

RYE BELT – A project around rye

For several generations KWS LOCHOW has been breeding high-performing rye varieties for the farmers.

Rye is our passion!

We enthusiastically support rye. The Rye Belt project is a European initiative from KWS LOCHOW. It is the aim of the project to promote the international competitiveness of rye growing farmers in the rye growing belt.

The three mainstays of the RYE BELT project are as follows:

- ▶ Breeding of high-performing, environmentally adjusted and market-oriented varieties
- ▶ Optimization of plant cultivation designed for a highly efficient production
- ▶ Enhancement and expansion of the application and marketing fields of rye

In addition to a European breeding programme, in which rye varieties designed for different location-specific requirements in the RYE BELT are bred, this long-term project operates as a network of national and international experts around rye. Existing knowledge will be combined and new insights shall be gained.

Please visit www.ryebelt.com for more information on the RYE BELT project, the present sub-projects and the breeding, plant cultivation and marketing issues.

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The RYE BELT Project



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Rye – efficient, high yielding and versatile

Today rye plays a decisive role in modern European agriculture: rye is the grain with the highest area productivity on light and medium soils.

Due to its high drought tolerance and undemanding nature with regard to the already meagre soil nutrients, it is the highest yielding and most efficient species on these sites in comparison with the remaining grain species.

Globally seen, rye is a niche product with a cultivation area of approximately 6 million hectares in total. Its range of application, however, is versatile. It is used as bread and feed grain as well as renewable raw material.

Worldwide rye is grown to 90 % in a belt ranging from the North German Plain to the Ural Mountains (West-East longitude) and between the 50th and 60th latitude (North-South longitude). In this BELT rye decisively contributes to the economical success of the farmer.

The „Rye Growing Belt“ – RYE BELT

From the North German Plain to the Ural Mountains: the RYE BELT of Europe

The core regions are: Germany, Poland, the Russian Federation, the Ukraine, Belorussia, the Scandinavian and Baltic States, the Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia.

