Swallow is a soft wheat for the North. It is a superb distilling variety, with all of the desired attributes for this region; excellent grain quality, short, stiff straw, early maturity and a solid disease resistance package.

Swallow tillers well and produces high yields, particularly in the North. It has notably shorter, stiffer straw than the leading Scottish varieties and is in fact the shortest variety on the AHDB RL. Swallow maintains its green leaf throughout the season and is early to ripen, important attributes in particular for the Northern market.

Swallow has good all round disease resistance and resistance to OWBM and has maintained a good level of resistance year on year.. *Septoria tritici* resistance remains key and Swallow offers improvement over Scottish varieties. It also shows excellent potential for early drilling, which will also appeal to many growers.

With very high, consistent yields over several years of SWRI testing, Swallow sets new standards for distilling and is an exciting new variety for distillers.



SWRI on Swallow 2021

The consistency of performance for alcohol yield across different harvest years and trial sites is a very positive feature of a clearly good distilling variety with the potential to have a significant impact on grain distilling. Swallow achieved consistent high alcohol yields across all sites in 2021, as it has in every year of testing. Best distilling choice for alcohol yield currently on the RL.

SWRI on Swallow 2022

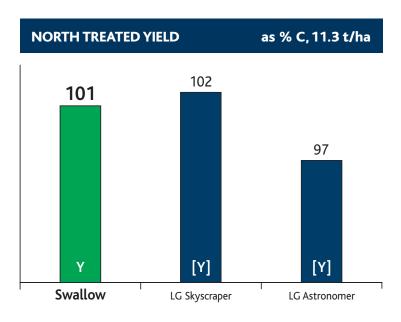
Swallow gave its expected performance producing high and consistent alcohol yields across the seven sites tested. A clearly Good variety for distilling.

GRAIN QUALITY	
Specific weight (kg/hl)	76.7
Hagberg Falling Number	269
Protein content %	11.1

AGRONOMICS	
Resistance to lodging (-PGR)	8
Resistance to lodging (+PGR)	9
Height without PGR (cm)	79
Ripening (days ± RGT Skyfall)	+1
Resistance to sprouting	[5]

Source: SWRI





DISEASE RESISTANCE	
Mildew	6
Yellow rust	6
Yellow rust (young plant)*	r
Brown rust	5
Septoria tritici	5.3
Eyespot	[4]
Fusarium	6
OWBM	R

AHDB Winter Wheat Recommended List 2023/24. Distilling ratings Y-suitable, [Y] may be suitable. *See AHDB RL for more information.

