

NVT Site Audit Sheet

The site audit sheet is to assess trial accessibility, operational management and factors that will affect the quality of the trial. Circle a value for each criteria, where **5 = very good and 1 = very poor**.

Assessor: _____

Date: _____

Crop/Trial ID: _____

Trial Location: _____

Site Selection

- a) Site Location 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trials are easily accessible and not too far from main/access road. Access not limited by 4WD only, or waterway crossing, etc.
- b) Site Selection 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trials are not inhibited by site selection issues e.g. sown near tree line, sown on headland, uneven soil type or topography
- c) Appropriate signage at site 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
NVT and GRDC signage displayed at roadside or entry point
- d) GPS coordinates supplied and accurate 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
GPS coordinates accurate to reach trial site/location or plot one

Sowing

- a) Timing 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trials sown within appropriate sowing window or within 10 days of farmer/district crops
- b) Driving Accuracy 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trial has uniform plot space between rows, i.e. not too close together or far apart
- c) Tripping 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Evenness of tripping across trial. Issues where seed runs into next plot or where issue cannot be corrected with plot trimming
- d) Emergence 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Even emergence, uniform establishment across trial and within plots, appropriate plant density

Management

- a) Plot one identified 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trial ID and plot one identified e.g. labelled peg or sign. Trial layout map available at site.
- b) Plot Trimming 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Either slashed or sprayed. Issues may be not straight paths (uneven plot lengths), spray drift into plots.
- c) Weed Control 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trials are weed free, relative to the farmers surrounding crop, headlands are also managed appropriately
- d) Disease Control 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trials are free of diseases that can be actively managed i.e. stripe rust in wheat, leaf rust in barley, etc.
- e) Pest Management 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trials are free of pests that can be actively managed i.e. snails and slugs, aphids, mice, etc.
- f) Crop Health 5.....4.....3.....2.....1 NA
Trial is in good condition, adequate nutrients applied, healthy colour, height, vigour, etc.

General Comments:

Please return via email to a GRDC/NVT staff member