

Durum Wheat Fortissimo

Fortissimo is durum wheat developed for fall planting in California and Arizona. It has erect juvenile growth, and its plant color at boot is blue- green, similar to Aldura, which is one of its parents. The flag leaf of Fortissimo is recurved and twisted. Its stem is waxy, but does not have anthocyanin. Its last internode of the rachis is hairy, while its auricles are not. Its peduncle is semi-erect, and its internodes are hollow. Fortissimo has fully awned heads that are tapering and inclined, with yellow anthers and white chaffed heads at maturity. Seed of this line is elliptical, hard, amber, with rounded cheeks and short uncollared brush. Fortissimo is approximately the same height as Kronos, but its heading and maturity dates are later than Kronos.