



7 new varieties of wheat released

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The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has released seven varieties of wheat and one variety of barley suitable to various agro climatic zones in the country, which have proven to be high yielding and pest resistant.

With the release of these new high yielding varieties, agricultural scientists hope that the crop would be pest resistant and would enable India, currently the second largest producer of wheat in the world after China, to be the global leader.

The research institute said DBW 16 wheat variety, developed by Directorate of Wheat Research

(DWR), Karnal, is resistant to yellow and brown rusts and amenable to late and very late sowings. It is better in resistance to leaf blight as compared to all the existing varieties and has been identified for North Western Plains Zone (NWPZ), which contributes to about 40 per cent of the total wheat production of the country. It matures in 120 days with an average yield of 39 quintal per hectre.

It said HI 1531 wheat variety is the first early maturing semi-dwarf bread wheat variety ever evolved in the history of drought tolerance breeding in Central India. It has been recommended for rainfed and restricted irrigation conditions of Central Zone.