

# High-Yielding Oat Variety Called "Esker"

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The Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation is seeking commercial partners interested in a new, high-yielding oat variety.

## Overview

In 2009, Wisconsin was the highest-producing state for oats with 13.3 million bushels. Wisconsin researchers are continually developing new varieties of oats suitable for the Upper Midwest.

## The Invention

A team of UW-Madison researchers has developed a new, high-yielding oat variety with improved disease resistance, agronomic and grain quality traits. This variety, named "Esker", has kernels that are well-filled, yellow and non-fluorescent. Plants are intermediate in height with medium length leaves. Esker matures midseason and has consistently performed well in trials replicated over several years in many locations.

## **Applications**

· Commercial oat production

## **Key Benefits**

- Improved crop performance
- · High yielding
- Good grain test weights
- · Resistant to crown (leaf) rust
- Good tolerance to barley yellow dwarf virus (BYDV)
- · Uniform and stable phenotypic and genotypic plant characteristics

#### **Tech Fields**

· Animals, Agriculture & Food: Plant varieties

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