

Wheat Storage and Impact on Quality

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- Effect of wheat storage Study around long term storage under commercial conditions



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Pilot milling properties of two commercially grown CWRS varieties obtained immediately following harvest, and at storage intervals of up to 30 months at 21°C and minus 15°C following harvest, were evaluated.

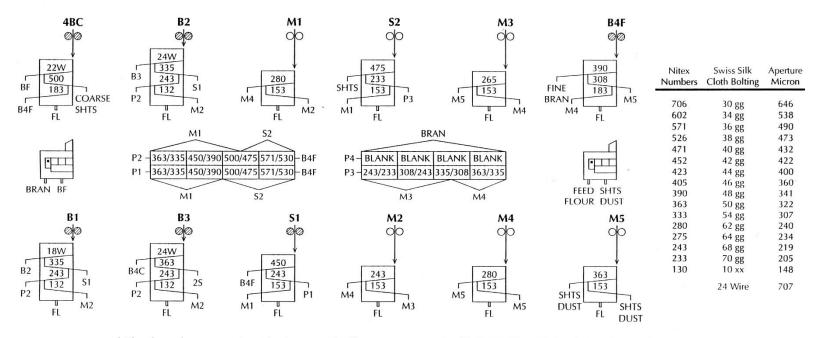


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Physical dough properties and baking properties of flour produced at each storage time were also tested. Flour from wheat stored for various times was also tested after storage for one month at 21°C to determine if short-term flour storage reduced processing differences associated with wheat storage time.

Grain Research Laboratory Pilot Mill • CWRS Mill Flow





- bridges the gap between experimental and commercial milling
- performs a harvest survey each fall to forecast the quality of the new crop for domestic and overseas customers
- used for market support to determine grading factors (eg. frost damage)
- all flour streams are collected individually from which many specialty flours can be made from a single milling
- equipped with GRL sifters with sloped sieves that provide 100% recovery of stocks
- equipped with disco transmissions that provide rapid and accurate settings of differentials
- equipped with humidity and temperature control to ensure repeatability



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Figure 1: Grain Research Pilot Mill Flow Diagram

Source: Canadian Grain Commission

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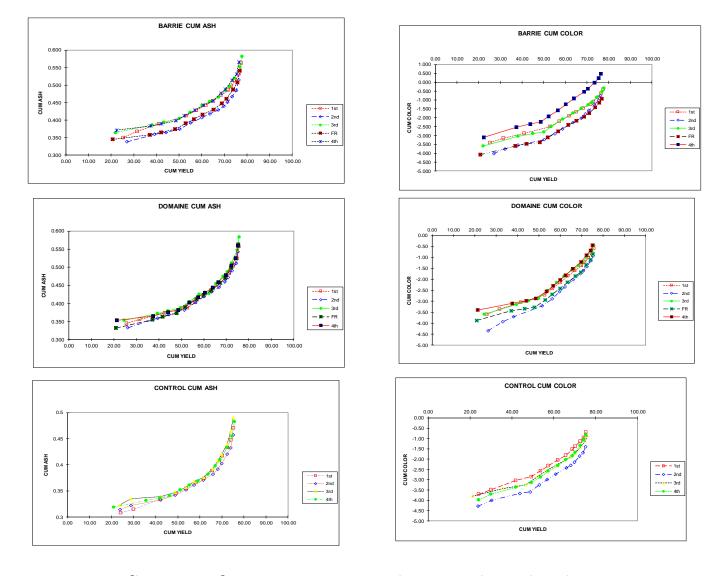


Figure 2: Influence of Storage on Cumulative Ash and Color

Effect of wheat storage conditions on milling properties



Table 1. Evaluation of Milling Performance with respect to Cumulative Ash Values

Wheat Samples	Barrie	Domaine	Control
Milling Performance			
Good	2 nd Milling	2 nd Milling	2 nd Milling
	5 th Milling	5 th Milling	1st Milling
	1 st Milling	1 st Milling	4 th Milling
	3 rd Milling	4 th Milling	3 rd Milling
Fair	4 th Milling	3 rd Milling	

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Table 2. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Farinograph Properties

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Wheat Storage	AC Barrie	AC Domaine
Freshly harvested		
Water absorption, %	61.1±0.3	61.8±0.1
Dough development time, %	5.1±0.1	4.1±0.1
Stability, min	7.8±0.3	6.3±0.3
Stored 6 weeks at 21°C		
Water absorption, %	60.5±0.0	61.7±0.2
Dough development time, %	5.6±0.4	4.4±0.3
Stability, min	9.0±0.0	7.3±0.3
Stored 9 months at 21°C		
Water absorption, %	61.4±0.3	62.1±0.2
Dough development time, %	5.7±0.7	4.7±0.2
Stability, min	9.5±0.5	6.8±0.3

Table 3. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Farinograph Properties



Stored 30 months at 21°C ²		
Water absorption, %	60.7	61.3
Dough development time, %	6.8	5.5
Stability, min	11.3	9.3
Stored 30 months at – 15°C ²		
Water absorption, %	61.7±0.1	62.2±0.5
Dough development time, %	5.0±0.0	4.3±0.3
Stability, min	7.0±0.0	5.8±0.3

Table 4. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Alveograph Properties

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Wheat Storage	AC Barrie	AC Domaine
Freshly harvested ¹		
Length, mm	157±3	159±5
P, height X 1.1, mm	63±3	59±3
W, X 10 ⁻⁴ J	299±5	219±11
Stored 6 weeks at 21°C¹		
Length, mm	138±22	154±2
P, height X 1.1, mm	71±1	63±2
W, X 10 ⁻⁴ J	317±32	251±10
Stored 9 months at 21°C¹		
Length, mm	142±9	147±1
Height, mm, %	79±2	79±3
W, X 10 ⁻⁴ J	370±37	299±9

Table 5. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Alveograph Properties



Stored 30 months at 21°C ²			
Length, mm	109	134	
Height, mm, %	93	82	
W, X 10 ⁻⁴ J	383	337	
Stored 30 months at – 15°C			
Length, mm	143±5	164±7	
Height, mm, %	71±3	64±1	
W, X 10 ⁻⁴ J	323±4	274±16	



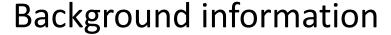
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- Minor fluctuations with respect to B! releas, flour stream distribution, flour yield, flour ash
 and flour grade color were observed during storage at 210c following harvest for two
 CWRS cultivars. They did not show simple relationship to duration of storage. AC Barrie
 showed greater fluctuations than AC Domaine during storage.
- Flour physical dough properties strengthened during storage at 21°C for up to 30 months
 with evidence of some moderate increase in strength observed only after six weeks of
 storage. No changes were observed during long term storage at minus 15°C.
- Storing flour for one month after milling at 21°C showed increase in dough strength but the dough strength still ranked according to storage time.
- Volume of CSP bread produced under lab conditions did not show much differences for wheat storage time nor for flour storage time. However increase in dough strength properties impart greater processing tolerances.



Effect of wheat storage – Study around long term storage under commercial conditions

Two old wheat samples stored in bins from two separate areas were brought for milling, analytical, rheological and baking quality evaluation. Lab milling of two commercially stored CWRS wheat lots representing two different regions were brought to CIGI.





- Long term stored wheat samples were tested in the past showing the following trend:
 - 1. High falling number and high amylograph peak viscosity
 - 2. Very strong dough properties
 - ➤ long development time
 - > Long stability and
 - ➤ Low MTI.
- Normal baking process produced poor loaf quality with lower loaf volumes, inferior internal and external characteristics



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- The storage study described earlier involved milder storage conditions in terms of temperature and humidity and storage space.
- A more comprehensive study was required to measure the quality changes and to evaluate overall impact on functionality.



Materials & Method

Two samples of wheat stored in commercial storage bins under two different ambient conditions were brought and tested along with a control sample for comparative quality evaluation.

Buhler lab milling, analytical and rheological tests were conducted using standard testing methods used at CIGI.



Table 6. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Wheat Quality

Parameters	CWRS sample stored under higher temperature	CWRS sample stored under moderate temperature	CWRS Control Sample
Test Weight, kg/hL	83.6	82.2	80.3
Protein content, %	14.0	14.2	13.9
Falling Number, sec	2250	553	386



Table 7. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Wheat and Milling Properties

Parameters	CWRS sample stored under higher temperature	CWRS sample stored under moderate temperature	CWRS Control Sample
Flour Yield, %	73.9	73.4	73.5
Ash Content, %	1.55	1.54	1.6
Particle Size Index,%	51	53	50





Figure 3: Buhler lab mill



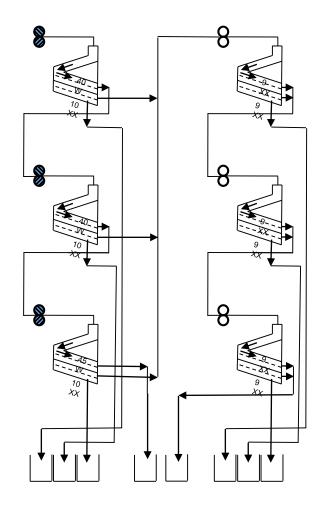


Figure 4: Buhler lab mill flow diagram



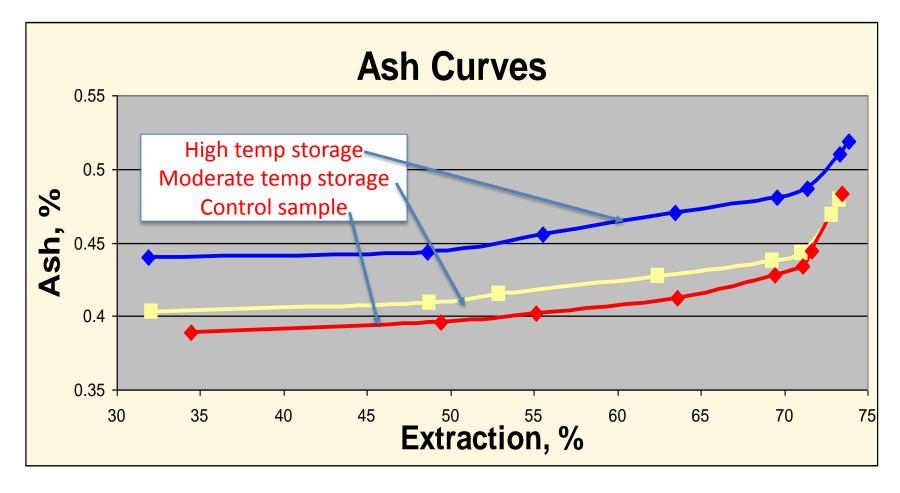


Figure 5: Influence of Storage on Cumulative Ash



Table 8. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Flour Quality

Parameters	CWRS sample stored under higher temperature	CWRS sample stored under moderate temperature	CWRS Control Sample
Protein Content (CNA), %	13.2	13.5	13.3
Wet Gluten, %	33.6	35.9	33.2
Ash Content, %	0.50	0.46	0.48

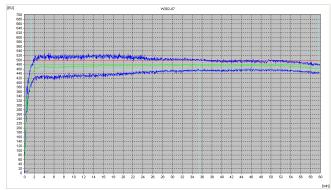


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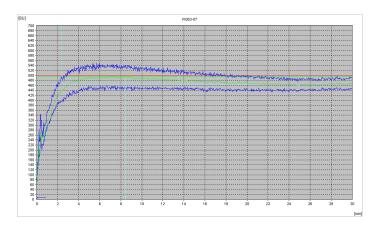
Parameters	CWRS sample stored under higher temperature	CWRS sample stored under moderate temperature	CWRS Control Sample
Minolta L* Colour a* b*	84.7 0.39 12.9	85.9 -0.16 12.6	86.6 -0.44 14.4
Starch Damage (SDmatic), UCD	17.2	18.3	15.8
Amylograph Peak Viscosity, BU	1260	880	760







CWRS Moderate Temp.



CWRS Control

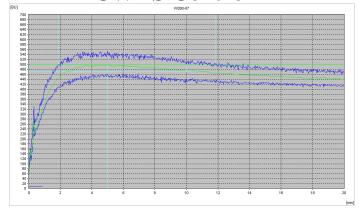


Figure 6: Influence of Storage on Farinograph curve



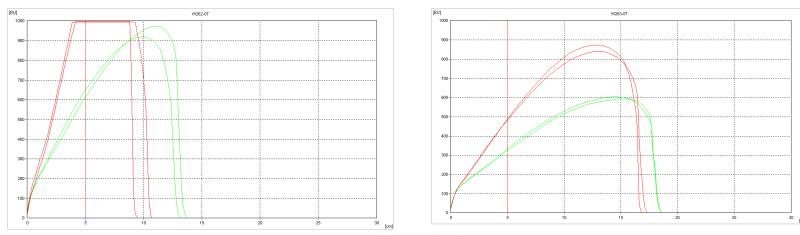
Table 10. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Farinograph

Parameters	CWRS sample stored under higher temperature	CWRS sample stored under moderate temperature	CWRS Control Sample
Absorption, %	61.4	60.3	60.6
Dough Development Time (DDT), min	35.5	8.5	5.0
Stability, min	58.4	20.0	9.9
Mixing Tolerance Index (MTI), BU	6	15	30



CWRS Moderate Temp.





CWRS Control

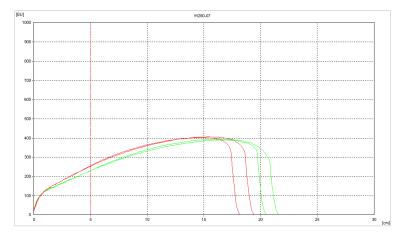


Figure 7: Influence of Storage on Extensograph curve



Table 11. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Extensograph

Parameters	CWRS sample stored under higher temperature	CWRS sample stored under moderate temperature	CWRS Control Sample
Rmax, BU	1000+	857	404
E, mm	101	171	188
A, cm2	134	178	100
Rmax/E	9.9	5.0	2.2



Table 12. Effect of Wheat Storage Conditions on Alveograph Properties

Parameters	CWRS sample stored under higher temperature	CWRS sample stored under moderate temperature	CWRS Control Sample
P, mm	159	105	90
L, mm	40	63	55
P/L	3.97	1.66	1.65
W (x 10E-4), J	286	274	217



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