

DUS Testing in Canada

- Breeder is required to conduct the DUS testing or can arrange for a trial coordinator to conduct the testing on his/her behalf (usual foreign applications)
- Agricultural crops majority of DUS testing conducted by the breeder
- Fruit crops some breeders conduct DUS trials but many are done by trial coordinators
- Ornamentals mainly conducted by two private DUS testing companies
- Also, there is a private DUS testing company that specializes in potato trials

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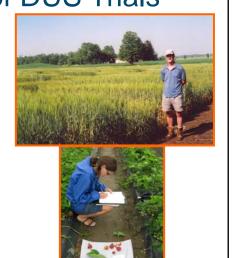
Test Guidelines (TG)

- Breeder or trial coordinator is provided TG for crop before initiating trials
- UPOV TG changed to national format for ease of recording observations – separate versions for English and French
- All illustrations & explanations from UPOV TG are included along with other information:
 - Detailed instructions on conducting trials
 - Instructions on analysis & summary of data
 - Instructions for taking comparative photographs



Examination of DUS Trials

- Examiner from PBR Office visits all trials to confirm they are conducted properly and that the new variety is distinct & uniform
- Examiner takes observations, measurements and notes on the distinguishing characteristics and confirms that the reference varieties were appropriate
- Breeder/trial coordinator submits complete variety description and comparative photos to PBR Office



Plant Varieties Journal (PVJ)

- · Published quarterly on the PBR website
 - www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/pbrpov/pbrpove. shtml
- Lists all recent grants of rights, accepted, rejected, withdrawn applications and detailed description with photos for all varieties in DUS trials
- Six month objection period (novelty, DUS, reference varieties, etc) following publication date in the PVJ
- Objection period provides opportunity for input from other experts
- If no objections, the variety is eligible for grant of rights

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