB-Grainfield	58.4	80.7	35.1	82.9	22.1	96.9	58.7	74.1	90.1	66.6	109%	2	58.9	33
CO11D1353	38.0	70.7	41.8	73.4	38.2	93.2	73.6	69.5	88.5	65.2	107%	6	56.8	34
CO11D446	34.6	92.2	46.0	87.3	28.9	87.5	37.9	74.2	98.0	65.2	107%	3	58.9	31
CO11D1298	52.1	66.8	30.0	70.2	34.5	108.9	70.5	45.9	104.9	64.9	106%	6	56.5	33
Winterhawk	44.1	66.3	38.4	70.5	26.4	109.1	56.7	62.1	107.5	64.6	106%	4	58.4	33
LCS Mint	45.6	72.7	41.1	54.3	34.0	117.2	63.0	68.8	83.8	64.5	106%	4	57.6	34
SY Wolf	54.6	59.6	42.9	62.8	26.4	102.8	69.2	61.4	88.9	63.2	104%	3	56.7	32
Avery	34.6	73.3	31.3	70.9	37.0	107.1	53.6	62.1	87.2	61.9	101%	7	57.2	35
TAM 204	53.4	72.8	30.5	66.5	26.6	99.2	63.5	67.7	72.7	61.4	101%	2	55.3	30
KanMark	36.2	77.1	42.0	66.4	25.3	102.9	55.7	57.2	88.9	61.3	100%	6	58.6	28
Sunshine	38.2	72.5	41.0	72.9	23.2	101.3	35.3	67.4	99.4	61.2	100%	4	57.1	31
LCS Pistol	51.3	78.5	36.8	72.9	19.6	79.1	47.8	64.6	95.5	60.7	99%	6	57.8	32
Cowboy	42.4	63.5	32.4	67.2	27.7	102.5	65.3	48.4	89.5	59.9	98%	8	56.2	33
Byrd	30.1	75.1	28.0	68.4	33.4	104.1	43.1	62.3	93.4	59.8	98%	7	58.0	34

## Summary of 2-Yr (2015 and 2016) Dryland Variety Performance Results

				2-Year Aver	rage <sup>a</sup>	
		Market			Test	Plant
Variety <sup>b</sup>	Brand/Source	Classe	Yield	Yield	Weight	Height
			bu/ac	% trial average	lb/bu	in
Joe	Kansas Wheat Alliance	HWW	81.5	115%	59.5	34
Antero	PlainsGold	HWW	81.2	115%	57.8	33
CO11D1767	Colorado State Univ. exp.	HRW	80.3	114%	57.0	33
CO11D1539	Colorado State Univ. exp.	HRW	78.8	111%	57.2	35
CO11D1236	Colorado State Univ. exp.	HRW	76.1	108%	58.6	35
SY Monument	AgriPro Syngenta	HRW	75.9	107%	58.4	33
Oakley CL	Kansas Wheat Alliance	HRW	75.3	106%	58.0	31
Langin	Colorado State Univ. exp.	HRW	74.7	106%	59.0	31
CO11D1306W	Colorado State Univ. exp.	HWW	74.1	105%	59.4	34
TAM 114	AGSECO	HRW	74.0	105%	59.9	33
WB-Grainfield	WestBred Monsanto	HRW	73.6	104%	59.2	34
Denali	PlainsGold	HRW	73.0	103%	59.1	35
Ruth	Husker Genetics	HRW	72.8	103%	60.1	34
LCS Mint	Limagrain	HRW	72.1	102%	58.6	34
Avery	PlainsGold	HRW	71.5	101%	58.0	35
Winterhawk	WestBred Monsanto	HRW	71.1	101%	59.1	34
Sunshine	PlainsGold	HWW	70.8	100%	56.7	33
Hatcher	PlainsGold	HRW	69.4	98%	57.0	33
CO11D1397	Colorado State Univ. exp.	HRW	69.4	98%	57.4	31
Cowboy	Crop Res. Foundation of WY	HRW	69.3	98%	56.5	32
Byrd	PlainsGold	HRW	69.3	98%	58.7	34
SY Wolf	AgriPro Syngenta	HRW	68.7	97%	56.4	32
KanMark	Kansas Wheat Alliance	HRW	68.5	97%	58.5	30
TAM 204	Watley Seed	HRW	67.6	96%	55.1	30
Settler CL	Husker Genetics	HRW	66.8	94%	56.8	32
Snowmass	PlainsGold	HWW	66.8	94%	58.0	34
Brawl CL Plus	PlainsGold	HRW	63.4	90%	58.1	33
MTS1024	Montana State Univ. exp.	HRW	60.6	86%	54.5	32
Ripper	PlainsGold	HRW	59.5	84%	55.7	32
Akron	Colorado State Univ.	HRW	59.3	84%	56.0	34
Prairie Red	PlainsGold	HRW	56.7	80%	56.7	31
		Average	70.7		57.8	33

# Wheat Variety Trial Data

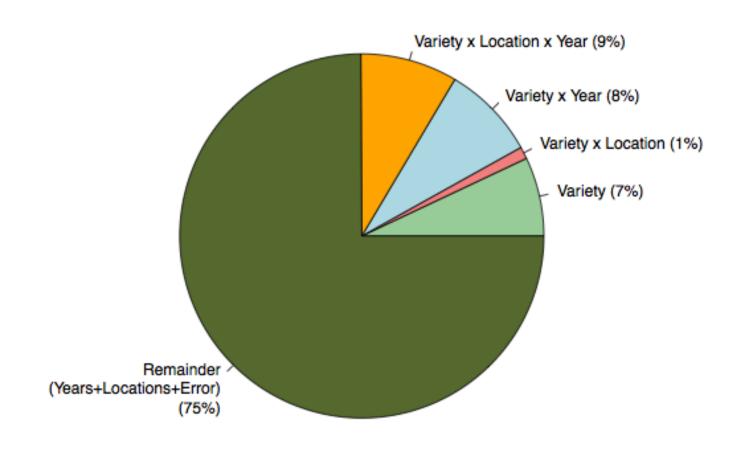
- What are the sources of variation in these trials?
  - -Test entries (varieties, "genotypes"): most common focus
  - -Locations: also a common focus, much more complicated
  - -Years: equally important & complicated, less controllable
  - -Interactions among the above (I'll come back to this...)

#### Dataset

- -All CSU dryland variety trial data from 1990-2015
- -26 years of testing
- -25 trial "locations", 2-3 replications per location
- -220 unique year x location combinations
- -219 different test entries (released varieties and lines)
- -22,392 total observations for yield and test weight







## So What Does This Tell Us?

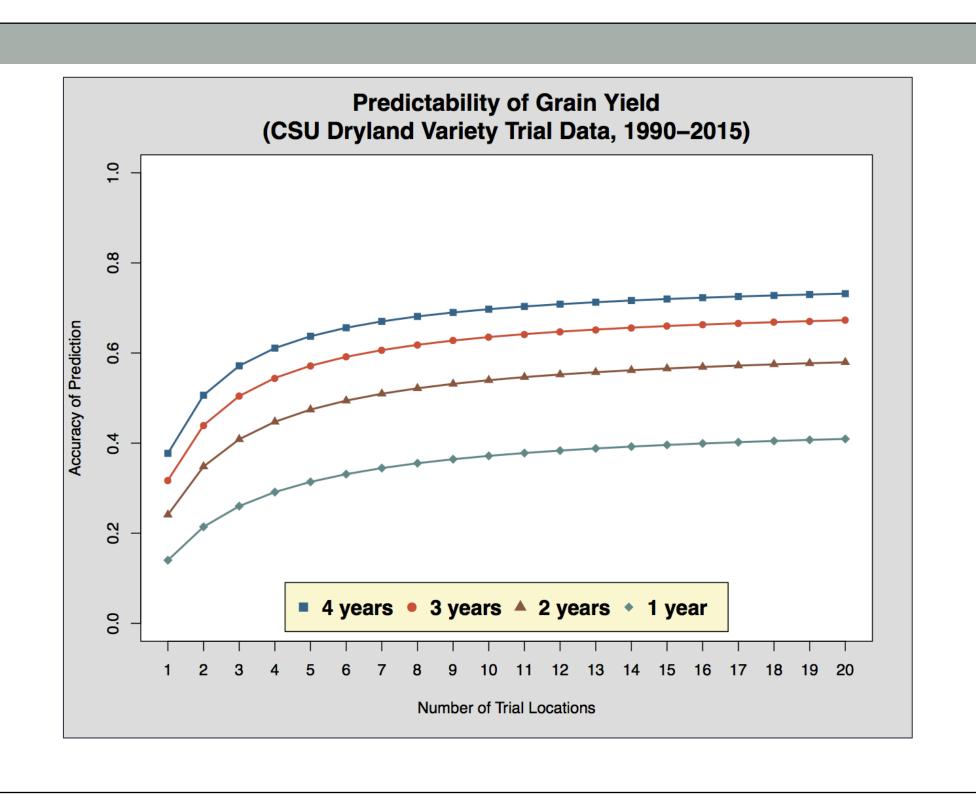
## Partitioning of Trial Variance

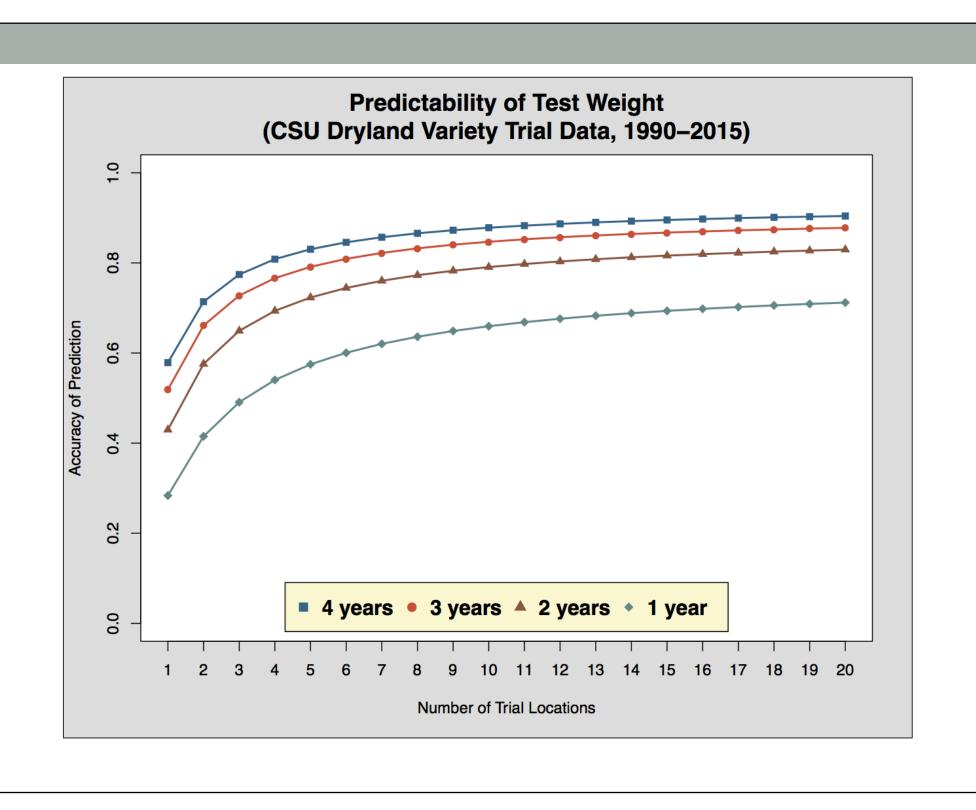
- -Variation attributed to test entries (varieties) is a relatively small part of the total variation (7%).
- -The largest portion (75%) is due to non-genetic effects.
- -Interactions between the variety and the environment are larger than the variety effect itself (18%).
- -The interactions compromise variety testing (and breeding).

#### Questions

- -Given the magnitude of these interactions, how many years should we test to get an accurate assessment?
- -Given their magnitude, how many trial locations provide the most accurate assessment?





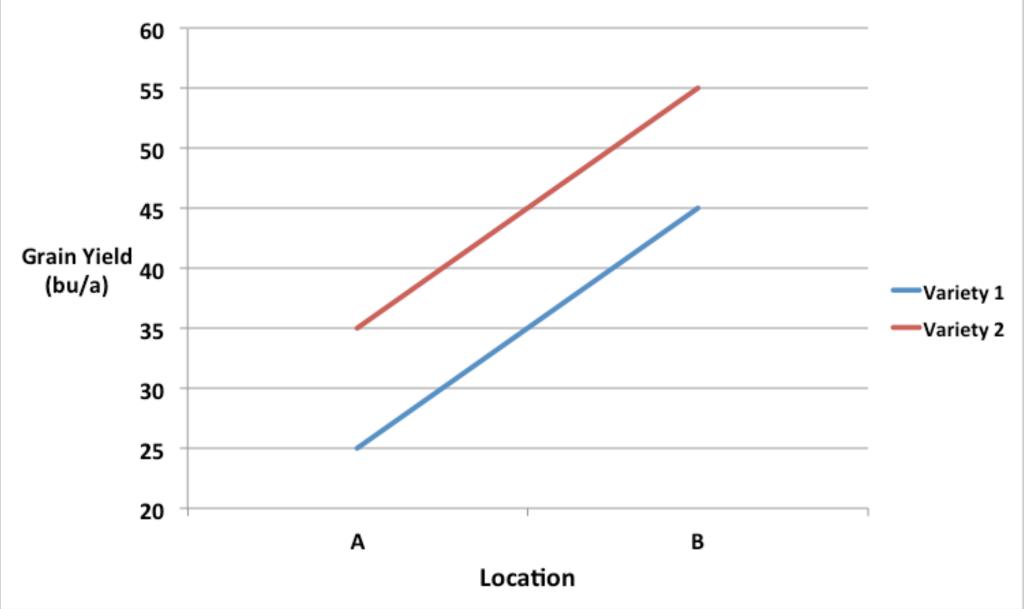


# Interactions Involving Varieties

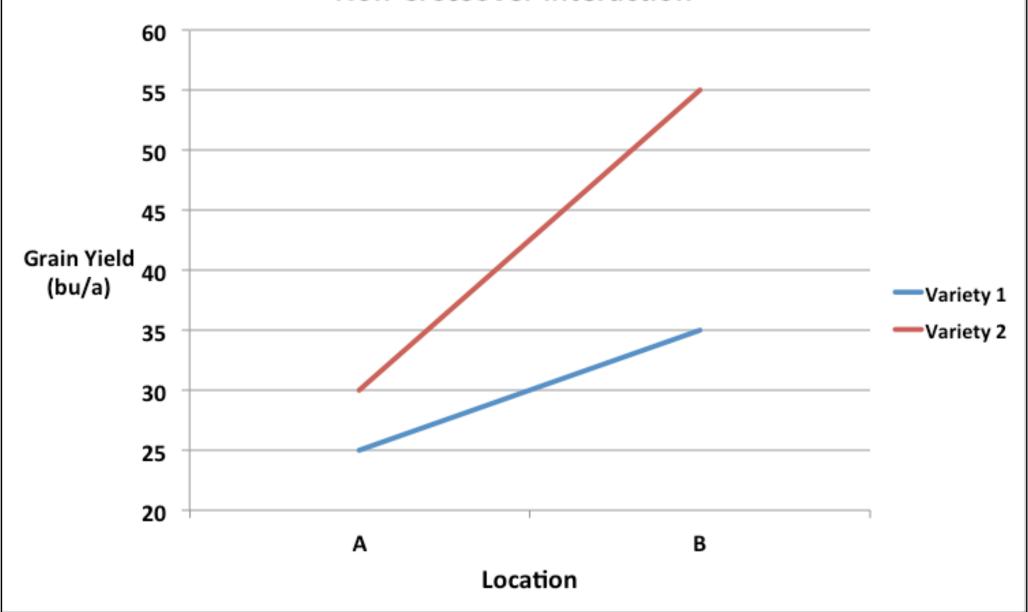
- Interactions between the variety and the test environment reduce progress through breeding and compromise variety selection decisions.
- Genotype x environment interaction (GxE) the difference in the relative performance (i.e. yield) of varieties across different environments.
- Questions
  - -What does GxE look like in a general sense?
  - -What does GxE look like with regard to the variety's response to Colorado's highly variable environments?
  - -How can our knowledge of GxE be used to help make more accurate variety selection decisions?



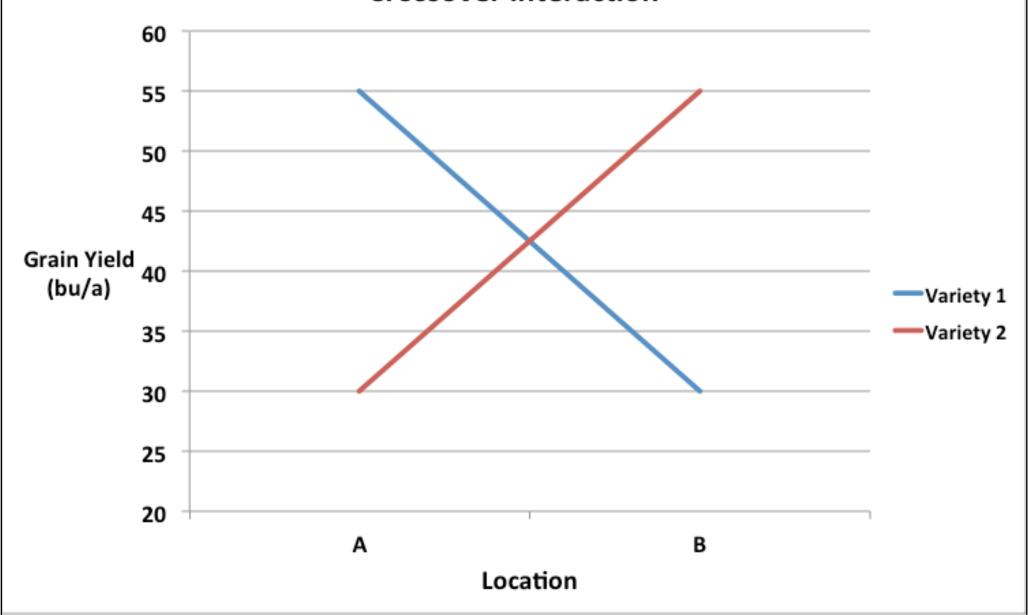






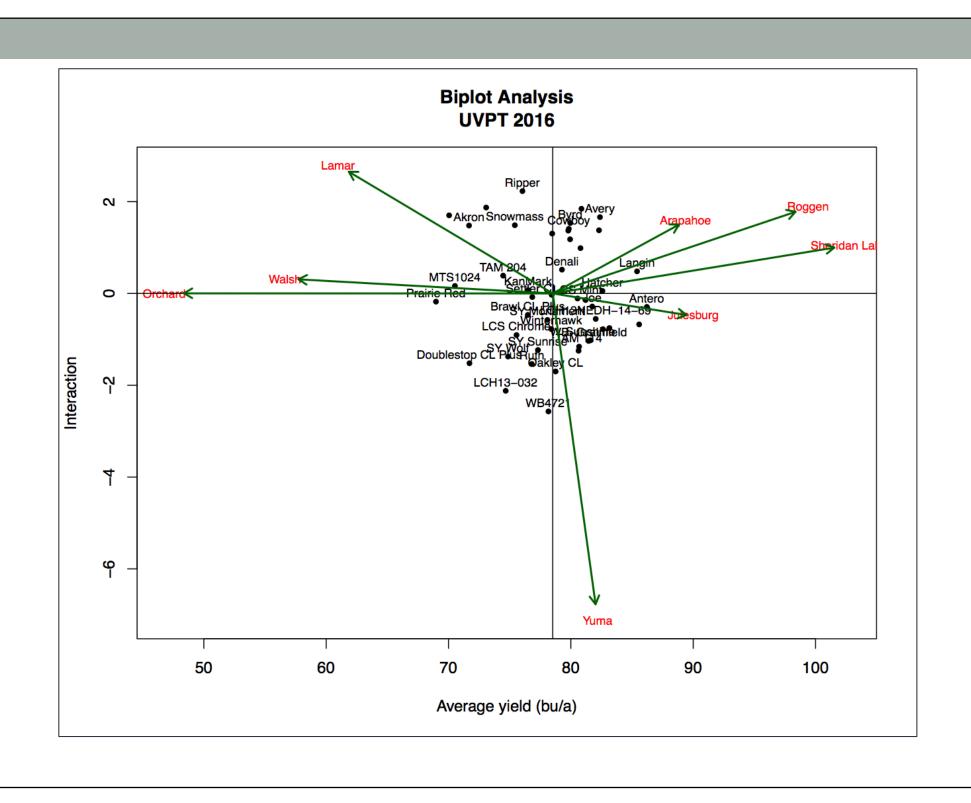


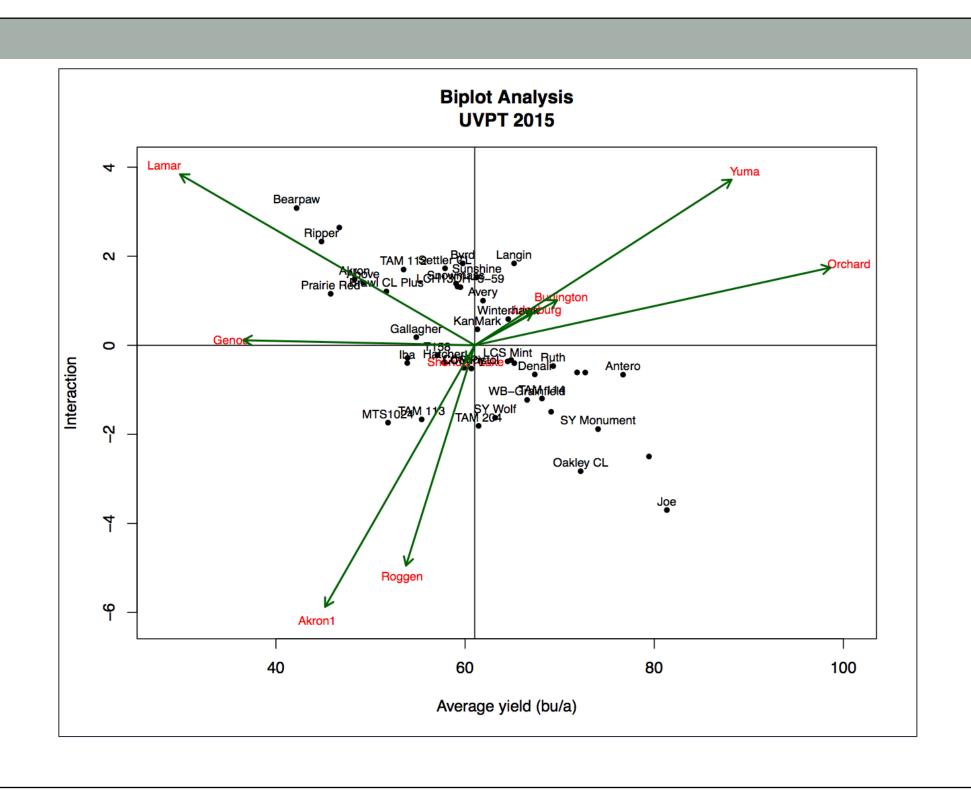


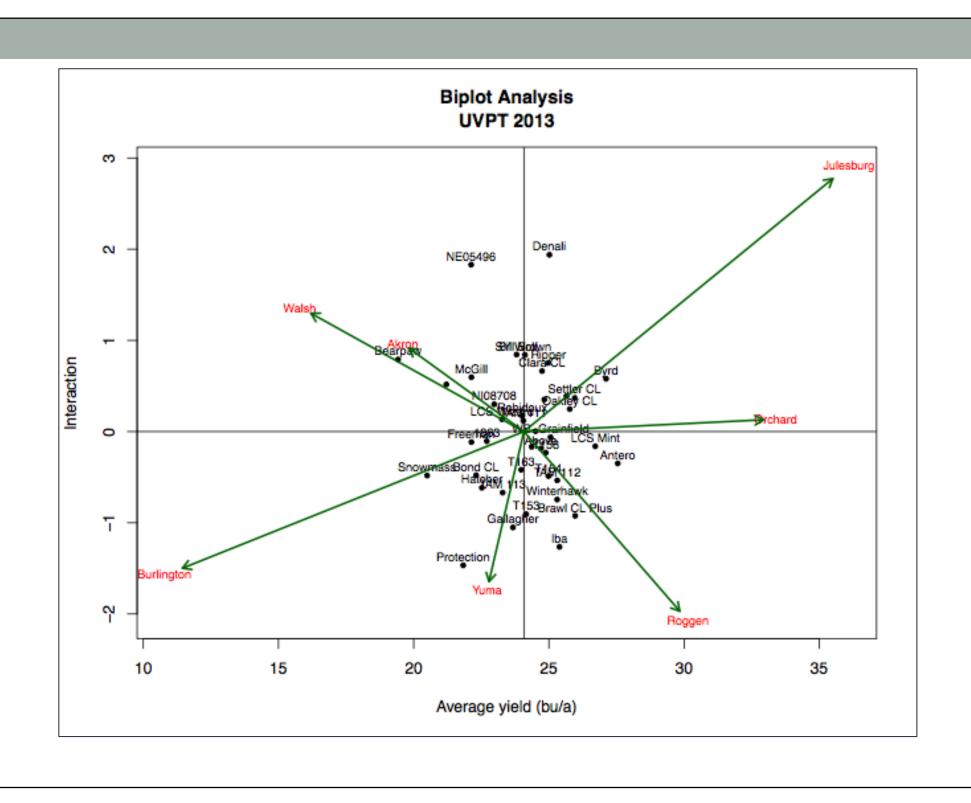


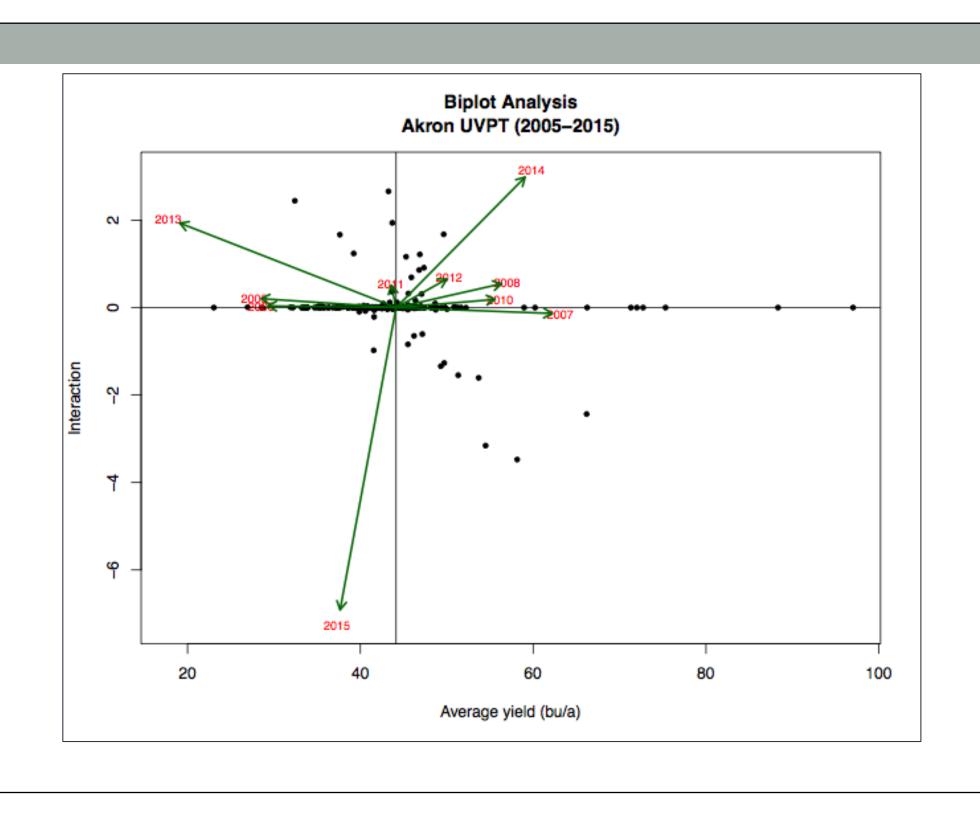
# Genotype x Environment Interaction

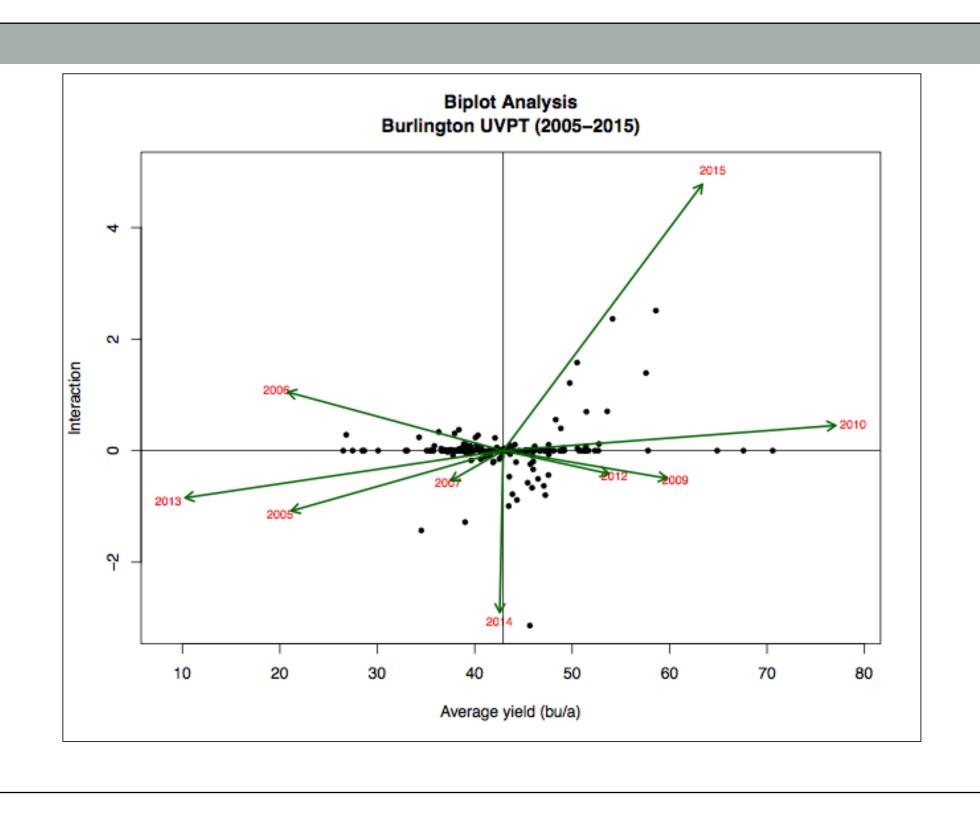
- In reality, response patterns among test entries across years and locations are much more complex.
- In any given year or set of data all different types and patterns of GxE interaction are present.
- AMMI analysis <u>a</u>dditive <u>m</u>ain effects and <u>m</u>ultiplicative <u>i</u>nteraction (or French: <u>ami</u> = friend)
  - Widely used statistical procedure for assessing GxE interaction in plant breeding.
  - Allows visualization of the effects of both the environment and the genotype (variety) on the same plot.
  - -Allows visualization of the interaction.











# This is All Very Interesting, But So What?

- Field trialing for wheat breeding and wheat variety testing is imperfect. But it's the best we have.
- Some traits are more predictable than others, like test weight. Some are more complex, like grain yield.
- Predictability improves with increased testing (years and trial locations). So use all the data available.
- Geography is not a very good predictor of the presence of interaction. Restricting geography restricts the accuracy of comparisons & prediction.
- Variety performance is very complicated.



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#### **Colorado Wheat Variety Database**

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#### Welcome!

The CSU Crop Variety Testing Program, under the leadership of Dr. Jerry Johnson, annually conducts winter wheat variety trials at multiple locations throughout Colorado. The Colorado Wheat Variety Database provides complete access to variety information and data from these trials in addition to official state variety trials in adjacent states (Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming).





The database may be used to find up-todate wheat variety information, display data from individual trial locations, generate summaries across multiple trial locations and years, and generate headto-head comparisons for varieties of interest. Click any of the above tabs to get started!

Now updated with 2016 Colorado Variety
Trial data!



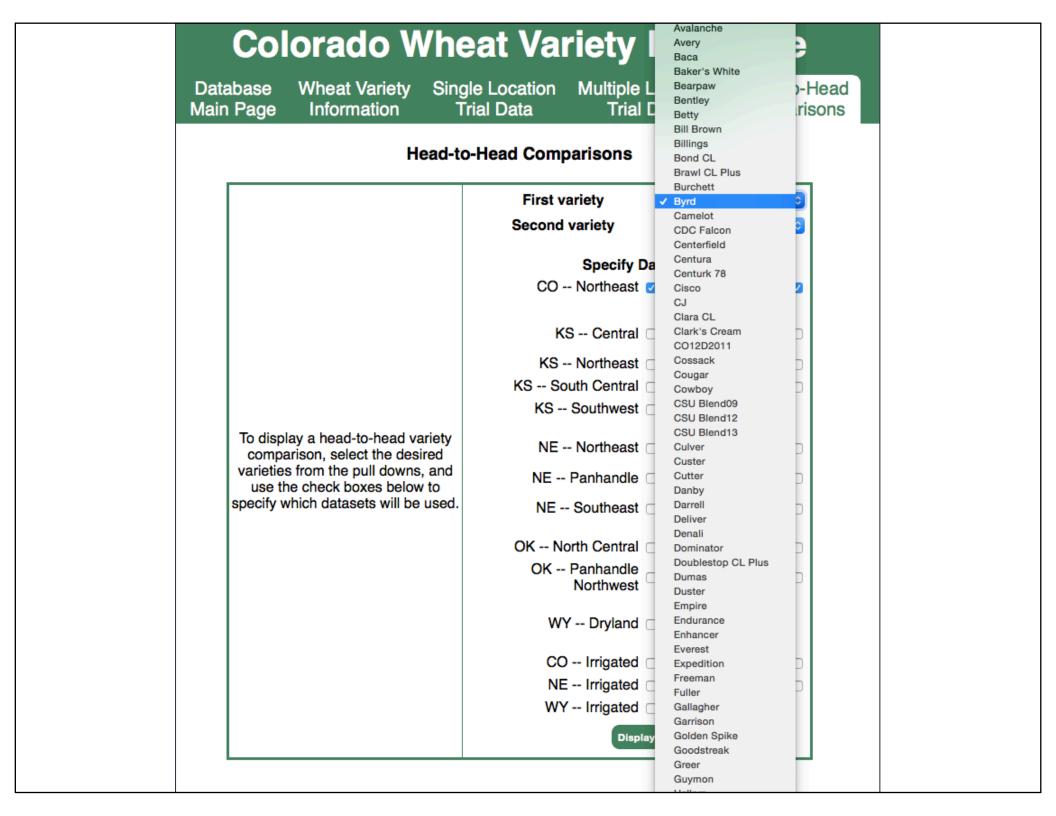
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#### **Head-to-Head Comparisons**

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	Second variety	Avery					
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Byrd vs Avery CO -- Northeast

CO -- Southeast

Dataset: 26 replicated trials
Yield: Avery is superior 16 times (62%)
Test Weight: Byrd is superior 17 times (77%)

lest weight: Byrd is superior 17 times (71%)								
					Yield	Test Weight		
State -	Region 💲	Location	Year 💲	Byrd 💲	Avery 🗘	Byrd 💲	Avery 💲	
co	Northeast	Akron	2014	70.5	69.0	59.5	60.8	
co	Northeast	Akron	2015	30.1	34.6	54.6	51.8	
CO	Northeast	Burlington	2014	55.6	50.7	61.1	60.8	
CO	Northeast	Burlington	2015	75.1	73.3	52.6	53.1	
CO	Northeast	Genoa	2015	28.0	31.3			
CO	Northeast	Julesburg	2014	81.8	105.1	63.7	62.9	
CO	Northeast	Julesburg	2015	68.4	70.9	59.0	59.0	
co	Northeast	Julesburg	2016	86.8	95.7	59.5	58.5	
CO	Northeast	Orchard	2014	59.3	68.8	64.4	63.6	
CO	Northeast	Orchard	2015	104.1	107.1	AT B	61.3	
CO	Northeast	Orchard	2016	46.0	47.7	60.6	60.3	
CO	Northeast	Roggen	2014	86.5	91.3	60.7	60.6	
CO	Northeast	Roggen	2015	43.1	53.6	60.5	58.8	
CO	Northeast	Roggen	2016	100.6	109.6	62.9	62.4	
CO	Northeast	Yuma	2014	83.0	79.9	63.4	63.1	
CO	Northeast	Yuma	2015	93.4	87.2	59.4	59.0	
CO	Northeast	Yuma	2016	73.6	73.8	59.2	57.8	
CO	Southeast	Arapahoe	2016	94.2	93.0	56.8	57.3	
CO	Southeast	Lamar	2014	26.1	25.5			
CO	Southeast	Lamar	2015	33.4	37.0			
CO	Southeast	Lamar	2016	67.9	66.7	57.7	57.5	
CO	Southeast	Sheridan Lake	2014	44.8	45.4	60.4	61.2	
СО	Southeast	Sheridan Lake	2015	62.3	62.1			
co	Southeast	Sheridan Lake	2016	110.3	113.9	60.7	59.3	
СО	Southeast	Walsh	2014	35.7	41.0	59,9	59.3	
СО	Southeast	Walsh	2016	60.4	58.7	57.1	55.4	
	A	verages		66.2	69.0	59.8	59.3	
	Percentag	e of Trial Wins*		38.5%	50.0%			
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Percentage Superior Comparison



Year-Location Comparison (better=**bold**)



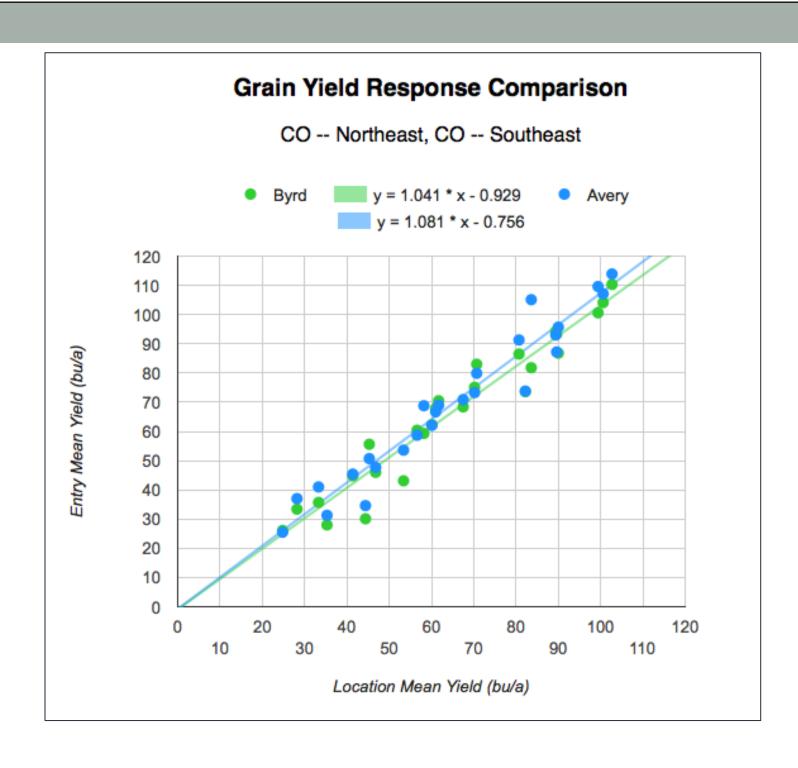
"Trial Wins"
Comparison
(top LSD group)



Overall Comparison

View Grain Yield Regression Plot

View Test Weight Regression Plot



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#### **Wheat Variety Summary**

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Variety Byrd
Origin CSU
Release Date 2011
Exp Number CO06424

Market Class Hard red winter

Pedigree

TAM 112/CO970547-7

Heading 4 Height 5
Coleoptile 7 Straw 7
RWA S Leaf Rust 7
Stripe Rust 7 Wheat Streak 6

Test Weight 4 Milling 3

Baking 3 Show Key



**Comments:** CSU release (2011), marketed by PlainsGold. Excellent drought tolerance and quality. Average test weight and straw strength. Moderately susceptible to stripe rust. Carries wheat curl mite resistance from TAM 112 parent.

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Previous

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# Acknowledgements



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