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## Abstrakt

Pšenice setá je jednou z hlavních tržních plodin ekologického zemědělství. Přetrvávajícím problémem je nedostatek informací o reakci odrůd na pěstitelský systém ekologického zemědělství. Z tohoto důvodu je potřebné uvést na trh odrůdy pšenice, které byly buď přímo šlechtěny pro systém ekologického zemědělství, nebo se jedná o odrůdy šlechtěné v konvenčních šlechtitelských postupech, ale pro ekologické zemědělce jsou k dispozici informace o agronomicky významných znacích a jakosti zrna. Dostatek informací o dostupných odrůdách tak dále přispěje k většímu zájmu o pěstování tržních plodin na orné půdě v ekologickém zemědělství.

Cílem disertační práce bylo posoudit a analyzovat agronomicky významné znaky a kvalitativní parametry zrna devíti odrůd pšenice seté, ozimé formy, pěstované v systému ekologického zemědělství. Přesné maloparcelkové pokusy byly založeny na dvou lokalitách, ve třech ročnících v Českých Budějovicích a ve Zvíkově. Během vegetačního období byly hodnoceny vybrané agronomicky významné znaky. Vybrané jakostní parametry zrna byly analyzovány v laboratoři podle standardních metodik.

Ze získaných výsledků byl patrný vliv lokality a průběhu ročníku na devět hodnocených odrůd pšenice seté, ozimé formy. Rozdíly v agronomicky významných parametrech a hodnocených znacích jakosti byly statisticky průkazné. Na základě analýzy hlavních komponent (PCA) dle těsnosti jejich pozic ke kvantitativním a kvalitativním parametrům v analýze hlavních složek, jako je výnos, obsah bílkovin, SDS test, číslo poklesu, gluten index, obsah mokrého lepku a reologické vlastnosti, zejména pak stabilita těsta, čas C2 doba vývoje těsta, torzní síla C2, torzní síla C3, torzní síla C4 a torzní síla C5, byly identifikovány odrůdy s vysokým výnosem nebo odrůdy s vysokou pekařskou jakostí, dále pak odrůdy s vysokým výnosem a současně odpovídající jakostí. Vyhodnoceny byly také korelační vztahy mezi jednotlivými znaky.

Klíčová slova: ekologické zemědělství, pšenice ozimá, agronomické významné znaky, pekařská jakost zrna, reologické vlastnosti, Mixolab.

## Abstract

The wheat cultivar demand for organic farming has been increasing rapidly in the recent year, which requires breeders applying new selection methodologies to release new varieties suitable for organic agriculture. This has been fostering not only the expansion of wheat production organic farming areas, but also the rise market demand, growing interest in low-input agriculture for ecological reasons. In this dissertation, the main goal study was to assess and analyze the agronomic and quality characteristics of nine bread wheat cultivars cultivated in organic farming system in the south region of Czech Republic. Field experiments were set up in two locations namely Ceske Budejovice and Zvikov in three years to measure all agronomic traits, whilst the quality parameters were analyzed in the laboratory according to the standard methods. From the collected data, results revealed the effects of location, year, and the weather condition on nine varieties studied as well as the statistically significant differences of agronomic traits and quality parameters among nine varieties. Based on the proximity of their positions to the parameter quantitative and quality in the principal component analysis, such as yield, protein content, SDS test, the falling number, gluten index, wet gluten and the rheological properties namely the stability of dough, time C2, the dough development time, torque C2, torque C3, torque C4, and torque C5, either the cultivars having high yield or the good baking performance cultivars, or the cultivar having both high yield and good quality were identified, and depicted the correlation among them.

Key words: winter wheat, agronomic traits, quality traits, rheological properties, Mixolab, organic farming.

## Introduction and the aim of dissertation

Wheat is plant grown on more land area than any other commercial crop. It is also one of three main cereal crops grown all over the world, together with rice and maize. Triticum aestivum L. belonging to the grass family Poaceae, domesticated over 9,000 years ago, is a cultigen. Wheat species are the most frequently grown crops in the organic farming system. However, all of them are not suitable for organic farming, the ones grown in marginal regions. Currently, a lot of alternative crops, including the marginal wheat species, have become attractive too. Such species have been bred neither to increase the yield rate nor for the intensive farming system. Although the baking quality is not high from the conventional point of view, these species have a lot of specific characteristics such as higher proportion of proteins, favorable composition of amino acids, and a high proportion of mineral elements. Products made of such wheat species are considered as the specialty productions with a higher added value at the market and they may be applied well (Konvalina et al., 2011). Along

with the development of organic farming area, the demand for organic varieties have been developing fast. This requires breeders applying selection new methodologies and logistics to isolate competitive genotypes for organic systems, and make sure that the best key traits such as weed competitiveness, nutrient efficiency and resistance to seed borne diseases are evaluated. This has been promoted increasing market demand, growing interest in low-input agriculture for ecological reasons, and going up organic wheat production as well (Arterburn et al., 2012).

## The aim of dissertation

The main goal of this dissertation was study on agronomic and quality characteristics of bread wheat varieties cultivated in organic farming system in the Czech Republic. The aims are presented in detail as below:

- To summarize knowledge about bread wheat cultivation, agronomic traits, nutritional composition, and technological quality parameters by using the available scientific literature data.

- To set up field experiments in three consecutive years to investigate and evaluate the agronomic traits.

- To analyze the basic parameters of baking quality such as protein content, wet gluten content, gluten index, SDS test, falling number, and rheological characteristics.

- To statistically analyze the data of field experiments.

- To highlight the potential wheat varieties in organic farming in the Czech Republic.

## **Materials and Methods**

#### **Field Experiment**

The experimental material consisting of nine cultivars, were conducted from 2016 to 2019 in the southern Czech Republic at two sites, namely Ceske Budejovice (CB) and Zvikov (ZV). In Ceske Budejovice, the soil of experimental site was pseudo gley cambisols, kind of soil-loamy sand soil; the weather condition was mild warm climate; altitude of 388 m. In Zvikov, the soil of experimental site was loamy soil; altitude of 460 m. These experiments were carried out by using randomized complete block design with four replicates at each of the two sites.

#### **Evaluation of Agronomy Characteristics**

In this study, indexes were analysed including: The length of plant, the number of spikelets per  $m^2$ , thousand kernel weight (TKW), yield per hectare. Thousand kernel weight and yield per hectare were calculated at a humidity of 14 % (Curna, 2016).

## The Baking Quality

Gluten Index were measured by Glutomatic 2200 and Centrifuge 2015 (Perten Instruments, Hagersten, Sweden) according to AACC 38 - 12A method (AACC 38-12 A., 2000a), ICC (International Association for Cereal Chemistry) 155 (ICC – Standard No. 155., 1994), and ICC 158 (ICC – Standard No. 158., 1995).

Wet Gluten Content (WGC), the amount of wet gluten contained at 14 % moisture of each 100 g flour, was measured by Glutomatic 2200 and Centrifuge 2015 (Perten Instruments, Hagersten, Sweden).

Protein content (PC) was determined by the Kjeltec 1002 System (Tecator AB, Hoganas, Sweden), based upon N \* 5.7 (in dry matter).

Sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS) was analyzed in flour samples according to the method of Axford *et al.* (Axford *et al.*, 1978).

The falling number was determined by Perten Falling Number 1310 (Perten Instruments, Hagersten, Sweden) according to AACC 56 - 81 B and ICC

Standard 107/1(AACC 56 - 81 B, 2000b; ICC - Standard No. 107/1, 1995).

Mixolab II was used to evaluate baking quality according to the ICC standard method No. 173 - ICC 2006 (ICC - Standard No. 173, 2006), which allowed us to evaluate physical dough properties, such as dough stability or weakening, and starch characteristics in one measurement.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

Data were analyzed by using the Statistica 13 program (StatSoft. Inc., California, USA). Comparisons of mean varieties and their division into statistically different categories were conducted using the Tukey's honest significant difference (HSD) test with p-value < 0.01 and < 0.05 considered statistically significant. Oneway ANOVA and factorial ANOVA were applied for variance analysis. Principal component analysis was used to assess the association between groups of variables and the differences among the study parameters.

## **Results and Discussion**

# The Impact of Environment Effects on Plant Height, the Number of Spikes per m<sup>2</sup>, Thousand Kernel Weight, and Yield.

In the Table 1 and Table 2, the mean value of varieties significantly differed from year-to-year and locations. In details, an upward trend of plant height was witnessed from 2017 to 2019 by 18.87 cm. Also, the data in Zvikov was higher than in Ceske Budejovice. Analysis of variance of plant height (harvest year, F = 695.29, p < 0.001; location, F = 119.43, p < 0.001, species, F =179.25, p < 0.001) was more influenced by harvest year, followed by species and location. The interaction of two factors (year  $\times$  location, year  $\times$  species, location  $\times$ species), and the interaction of three factors (year  $\times$ location  $\times$  species) were significant at p value < 0.001 for  $Y \times L$  and  $Y \times S$ , and p value < 0.05 for  $L \times S$  and  $Y \times L$  $\times$  S. Similarly, an increasing tendency of the number of spikes per  $m^2$  and yield were observed for three years. While the number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup> was more affected by harvest year (F = 106.79, p < 0.001, yield was more

affected by location (F = 1327.41, p < 0.001). The yield in Zvikov was 1.72 ton higher than in Ceske Budejovice. This could be explained by the different environment between two locations. The ANOVA of the number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup> showed that there was more interaction between Y × L (F = 23.94, p < 0.001) than the others. The ANOVA of yield was not significant in the interaction of  $Y \times L$ , and  $L \times S$ , but significant for  $Y \times L$ and  $Y \times L \times S$  with p < 0.001. Thousand kernel weight was a little different trend when compared to others in quantitative parameters. TKW increased in 2018 before witnessing a decrease in the next year. The analysis of variance of TKW were significant difference with p value < 0.001 for main effects, the interaction of two factors and three factors. Results from Table 1 and 2 indicated that location with F = 128.55 was more impacted than harvest year and species with F = 117.88, F = 107.00, respectively.

The independent of year and growing location, Figure 1 point outs the comparison of nine varieties. The plant height ranged from  $61.75 \pm 1.22$  cm to  $87.37 \pm 2.77$ 

cm and was statistically different among varieties. Wiwa cultivar had the highest plant height with 87.37 cm followed by Bernstein, KM 15 - 17, and Sultan, whereas Balitus and Gordian had the lowest one with 62.79 cm and 61.75 cm, respectively. To compare with the results of plant height in organic farming, our results is lower than that one of Konvalina *et al.*; and is nearly similar to the results of Gevrek and Atasoy (Gevrek and Atasoy, 2012; Konvalina *et al.*, 2011).

The number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup> of different varieties was not likewise the plant height. The group of cultivars having the highest number were Zeppelin, Gordian, Sultan, Penelope, and Bernstein with the number of spikes being  $373.83 \pm 11.94$ ,  $370.87 \pm 13.12$ ,  $355.87 \pm$ 13.93,  $344.91 \pm 10.26$ , and  $343.37 \pm 16.04$ , respectively. The lowest number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup> belonged to KM 15 -17 (297.62  $\pm$  12.94) and Wiwa (279.87  $\pm$  10.58). In a study reported by Cox *et al.*, the number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup> of winter wheat ranged from 503 to 585 in organic farming, these findings are almost double higher than our results (Cox *et al.*, 2019).

	Plant height	Number of	TKW	Yield
	(cm)	spikes per m <sup>2</sup>	(g)	(ton.ha <sup>-1</sup> )
Harvest				
year				
2017	64.90±0.74c	296.38±6.51 c	41.01±0.32c	2.82±0.12c
2018	71.94±0.95b	327.29±5.98b	43.88±0.42a	3.78±0.11b
2019	83.77±1.52a	391.47±8.85a	42.00±0.34b	4.55±0.13a
Location				
ZV	75.82±1.25a	362.66±724a	43.18±0.32a	4.58±0.09a
CB	71.25±1.06b	314.10±5.89b	41.42±0.29b	2.86±0.08b

Table 1: Means  $\pm$  standard error (SE) for the effects of harvest year, location, and wheat species on plant height, the number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup>, thousand kernel weight, and yield

Mean values associated with different lowercase letters are significant different within each column analyzed by oneway ANOVA, Turkey's test, p value < 0.05. ns: Not significant. CB: Ceske Budejovice. ZV: Zvikov.

	Plant height (cm)	Number of spikes per m <sup>2</sup>	TKW (g)	Yield (ton.ha <sup>-1</sup> )
Main effects				
Harvest year (Y)	695.29**	106.79 **	117.88 **	450.17 **
Location (L)	119.43 **	80.30 **	128.55 **	1327.41 **
Species (S)	179.25 **	14.92 **	107.00 **	23.31 **
Interactions				
Y×L	27.14 **	23.94 **	29.79 **	2.48 (ns)
$Y \times S$	12.47 **	2.60*	9.86 **	2.79 **
L×S	3.47*	2.07*	7.66 **	0.78 (ns)
Y×L×S	2.63 *	2.32*	7.26 **	3.61 **

Table 2: ANOVA F-value for the effects of harvest year, location, and wheat species on plant height, the number of spikes per m2, thousand kernel weight, and yield

ns: not significant, \* *p value* < 0.05, \*\*: *p value* < 0.001.

In spite of belonging to the lowest number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup>, KM 15 - 17 cultivar together with Annie, Bernstein, and Penelope had the highest mean of TKW ranging from  $44.28 \pm 0.49$  to  $43.91 \pm 0.48$  g and were significantly difference, while Zeppelin and Wiwa had

the lowest mean of TKW with  $41.20 \pm 0.46$  g,  $40.54 \pm 0.42$  g, respectively. These figures in our study are higher as compared to the results of other authors namely Konvalina *et al.*, Tran *et al.*, and Cox *et al.* (Cox *et al.*, 2019; Konvalina *et al.*, 2011; Tran *et al.*, 2020).

Figure 1: The agronomic characteristics of nine wheat varieties



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The yield of studied cultivar varied between  $3.15 \pm 0.22$  ton.ha<sup>-1</sup> and  $4.21 \pm 0.21$  ton.ha<sup>-1</sup>. Sultan, Gordian, and Bernstein had the highest yield with  $4.21 \pm 0.21$  ton.ha<sup>-1</sup>,  $4.09 \pm 0.25$  ton.ha<sup>-1</sup>, and  $3.90 \pm 0.25$  ton.ha<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, vice versa was true for KM 15 - 17 (  $3.29 \pm 0.21$  ton.ha<sup>-1</sup>) and Wiwa ( $3.15 \pm 0.22$  ton.ha<sup>-1</sup>). The comparison of grain yield with different authors depicted that the yield of wheat cultivars in our experiments are lower than the findings of Cox et al. Ceseviciene et al., and Konvalina et al., whilst it is higher the results in previous study and over double higher than these one of Gevrek and Atasoy (Ceseviciene et al., 2009; Cox et al., 2019; Gevrek and Atasoy, 2012; Konvalina et al., 2011; Tran et al., 2020).

#### **Flour Quality Parameters**

### The Protein Content

Results from Table 3, and Figure 2 illustrated that the amount of protein content went down during three years from 11.80 % to 10.78 %, decreasing by 1.02 %. The significant differences in statistic were found for this index between years, locations, and

Table 3: Means  $\pm$  standard error (SE) and ANOVA Fvalue for the effects of harvest year, location, and wheat species on protein content, SDS test, falling number, gluten index, and wet gluten

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	Protein (%)	SDS test (ml)	FN (s)	GI (%)	WG (%)
Harvest year					
2017	$11.80 \pm 0.11a$	$57.57\pm1.17ns$	$321.37\pm6.26b$	$86.91{\pm}1.42c$	$22.72\pm0.36a$
2018	$11.21{\pm}0.10b$	$57.29\pm1.37ns$	$321.30\pm6.86b$	$91.81{\pm}0.76b$	$20.91{\pm}0.37b$
2019	$10.78\pm0.11\text{c}$	$57.29 \pm 1.48 ns$	$384.98 \pm 6.02a$	$96.72\pm0.35a$	$19.52\pm0.28c$
Location					
ZV	$11.09\pm0.09b$	$57.24\pm1.03ns$	$338.00\pm5.54b$	$95.82\pm0.31a$	$20.41{\pm}0.26b$
CB	$11.44\pm0.09a$	$57.53 \pm 1.16 ns$	$347.11 \pm 6.32a$	$87.81{\pm}1.05b$	$21.68\pm0.33a$
ANOVA					
Main effects					
Harvest year (Y)	114.49 **	0.31 (ns)	139.7 **	86.28 **	113.82 **
Location (L)	40.51 **	0.72 (ns)	135.2 **	172.57 **	53.97 **
Species (S)	98.33 **	468.64 **	112.6 **	19.33 **	92.34 **
Interactions					
$Y \times L$	1.51 (ns)	85.22 **	34.3 **	45.13 **	6.75 **
$Y \times S$	2.45 **	10.63 **	9.1 **	1.22 (ns)	4.69 **
$L \times S$	2.96 **	21.19 **	7.2 **	7.48 **	1.68 (ns)
$Y\!\times\!L\!\times\!S$	1.24 (ns)	6.20 **	7.7 **	2.10 *	4.03 **

Mean values associated with different lowercase letters are significant different within each column analyzed by oneway ANOVA, Turkey's test, p value < 0.05. ns: Not significant. \*: p value < 0.05. \*\*: p value < 0.001 CB: Ceske Budejovice. ZV: Zvikov.



Figure 2: Contents of protein, SDS test, the falling number, gluten index, and wet gluten

varieties. Analysis of variance of protein content (harvest year, F = 114.49, p < 0.001; location, F = 40.51, p <0.001, species, F = 98.33, p < 0.001) indicated that obviously, harvested year and species were more influenced than location. The interaction of two factors (year  $\times$  location, location  $\times$  species) were significant with p value < 0.001, while the interaction of three factors (year  $\times$  location  $\times$  species) and the interaction between year and location were insignificant. Compared to all cultivars, Wiwa had the highest amount of protein content with  $12.92 \pm 0.16$  %, followed by Bernstein, KM 15 - 17, and Annie with  $11.72 \pm 0.12$ ,  $11.70 \pm 0.12$ , and  $11.47 \pm 0.07$ , respectively. The lowest protein content was found in the flour of Zeppelin with  $10.32 \pm 0.16$  %. These results are out of ranging of protein content (12.9 -19.9 %) in the research of Shewry et al., and Tran et al. exception Wiwa cultivar (Shewry et al., 2013; Tran et al., 2020).

## The SDS Test

Sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS) test was determined in flour samples according to the method of Axford *et al.* This method quoted the link with superior baking quality and stronger gluten (Axford *et al.*, 1978). The mean values of SDS test were not significant

difference among years and locations. The data from Table 3 indicated that species had more effect on SDS test parameter with F = 468.64, p < 0.001, while locations and harvest year was not an effect on this index. In addition, the interaction between two factors and three factors were found with p value < 0.001. The SDS test of all varieties ranged from  $39.30 \pm 0.78$  ml to  $77.17 \pm 0.51$ ml. The highest sedimentation volume was observed in the Wiwa variety whilst the lowest one belonged to KM 15 - 17 variety. The second highest SDS test included Zeppelin and Bernstein with  $65.94 \pm 1.13$  ml, and 64.38 $\pm$  0.62 ml, respectively. In comparison to other results, the sedimentation volume in our study is higher than the results of Dhaka and Khatkar (47.10 ml), apart from KM 15 - 17 variety; and lower than the ones of Oelofse et al. (63.64 ml), exception in wheat cultivar Wiwa, Zeppelin, and Bernstein. (Dhaka and Khatkar, 2013; Oelofse et al., 2010).

### The Falling Number

The impact of years, locations, and varieties as well as the interaction were found in the falling number.

What is more, the falling number mean values were almost similar between 2017 and 2018, but it was significant difference from the data of 2019 with approximately 63.65 second less. The figures also show that the falling number in Zvikov was longer 9,11 s than in Ceske Budejovice. Regarding to the interactions (Table 3), the influence of environment and variety on the mean values of the falling number was highly statistically significant with p value < 0.001. Compared to all cultivars, Wiwa had the highest falling number with  $429.16 \pm 7.49$  s, followed by Zeppelin (384.16 ± 4.95 s) and Bernstein ( $364.08 \pm 7.69$  s). The lowest falling number group was Annie, Penelope, and Sultan with  $297.29 \pm 12.67$  s,  $295.00 \pm 5.09$  s, and  $291.75 \pm 5.41$  s, respectively. To evaluate the baking properties and the enzymatic activity of wheat flour, the AACC 56 - 81 B and ICC Standard 107/1 were used (AACC 56 - 81 B, 2000b; ICC - Standard No. 107/1, 1995). Thus, the varieties having falling number are less than 300 s such as Sultan, Gordian, and Annie have the optimal activity as well as very good crumb of bread. The remainder

varieties have the low enzymatic activity and are dry crumb of bread and reducing loaf volume.

#### The Gluten Index

From the Table 3, and Figure 2, an increasing tendency of GI was observed via the different year study from 86.91 % to 96.72 %. Thus, GI increased by 9.81 % for three years. The figures pointed out that the impact of location was higher than harvest year and species, but the interaction between year and species was not found. Three years analysis of nine wheat genotypes confirmed the statistically significant difference. The group having the highest GI was Zeppelin (97.59  $\pm$  0.43 %), Bernstein (94.87  $\pm$  0.91 %), and Penelope (93.68  $\pm$  1.32 %). Conversely, KM 15 - 17 had the lowest GI with 82.86  $\pm$  2.50 %. According to Cubadda *et al.*, gluten index was classified as three groups: Less than 30 % belonging to the weak flours; from 30 to 80 % belonging to the normal flour; greater than 80 % belonging to the strong flour (Cubadda *et al.*, 1992). In comparison with the results of Cubadda *et al.*, the varieties in our experiments are higher 80 % gluten index, therefore, they are categorized the strong flour.

## The Wet Gluten

Unlike with the GI trend, wet gluten declined gradually for three years by 3.2 % and was influenced by

harvest year with F = 113.82, p < 0.001. The interaction of two factors and three factors were found with p value < 0.001, apart from the interaction between location and year. However, the wet gluten had the same tendency with protein content. The highest wet gluten was observed in the Wiwa cultivar ( $26.53 \pm 0.76 \%$ ) in comparison to other wheat cultivars. In contrast, KM 15 -17 and Zeppelin had the lowest one with  $20.80 \pm 0.39 \%$ and  $17.02 \pm 0.32 \%$ , respectively.

### The Rheological Evaluation of Different Wheat Flour

The water absorption of all wheats varied in a relatively narrow, ranging from 55.24 to 62.05 % and were significant difference. In comparison to all cultivar, Annie had the highest mean values of water absorption, whereas Sultan had the lowest one with 55.24 %. According to Mixolab manual, a wheat flour sample is considered strong when its value presented water absorption over 55 g.100 g<sup>-1</sup> or 55 %. To compare with the results of Banfalvi *et al.* (Bánfalvi *et al.*, 2020) with water absorption varying from 57.5 to 64.1 %, our results are a little lower,

but they also are over 55 % water absorption, an indicator for good baking quality.

Table 4: Data obtained from Mixolab parameters for the rheological evaluation of nine wheat varieties

Genotype	Water absorption (%)	Time of Cl (min)	Torque C1 (Nm)	Alfa	Amplitude	Stability (min)
Sultan	$55.24 \pm 0.13h$	$2.78 \pm 0.12a$ -c	$1.11 \pm 0.00$ (ns)	$-0.08\pm0.00ab$	$0.08\pm0.00a$	$6.74 \pm 0.30e$
Zeppelin	$59.23 \pm 0.13d$	$2.38\pm0.08cd$	$1.10 \pm 0.00$ (ns)	$-0.08 \pm 0.00$ ab	$0.08\pm0.00a$	$7.60 \pm 0.40$ cd
Annie	$62.05\pm0.25a$	2.96±0.09ab	$1.09 \pm 0.00(\text{ns})$	$\textbf{-0.07}\pm0.00a$	$0.06\pm0.00b$	6.99±0.27de
Gordian	$56.90 \pm 0.16f$	$2.35\pm0.08cd$	$1.10 \pm 0.00$ (ns)	$-0.07 \pm 0.00a$	$0.08\pm0.00a$	$6.45 \pm 0.27e$
Penelope	$58.07\pm0.22e$	$2.59\pm0.10bc$	$1.09 \pm 0.00(\text{ns})$	$\textbf{-0.09}\pm0.00cd$	$0.08\pm0.00a$	$8.47\pm0.25ab$
Bernstein	$58.36 \pm 0.11e$	$2.60\pm0.15c$	$1.09 \pm 0.00(ns)$	$-0.09 \pm 0.00$ cd	$0.09\pm0.00a$	8.36±0.25a-c
Balitus	$55.83 \pm 0.11g$	$2.74 \pm 0.22$ a-c	$1.09 \pm 0.00(\text{ns})$	$\textbf{-0.08}\pm0.00bc$	$0.08\pm0.00a$	$7.68 \pm 0.28$ b-d
Wiwa	$59.76 \pm 0.18c$	$3.18 \pm 0.18a$	$1.10 \pm 0.00$ (ns)	$-0.09 \pm 0.00d$	$0.09\pm0.00a$	8.76±0.13a
KM 15-17	$60.49 \pm 0.14 b$	$1.89\pm0.10d$	$1.09 \pm 0.00(ns)$	$-0.08 \pm 0.00b$	$0.08\pm0.00a$	$6.34 \pm 0.24e$

Mean values associated with different lowercase letters are significant different within each column analyzed by one-way ANOVA, Turkey's test, p value < 0.05. ns: Not significant.

Table 5: Data obtained from Mixolab parameters for the rheological evaluation of nine wheat varieties

	Tomoria C2		Tanana C2		Tangua C4	Tomayo C5
Genotype	Torque C2	Beta	Torque CS	Gamma	Torque C4	Torque CS
•••	(Nm)		(Nm)		(Nm)	(Nm)
Sultan	$0.44 \pm 0.01$ cd	$0.53 \pm 0.03$ b-d	$1.76 \pm 0.04$ a-c	$-0.09 \pm 0.02b$	$1.39\pm0.05b$	$2.48 \pm 0.05b$
Zeppelin	$0.45\pm0.01c$	$0.44 \pm 0.01e$	$1.73 \pm 0.01$ b-d	$-0.04 \pm 0.01a$	$1.50 \pm 0.02$ ab	$2.30\pm0.05c$
Annie	$0.42 \pm 0.01 d$	$0.40 \pm 0.01e$	$1.50 \pm 0.03 f$	$\textbf{-0.07}\pm0.00b$	$0.94 \pm 0.05d$	$1.57\pm0.08f$
Gordian	$0.52 \pm 0.01a$	$0.47 \pm 0.05$ c-e	$1.60\pm0.08e$	$-0.06 \pm 0.01$ ab	1.46±0.02ab	$2.60\pm0.04$ ab
Penelope	$0.44\pm0.01cd$	$0.46\pm0.02de$	$1.69\pm0.03cd$	$-0.06 \pm 0.01$ ab	$1.24 \pm 0.06c$	$2.10 \pm 0.09d$
Bernstein	$0.48\pm0.01b$	$0.63\pm0.02a$	$1.81\pm0.01ab$	$-0.07 \pm 0.01$ ab	$1.48 \pm 0.02$ ab	$2.60\pm0.05$ ab
Balitus	$0.44\pm0.01cd$	$0.60\pm0.02ab$	$1.83 \pm 0.02a$	$-0.07 \pm 0.01 b$	$1.53\pm0.04a$	$2.70 \pm 0.07a$
Wiwa	$0.48\pm0.01b$	$0.56\pm0.02ab$	$1.82 \pm 0.01a$	$-0.06 \pm 0.01$ ab	$1.55\pm0.02a$	$2.61\pm0.04a$
KM 15-17	$0.39 \pm 0.00e$	$0.55\pm0.03\text{a-c}$	1.67±0.04de	$-0.07 \pm 0.01$ ab	$1.16 \pm 0.08c$	$1.81\pm0.11e$

Mean values associated with different lowercase letters are significant different within each column analyzed by one-way ANOVA, Turkey's test, p value < 0.05. ns: Not significant.

In the first stage of Mixolab analysis, the dough development time (C1 time) is an essential index, which is known as the dough development or the gluten development time. Longer C1 time was observed for three varieties namely Wiwa, Annie, Sultan, and Balitus

with mean value respectively being 3.18 s, 2.96 s, 2.78 s, and 2.74 s. Similarly, the stability plays an important role in the first stage. This index reflects the resistance of dough against intensive mixing. From the Table 4 shows that Wiwa, Penelope, and Bernstein cultivar belonged the group having the longest stability with 8.76 minutes, 8.47 minutes, and 8.36 minutes, respectively. In contrast, Annie (6.99 minutes), Sultan (6.74 minutes), Gordian (6.45 minutes), and KM 15 - 17 (6.34 minutes) had the shortest stability. As expected, torque C1 was insignificant difference among varieties and varied in a small narrow, which ranged from 1.09 to 1.11 Nm. In term of amplitude, only Annie variety was statistically significant difference as compared with other varieties and had the lowest number (0.06). In general, the dough development time ranges from 0.99 to 7.36 minutes. Our results were categorized this ranging. In comparison with the results of Banfalvi et al., C1 time in our study was shorten than the mean value of Banfalvi et al. (4.71 minutes), however, the stability of some varieties in our study were higher 8.12 minutes. The previous our study showed that the C1 time of Vanek and SW Kardili are

nearly double longer time than all varieties in this study. The stability is also higher than these ones. As reported by Lundh and Macritchie (Lundh and Macritchie, 1989), the difference in proportion of glutenin results in the differences of dough development time. The greater proportion of gluten wheat flour gets, the better baking performance and stronger dough properties wheat flour has. The results of Moreira *et al.*, was confirmed the cite above and pointed that longer dough stability are associated with strong flour (Moreira *et al.*, 2011). Thus, a stronger flour having the longer dough development time ( $\geq$  3 minutes) longer dough stability ( $\geq$  4 minutes) was suitable for Wiwa, Annie, Sultan and Balitus.

In the second stage where torque C2 and slope  $\alpha$  were evaluated. Figures in Table 4 and 5 confirmed the differences among studied cultivars for torque C2 and slope  $\alpha$  parameters. The highest value of torque C2 was recorded for Gordian with 0.52 Nm, followed by Bernstein and Wiwa with 0.48 Nm, vice versa was true for Sultan, Penelope, Balitus, and Annie, ranging from 0.44 to 0.42 Nm. The slope  $\alpha$  implying the speed of the

protein network attenuating varied from - 0.09 to - 0.07 and was significant difference. According to Lacko-Bartosova et al., Banfalvi et al., Svec and Hruskova, Schmiele et al., Wiwart et al., and Dhaka et al., strong wheat flour has the C2 value higher than 0.4 Nm. If this value ranges from 0.5 to 0.6 Nm, it refers to good quality protein, the higher ability resistance of gluten to heating, and stronger gluten network (Bánfalvi et al., 2020; M. Lacko-Bartošová et al., 2019; Schmiele et al., 2017; Švec and Hrušková, 2015; Dhaka et al., 2014; Wiwart et al., 2017). Like that, accompanying with the dough development time, and the dough stability, the torque C2 is also related to the properties of gluten. The results of the value C2 torque analyzed in our study was higher 0.4 Nm (exception KM 15 - 17), especially, Gordian cultivar had the value higher than 0.5 Nm. The explanation for KM 15 - 17 was due to the fact that it had the lowest gluten index as compared with other varieties.

The third stage, characterized by torque C3 and slope  $\beta$  parameters, has the heating until reaching 70 <sup>0</sup>C. Although dough remained under constant mixing, the

process of protein denaturation and starch gelatinization stopped (Schmiele et al., 2017). Results from Table 5 confirmed that torque C3 ranged from 1.50 to 1.83 Nm. Maximum torque C3 was recorded for Batilus, Wiwa, Bernstein, and Sultan with 1.83 Nm, 1.82. Nm, 1.81 Nm, and 1.76 Nm, respectively. Conversely, minimum torque C3 was recorded for Annie with 1.50 Nm. These results are similar to with our previous study (Tran et al., 2020), are lower than the results of Wiwart et al., but are higher than the ones of Banfalvi et al. (Bánfalvi et al., 2020; Wiwart *et al.*, 2017). Regarding to the slope  $\beta$  parameter, an indicator for the starch gelatinization speed, the mean values of Bernstein, Balitus, Wiwa, and KM 15 - 17 were found to be significantly higher than other varieties and higher the findings of Wiwart *et al.* (0.57). This means that they had faster gelatinization process.

In the fourth stage, the parameters torque C4 and slope  $\gamma$  were assessed. The results of the assessment of different cultivar in Table 5 indicate that the torque C4 fluctuated from 0.94 to 1.55 Nm. A statistically significant difference was witnessed for all varieties with

the highest value belonging to Wiwa (1.55 Nm), Balitus (1.53 Nm), Zeppelin (1.50 Nm), Bernstein (1.48 Nm), and Gordian (1.46 Nm). In contrast, the minimum value was recorded for Annie with 0.94 Nm. In comparison with the findings other authors, our results were lower, especially for Annie variety. This implied that the resistance of starch against the enzymatic hydrolysis by amylose and the hot gel stability of our sample were lower than the counterpart results. The slope  $\gamma$  displays the speed of enzymatic degradation of starch and the heating stability of starch gel. Unlike the slope  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , the slope  $\gamma$  was more variation from - 0.09 to - 0.04. However, only Zeppelin was significant difference with Balitus, Annie, and Sultan, the remainder varieties was similar when compared together. The results of Wiwart et al. ranged from - 0.06 to - 0.10 was a little lower than our results.

In the final stage, the values of torque C5 varied from 1.57 to 2.70 Nm. Significantly, the higher value of torque C5 was noted in reference to Balitus (2.70 Nm), Wiwa (2.61 Nm), Gordian (2.60 Nm), and Bernstein

(2.60 Nm), whereas Annie had the lowest value of torque C5 with 1.57 Nm. These results, higher than our previous study and higher the results of standard sample flour reported by Svec and Hruskova (Švec and Hrušková, 2015), indicated a high level of starch retrogradation.

# The Correlation among Agronomical Traits, Quality Parameters and Mixolab Parameters and Statistics Analyzed by Principal Component Analysis

From the Figure 3, strong correlations were seen among the falling number, SDS test, the stability, time C1, and torque C3; among Protein, wet gluten, and plant height; among gluten index, torque C2, torque C5, and torque C4; between yield and the number of spikes per m<sup>2</sup>. What is more, SDS test was found closely with the stability, time C1, and torque C3, and gluten index was positive correlation with torque C2, which are in agreement with the results of Dhaka *et al.* and Collar *et al.* reported the correlations among SDS test, time C1, the stability and torque C3 and between gluten index with torque C2 (Collar *et al.*, 2007; Dhaka *et al.*, 2014).



Figure 3: The projection of study variables based on correlations

Also, the figures showed that the yield variable was strongly negative correlation with protein, this implies higher yield are relation to the lower protein content as the results reported by Jablonskyte-Rasce *et al.* (Jablonskytė-Raščė *et al.*, 2013). Similar to the results of Spanic *et al.*, our results indicated the strong correlation between protein and wet gluten, but no correlation was seen among protein, wet gluten and gluten index (Spanic *et al.*, 2021). Regarding to agronomic traits, plant height and TKW had a negative correlation with the yield, while

the number of spikes per  $m^2$  showed an opposite trend. This indicates that the number of spikes per  $m^2$  in our experiments was a decisive factor to the yield, which is in concordance with Mason *et al.* and Mayer *et al.*, who reported that the number of spikes per  $m^2$  was the important factor of yield component responsible for the wheat yield in organic farming (Mason *et al.*, 2007; Mayer *et al.*, 2015).

# The Identification of Varieties Association with High Yield and Good Baking Quality

Obviously, the Sultan and Gordian variety were located near the loading of yield. This mean that they have the highest yield than other varieties. In contrast, the position of Wiwa cultivar was in close proximity to the protein, WG, and the quality parameters such as time C1 the stability, SDS test, the falling number, and torque C3. Thus, Wiwa cultivar was seen a potential cultivar for good baking performance. For KM 15 - 17, Annie, and Penelope, an opposite direction with the loading of quality parameters was observed in biplots because they had the lowest ones. In our study, a

successful cultivar having both high yield and good baking performance is that Bernstein because it is situated in the middle of loading yield and loading quality traits in PCA 1.

Figure 4: Principal component analysis biplot based upon various quantitative and quality traits of nine wheat cultivars using mean value of two locations in three years



## Conclusions

#### **The Agronomical Parameters**

- The results of analyses depict that the environment affected to the quantitative parameters for different years and locations study. In detail, the plant height, and the number spikes per m<sup>2</sup> were impacted by different years more than locations and species. The factors such as harvest year, location, and species are the same effect on TWK. Yield is strongly affected by location more than harvest year and species.

- The weather condition in 2018 - 2019 was favor with the vegetation and development phase of wheat with the precipitation steadily distribution during growing season and the temperature suitable for wheat growing in sensitive periods.

- The Sultan, Gordian, and Bernstein cultivar having the highest yield are selected for the potential high yield cultivar.

- There is a strong relationship between the number of spikes per  $m^2$  and yield.

#### **The Quality Parameters**

- The effects of harvest year, location, and species on protein content, SDS test, the falling number, gluten index, and wet gluten are found. The harvest of different years is more effect on protein content and wet gluten than species and location. The gluten index is affected by location more than harvest year and location. SDS test is only impacted by species.

- All varieties are classified as strong flour with high SDS test and Gluten index, apart from KM 15 - 17.

- A strong correlation is observed between SDS test and falling number and between wet gluten and protein, fair correlation is true between SDS test and wet gluten.

- The best quality is detected for Wiwa cultivar, which is characterized the highest protein content. SDS test and wet gluten.

## **The Rheological Properties**

- The water absorption of all wheats, ranging from 55.24 to 62.05 %, belongs to strong flour group.

- The best rheological behavior is found for Wiwa, Annie, Sultan and Balitus cultivar with the longer dough development time ( $\geq$  3 minutes), longer dough stability ( $\geq$  4 minutes), and higher C2 value ( $\geq$  0.4 Nm).

- The high level of starch retrogradation is found in Balitus, Wiwa, Gordian, and Bernstein cultivar.

- A strong correlation is seen between the time C1 and the stability dough, and between torque C4 and torque C5. Fair strong is observed between GI and torque C2.

#### The Conclusions Based upon PCA

- Sultan and Gordian are the potential high yield cultivar.

- Wiwa is the good bread making cultivar.

- Bernstein is a successful cultivar having both high yield and good baking performance.

## Recommendations

- Further research in different regions is necessary to assesses the adaptation of all varieties in this study.

- Further agronomical traits should research such as the number of grains per spike, the weight of grains per spike, the weed competitiveness, and the resistance to usual diseases to be able to take appropriate conclusion.

- To expand the growing area for Bernstein cultivar.

- Wiwa cultivar has the potential bread making, and Sultan and Gordian have the potential high yield that should use for the breeding process in organic farming in the near future.

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