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## How many classes of wheat are there

Hard Red Winter Versatile, with excellent milling and baking characteristics for pan bread, Hard Red Winter is also a choice wheat for Asian noodles, hard rolls, flat breads, general purpose flour and cereal. Hard Red Spring The aristocrat of wheat when it comes to "designer" wheat foods like hearth breads, rolls, croissants, bagels and pizza crust, Hard Red Spring is also a valued improver in flour blends. Soft Red Winter A versatile weak-gluten wheat with excellent milling and baking characteristics, Soft Red Winter is suited for cookies, crackers, pretzels, pastries and flat breads. Soft White A low moisture wheat with high extraction rates, providing a whiter product for exquisite cakes, pastries and Asian-style noodles, Soft White is also ideally suited to Middle Eastern flat breads. Hard White The newest class of U.S. wheat, Hard White receives enthusiastic reviews when used for Asian noodles, whole wheat or high extraction applications, pan breads and flat breads. Durum The hardest wheat, Durum has a rich amber color and high gluten content, ideal for pasta, couscous and Mediterranean breads. Wheat grades are indicators of the purity of a wheat class or subclass, the effects of external factors on grain soundness (rain, heat, frost, insect and mould damage) and the cleanliness (dockage and foreign material) of the wheat lot.From: Cereal Grains for the Food and Beverage Industries, 2013 From the primitive type of wheat (*Triticum vulgare*), there have been different species, classes and varieties of a cereal that is constantly being a source for research and junctions to improve their genetics.According to their chromosomes, we can mention the following varieties of wheat:- Diploid Varieties: with two groups of chromosomes in each cell.



This variety includes species such as einkorn. -Tetraploid Varieties: with four pairs of chromosomes by cell. This variety includes species like *Triticum belong durum*. - Hexaploid Varieties: with six pairs of chromosomes in each cell. In this group we have species like *Triticum aestivum* or *Triticum espolta*. Photo of wheat fieldAccording to its utility, we basically have two groups of wheat:- Soft wheat: it is a group which includes a some species or varieties destined essentially to bread production in Europe and the production of pasta in the U.S. or Canada. The most abundant species within this group is the common wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) belonging to the same group but others as well known as Spelt wheat (*Triticum spelta*). Soft wheats are grown mainly in warm and temperate regions. Their grains, when breaking, show a difference in texture between the edge, harder, and the center, more starchy. Their content in starch, fat, iron, phosphorus and vitamin B is higher than in durum wheat. Among some common soft wheat varieties, we have the following:- Aragon 03.- Alcotan- Betres- Diego- Marius- Hard wheat: The most used species is durum wheat (*Triticum durum*). It is grown in drier areas. The appearance of the interior of the grain when it is broken is crystalline and uniform. It features more proportion of protein, water, and calcium than soft wheat. Varieties of hard wheat are most widely used in the U.S. and Canada, where they are used for the production of bread, but less used in Europe, where they are intended mainly for the production of pasta. Among some durum wheat varieties, we have the following:- Esquirlache- Rocky- AntonAccording to the planting season we can distinguish:- Winter wheat: They are those that are planted in autumn harvested at the beginning of summer.

They need mild climates. - Spring wheats: They are planted in spring and harvested in late summer. They are planted in cooler places.By the color of the seed they can be:- Red wheats: when they present a slightly red coloration, due to his tannin content. - White wheats: They are whitish because the reddish pigments have been removed from them. More information on wheat This article was endorsed by Monserrat Enrich - Journalist specializing in edible wild plants and plant uses. Written by Editorial Botanical-online team in charge of content writing Home Entertainment & Pop Culture Food Miracle wheat (*Triticum turgidum* var. mirabile) During 10,000 years of cultivation, numerous forms of wheat, many of them hybrids, have developed under a combination of artificial and natural selection.[1][2] This diversity has led to much confusion in the naming of wheats. This article explains how genetic and morphological characteristics of wheat influence its classification, and gives the most common botanical names of wheat in current use (see § Table of wheat species). Information on the cultivation and uses of wheat is at the main wheat page. Aegilops and *Triticum Spike* and spikelets of *Aegilops tauschii* The genus *Triticum* includes the wild and domesticated species usually thought of as wheat. In the 1950s growing awareness of the genetic similarity of the wild goatgrasses (*Aegilops*) led botanists such as Bowden to amalgamate *Aegilops* and *Triticum* as one genus, *Triticum*. [3] This approach is still followed by some (mainly geneticists), but has not been widely adopted by taxonomists.[4] *Aegilops* is morphologically highly distinct from *Triticum*, with rounded rather than keeled glumes.[5] *Aegilops* is important in wheat evolution because of its role in two important hybridisation events. Wild emmer (*T. dicoccoides* and *T. araraticum*) resulted from the hybridisation of a wild wheat, *T. urartu*, and an as yet unidentified goatgrass, probably closely related to *Ae. speltoides*. [6] Hexaploid wheats (e.g. *T. aestivum* - the most common - and *T. spelta*) are the result of a hybridisation between a domesticated tetraploid wheat, probably *T. dicoccum* or *T. durum*, and another goatgrass, *Ae. tauschii* (also known as *Ae. squarrosa*). [7] The hexaploid genome is an allohexaploid composed of two copies each of three subgenomes, AABBDD. [8] The A genome is from *T. urartu* (AA). [8] The B genome is a descendant of the S genome of an unidentified species related to *Aegilops* section *Sitopsis* (SS). [8] This natural hybridization event happened ~3–0.8 MYA, yielding the tetraploid *T. dicoccoides*. [8] In time this tetraploid gave rise to *T. turgidum*, which gave rise to modern durum. [8] Then ~0.4 MYA *T. dicoccoides* naturally crossed with *Aegilops tauschii* (DD), adding the D genome and yielding the hexaploid. [8] Early taxonomy Botanists of the classical period, such as Columella, and in sixteenth and seventeenth century herbals, divided wheats into two groups, *Triticum* corresponding to free-threshing wheats, and *Zea* corresponding to hulled ("spelt") wheats. [4] Carl Linnaeus recognised five species, all domesticated. [4] *T. aestivum* Bearded spring wheat *T. hybridum* Beardless winter wheat *T. turgidum* Rivet wheat *T. spelta* Spelt wheat *T. monococcum* Einkorn wheat Later classifications added to the number of species described, but continued to give species status to relatively minor variants, such as winter- vs. spring- forms. The wild wheats were not described until the mid-19th century because of the poor state of botanical exploration in the Near East, where they grow. [4] The development of a modern classification depended on the discovery, in the 1920s, that wheat was divided into 3 ploidy levels. [9] Important characters in wheat Ploidy level As with many grasses, polyploidy is common in wheat. [10] There are two wild diploid (non-polyploid) wheats, *T. boeoticum* and *T. urartu*.



*T. boeoticum* is the wild ancestor of domesticated einkorn, *T. monococcum*. [11] Cells of the diploid wheats each contain 2 complements of 7 chromosomes, one from the mother and one from the father (2n=2x=14, where 2n is the number of chromosomes in each somatic cell, and x is the basic chromosome number). The polyploid wheats are tetraploid (4 sets of chromosomes, 2n=4x=28), or hexaploid (6 sets of chromosomes, 2n=6x=42). The tetraploid wild wheats are wild emmer, *T. dicoccoides*, and *T.*



araraticum.



Wild emmer is the ancestor of all the domesticated tetraploid wheats, with one exception: *T. araraticum* is the wild ancestor of *T. timopheevi*. [12] There are no wild hexaploid wheats, although feral forms of common wheat are sometimes found. Hexaploid wheats developed under domestication. Genetic analysis has shown that the original hexaploid wheats were the result of a cross between a tetraploid domesticated wheat, such as *T. dicoccum* or *T. durum*, and a wild goatgrass, *Ae. tauschii*. [7] Polyploidy is important to wheat classification for three reasons: Wheats within one ploidy level will be more closely related to each other. Ploidy level influences some plant characteristics. For example, higher levels of ploidy tend to be linked to larger cell size. Polyploidy brings new genomes into a species. For example, *Aegilops tauschii* brought the D genome into hexaploid wheats, with enhanced cold-hardiness [13] and some distinctive morphological features. [14] Genome Observation of chromosome behaviour during meiosis, and the results of hybridisation experiments, have shown that wheat genomes (complete complements of genetic matter) can be grouped into distinctive types. Each type has been given a name, A, B, and D. Grasses sharing the same genome will be more-or-less interfertile, and might be treated by botanists as one species. Identification of genome types is obviously a valuable tool in investigating hybridisation. For example, if two diploid plants hybridise to form a new polyploid form (an allopolyploid), the two original genomes will be present in the new form.



Many thousands of years after the original hybridisation event, identification of the component genomes will allow identification of the original parent species. [15] In *Triticum*, five genomes, all originally found in diploid species, have been identified: Am - present in wild einkorn (*T. boeoticum*). A - present in *T. urartu* [8] (closely related to *T. boeoticum* but not interfertile). B - present in most tetraploid wheats. Source not identified, but similar to *Ae. speltoides*. [8] G - present in timopheevi group of wheats. Source not identified, but similar to *Ae. speltoides*. D - present in *Ae. tauschii*, and thus in all hexaploid wheats. [8] The genetic approach to wheat taxonomy (see below) takes the genome composition as defining each species. [16] As there are five known combinations in *Triticum* this translates into five super species: Am *T. monococcum* Au *T. urartu* BAu *T. turgidum* GAu *T. timopheevi* BAu *T. araraticum* For a larger list of genomes, see *Triticeae* § Genetics. Domestication There are four wild species, all growing in rocky habitats in the fertile crescent of the Near East. [17] All the other species are domesticated. Although relatively few genes control domestication, and wild and domesticated forms are interfertile, wild and domesticated wheats occupy entirely separate habitats. Traditional classification gives more weight to domesticated status. Hulled vs. free-threshing All wild wheats are hulled: they have tough glumes (husks) that tightly enclose the grains. Each package of glumes, lemma and palea, and grains is known as a spikelet. At maturity the rachis (central stalk of the cereal ear) disarticulates, allowing the spikelets to disperse. [18] The first domesticated wheats, einkorn and emmer, were hulled like their wild ancestors, but with rachises that (while not entirely tough) did not disarticulate at maturity. During the Pre-Pottery Neolithic B period, at about 8000 BC, free-threshing forms of wheat evolved, with light glumes and fully tough rachis. Hulled or free-threshing status is important in traditional classification because the different forms are usually grown separately, and have very different post-harvesting processing. Hulled wheats need substantial extra pounding or milling to remove the tough glumes. For more information, see Wheat: Hulled vs. free-threshing wheat Morphology In addition to hulled/free-threshing status, other morphological criteria, e.g. spike laxness or glume wingedness, are important in defining wheat forms. Some of these are covered in the individual species accounts linked from this page, but Floras must be consulted for full descriptions and identification keys. Traditional vs. genetic classifications Although the range of recognised types of wheat has been reasonably stable since the 1930s, there are now sharply differing views as to whether these should be recognised at species level (traditional approach) or at subspecific level (genetic approach). The first advocate of the genetic approach was Bowden, in a 1959 classification (now historic rather than current). [19] He, and subsequent proponents (usually geneticists), argued that forms that were interfertile should be treated as one species (the biological species concept). Thus emmer and hard wheat should both be treated as subspecies (or at other infraspecific ranks) of a single tetraploid species defined by the genome BAu. Van Slageren's 1994 classification is probably the most widely used genetic-based classification at present. [20] Users of traditional classifications give more weight to the separate habitats of the traditional species, which means that species that could hybridise do not, and to morphological characters. There are also pragmatic arguments for this type of classification: it means that most species can be described in Latin binomials, e.g. *Triticum aestivum*, rather than the trinomials necessary in the genetic system, e.g. *T. a. subsp. aestivum*. Both approaches are widely used. Intraspecific classification In the nineteenth century, elaborate schemes of classification were developed in which wheat ears were classified to botanical variety on the basis of morphological criteria such as glume hairiness and colour or grain colour. These variety names are now largely abandoned, but are still sometimes used for distinctive types of wheat such as miracle wheat, a form of *T. turgidum* with branched ears, known as *T. t. l. var. mirabile* Körn. The term "cultivar" (abbreviated as cv.) is often confused with "species" or "domesticate". In fact, it has a precise meaning in botany: it is the term for a distinct population of a crop, usually commercial and resulting from deliberate plant-breeding. Cultivar names are always capitalised, often placed between apostrophes, and not italicised. An example of a cultivar name is *T. aestivum* cv. "Pioneer 2163". A cultivar is often referred to by farmers as a variety, but this is best avoided in print, because of the risk of confusion with botanical varieties. The term "landrace" is applied to informal, farmer-maintained populations of crop plants. Naming Botanical names for wheat are generally expected to follow an existing classification, such as those listed as current by the Wheat Genetics Resource Center. [21] The classifications given in the following table are among those suitable for use. If a genetic classification is favoured, the GRIN classification is favoured, based on van Slageren's work but with some extra taxa added. If the traditional classification is favoured, Dorofeev's work is a comprehensive scheme that meshes well with other less complete treatments. Wikipedia's wheat pages generally follow a version of the Dorofeev scheme - see the taxobox on the Wheat page. A general rule is that different taxonomic schemes should not be mixed in one context. In a given article, book or web page, only one scheme should be used at a time. Otherwise, it will be unclear to others how the botanical name is being used. Table of wheat species Wheat taxonomy - two schemes Common name Genome(s) Genetic (22) Traditional (Dorofeev et al. 1979 [23]) Diploid (2x), wild, hulled Wild einkorn Am *Triticum monococcum* L. subsp. *aegilopoides* (Link) Thell. *Triticum boeoticum* Boiss. Au *Triticum urartu* Tumanian ex Gandilyan *Triticum urartu* Tumanian ex Gandilyan Diploid (2x), domesticated, hulled Einkorn Am *Triticum monococcum* L. subsp. *monococcum* *Triticum monococcum* L. Tetraploid (4x), wild, hulled Wild emmer BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *dicoccoides* (Körn. ex Asch. & Graebn.) Thell. *Triticum dicoccoides* (Körn. ex Asch. & Graebner) Schweinf. Tetraploid (4x), domesticated, hulled Emmer BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *dicoccum* (Schrank ex Schübl.) Thell. *Triticum dicoccum* Schrank ex Schübler BAu *Triticum ispananicum* Heslot *Triticum ispananicum* Heslot BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *paleocolchicum* A. & D. Löve *Triticum karamyschevii* Nevski Tetraploid (4x), domesticated, free-threshing Durum or macaroni wheat BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *durum* (Desf.) Husn. *Triticum durum* Desf. Rivet, cone or English wheat BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *turgidum* *Triticum turgidum* L. Polish wheat BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *polonicum* (L.) Thell. *Triticum polonicum* L. Khorasani wheat BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *turanicum* (Jakubz.) A. & D. Löve *Triticum turanicum* Jakubz. Persian wheat BAu *Triticum turgidum* L. subsp. *carthilicum* (Nevski) A. & D. Löve *Triticum carthilicum* Nevski in Kom. Tetraploid (4x) - timopheevi group Wild, hulled GAu *Triticum timopheevi* (Zhuk.) Zhuk. subsp. Domesticated, hulled GAu *Triticum timopheevi* (Zhuk.) Zhuk. subsp. *timopheevi* *Triticum timopheevi* (Zhuk.) Zhuk. Hexaploid (6x), domesticated, hulled Spelt wheat BAu *Triticum aestivum* L. subsp. *spelta* (L.) Thell. *Triticum spelta* L. BAu *Triticum aestivum* L. subsp. *macha* (Dekapr. & A. M. Menabde) Mackey *Triticum macha* Dekapr. & Menabde BAu *Triticum vavilovii* Jakubz. *Triticum vavilovii* (Tumanian) Jakubz. subsp. *hexaploid* (6x), domesticated, free-threshing Common or bread wheat BAu *Triticum aestivum* L. subsp. *aestivum* (*Host*) Mackey *Triticum compactum* Host Indian dwarf or shot wheat BAu *Triticum aestivum* L. subsp. *sphaerococcum* (Percival) Mackey *Triticum sphaerococcum* Percival Note: Blank common name indicates that no common name is in use in the English language. Explanatory notes on selected names *Triticum boeoticum* Boiss. is sometimes divided into two subspecies: *T. boeoticum* Boiss. subsp. *thaoudar* (Reut. ex Hausskn.) E. Schiem. - with two grains in each spikelet, distributed to east of fertile crescent. *T. boeoticum* Boiss. subsp. *boeoticum* - one grain in each spikelet, in Balkans. *Triticum dicoccum* Schrank ex Schübler is also known as *Triticum dicoccon* Schrank. *Triticum aethiopicum* Jakubz. is a variant form of *T. durum* found in Ethiopia. It is not usually regarded as a separate species. *Triticum karamyschevii* Nevsky was previously known as *Triticum paleocolchicum* A. M. Menabde. Artificial species and mutants This section is missing information about genome and ploidy, if possible. Please expand the section to include this information. Further details may exist on the talk page. 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