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Triticum aestivum

[Synonyms : *Triticum aestivum* var. *hybernum*, *Triticum aestivum* subsp. *vulgare*, *Triticum compositum*, *Triticum dicoccon* var. *timopheevii*, *Triticum estivum*, *Triticum hibernum*, *Triticum hybernum*, *Triticum orientale*, *Triticum persicum*, *Triticum pyramidale*, *Triticum sativum*, *Triticum sativum* var. *aestivum*, *Triticum sativum* var. *compositum*, *Triticum sativum* var. *vulgare*, *Triticum sphaerococcum*, *Triticum timopheevii*, *Triticum vulgare*, *Triticum vulgare* var. *aestivum*, *Zeia vulgaris* var. *aestiva*]

WHEAT is a hybrid annual grass.

It is also known as *Biada* (Italian), *Blé* (French), *Blé-bleu* (Creole), *Bllai* (Channel Islander-Guernsey), Bread wheat, *Bugday* (Turkish), Common bread wheat, Common wheat, Corn, Cultivated wheat, *Gam* (Bengali), *Gandam* (Persian), *Gehu* (Hindi), *Gendum* (Malayalam), *Ghaun* (Indian), *Godhuma* (Sanskrit), *Godumai* (Tamil), *Godumulu* (Telugu), *Grano* (Italian), *Gwenith* (Welsh), *Gum* (Bengali), *Hintah-burr* (Arabic), *Kanak* (Punjabi), *Kiawe* (Zuni North American Indian), *Leipävehnä* (Finnish), *Ngano* (Kikuyu), *Pšenica letná* (Slovak), *Pšenice obecná* (Czech), *Pšenice setá* (Czech), *Sindé* (Ethiopian), Spring wheat, *Sian-mek* (Chinese), *Tomnija* (Maltese), *Trigo* (Spanish), *Vanlig vete* (Swedish), *Vete* (Swedish), and *Weizen* (German); and in flower language is said to be a symbol of ‘abundance of life’, ‘power of the creator’s seed’, prosperity, and riches (stalk).

Aestivum means ‘flowering, ripening or developing in Summer or of Summer’ with reference to the flowering period.

In England wheat or sweetcorn (*Zea mays saccharata*) are often referred to as ‘corn’ – although this name can mean specifically oats (*Avena sativa*) in Scotland and maize (*Zea mays*) in North America.

This species produces a soft wheat grain.

It is the birthday ‘flower’ for 3rd October.