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**(Neb.)-UNL, USDA Release New Wheat Type For Dryland Farms**



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LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have released a new wheat variety that was developed for dryland farms.

Husker Genetics Brand Freeman is named for Daniel Freeman, who is recognized as the first person to file for a homestead under the Homestead Act of 1862.

UNL agronomist P. Stephen Baenziger says the wheat variety is particularly well-suited for dryland farmers throughout Nebraska and in states to the north and west.

Varieties developed by the UNL-USDA partnership typically comprise 60 to 65 percent of the wheat grown in Nebraska.

The Freeman variety is not recommended for irrigated production, because other wheat types are better for those conditions.