

Wheat Cal Rojo

The wheat variety, Cal Rojo, is a hard-red, spring-type, common wheat bred for fall-planting in the Central Valley of California. It is a short statured, medium-early variety, with excellent straw strength. Its coleoptile does not have anthocyanin, and its juvenile growth is erect. It is blue-green at boot stage, and its flag leaf is erect and twisted. Its stem has a waxy bloom, but no anthocyanin. The last internode of the stem is hairy, and the peduncle is erect.

Heads of Cal Rojo are awned, inclined, middense and tapering in shape, with tan glumes that are long and wide, having shoulders that are narrow and elevated, and an acuminate beak.

Seed is hard, red, elliptical, with a rounded cheek and medium brush, a crease that is narrow and shallow, and midsize germ.

Cal Rojo has been stable and uniform for plant type, except for a taller variant not exceeding 0.5%, and up to 45 white kernels per pound.