

TRICAL® Forage Triticale

RESOURCE SEEDS AWARDED PATENT FOR AWNLESS TRITICALE

GILROY, CA -- Resource Seeds, Inc., developer of TRICAL® Brand forage triticale, has been granted a patent for genes that produce triticale that are completely free of awns or "beards". Awns, which are needle-like features on the grain head, may reduce feed palatability and intake. By reducing or removing awns, the patented genes will further enhance the value of triticale for grazing and hay. Triticale forage is now grown on over 1 million acres in the U.S., up from 400,000 in 1992. The benefits of the patented genes are expected to hasten growth in triticale acreage.

Resource Seeds previously developed TRICAL® Brand 102 (PVP-1994), a popular short-awned variety of winterhardy triticale adapted to parts of the U.S.. The patented genes have been used by Resource Seeds to further reduce awn length, and breed new TRICAL® varieties and hybrids for all parts of the country. The first winter-type triticale with these "beard-blocker"™ genes, TRICAL® 103BB, will be commercially released in fall, 2004.

Resource Seeds is a breeder of wheat and triticale varieties, and a leader in expanding and improving the use of cereal forage.