

MYRONOSETS – A NEW PRODUCTIVE AND HIGH-PROTEIN WINTER TRITICALE CULTIVAR, ADAPTED TO THE WOODLANDS/FOREST-STEPPE AND FOREST-STEPPE OF UKRAINE

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We focus on the food and forage value of a relatively new crop - triticale, as well as on the peculiarities of the creation of new cultivar Myronosets (originators: VM Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat and Institute of Horticulture NAAS of Ukraine). Bioecological features and morphological characteristics of the new cultivar are presented, its grain yield and quality are characterized; quantitative data on the dough and bread qualities are summarized. The new triticale cultivar is compared with the best cultivars in terms of yield capacity, lodging resistance, in-spike germination and resistance to fungal diseases and unfavorable abiotic environmental factors. We analyzed the data of the state cultivar trials of Myronosets in 2019–2020. It was shown that this cultivar was lodging resistant, had high protein content and gave a high grain yield in the woodlands and Forest-Steppe of Ukraine. It was established that Myronosets was a source of the short stem. Hybridological analysis showed that in the hybrid combinations derived from Myronosets the plant height was inherited by different types. Negative overdominance (depression) was observed in 41.18% of the hybrid combinations under investigation; partial negative inheritance – in 23.53%; intermediate inheritance – in 17.65%; and partial positive dominance – in 17.65%. There were high levels of hypothetical (Ht, %) and true heterosis (Hbt, %) in the following combinations: T 14-1 × LCh/97 (-22.32 and -31.4, respectively); Urahan × LCh/97 (-16.95 and -37.1, respectively); Kornet × LCh/97 (-23.28 and -31.0, respectively); Kharroza × LCh/97 (-8.78 and -16.6, respectively). The Myronosets genotype possesses the wheat gene *Rht-B1b*, and it is assumed that the genotype of the new triticale cultivar carries the most convenient and significant for breeding dominant rye gene *Hl (Ddw1)*, which determines the short stem and is a homologue of the wheat dwarfism gene *Rht12*. This was confirmed by significant changes in the phenotype of F₁ hybrids, indicating that this gene has a wide pleiotropic effect: spike elongation, the increased numbers of flowers and grains in the main spike, a powerful root system, increased tillering coefficient, increased leaf area, etc. Therefore, we recommend including the new cultivar in breeding programs to create short-stemmed triticale cultivars that can avoid lodging, in particular when increased doses of nitrogen fertilizers are applied. In the article, we highlight that the new cultivar has other economically valuable characteristics, in particular, high lodging resistance (9 points), high shedding resistance (9 points), low spike brashness (9 points), resistance to in-spike germination (9 points), complex resistance to *Puccinia recondita* f. sp. *tritici* Rob. ex Desm (8.5 points), *Blumeria graminis* (DC.) Speer (9 points.), and *Fusarium graminearum* Schwabe (8.5 points), high resistance to the pest *Mayetiola destructor* Say (8.5 points), high frost tolerance and winter hardiness (9 points), high drought resistance (8.5–9 points). It is noteworthy that about 70% of plants survive the laboratory freezing (critical freezing temperature -18.3°C). The cultivar is resistant to spring and autumn frosts (9 points). The potential yield is > 7.5 t/ha. The average yield

is 5.7 t/ha in the forest-steppe – woodlands transition belt, 6.3 t/ha in the central forest-steppe, and 3.5 t/ha in the woodlands.

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Introduction. Triticale is a relatively new agricultural crop that combines the economically valuable characteristics of wheat and rye, has a number of potential benefits that have not yet been fully explored, as the multi-year breeding practice has not fully "polished diamond from graphite", the value of which, given the global climate fluctuations, will be in earnest realized by future generations, in particular in overcoming food and feed challenges. Therefore, the creation of new cultivars and hybrids always forces to resort to certain improvisational principles of selection of parent pairs for hybridization. Today, the main efforts in triticale breeding are aimed at improving bread-making qualities, including protein content, composition of essential amino acids, falling number, yield capacity, tolerance to high soil acidity and drought, resistance to phytopathogens, bacterial and viral diseases [1–6]. It is breeding for adaptability that allows successful combining consistently high yields, resistance to diseases and pests, and tolerance to major limiting environmental factors in one genotype.

Thus, the creation of new triticale genotypes, the potentials of which to some extent would meet the scientific and industrial needs will never lose its relevance.

Literature review and problem articulation. Scientific results on triticale have a long history, which is confirmed by significant achievements in plant biology, breeding and genetics [7–21]. Recent data [22] prove that nothogenus \times *Triticosecale* Wittmack ex A. Camus, 1927, belongs to the family Poaceae Barnhart, 1895, and includes the following species:

\times *Triticosecale neoblaringhemii* (A. Camus) Mackey, 2005 ($2n = 6x = 42$; AABBDD) [23, 24], or Blaringhem's hexaploid triticale, which originates from *Secale cereale \times *Triticum turgidum* crossing;*

\times *Triticosecale rimpaii* (M.Graebn.) Wittmack ex A.W.Hill, 1933 ($2n = 8x = 56$; AABBDDRR) [25], or Rimpau's octoploid triticale, which originated from *S. cereale \times *T. aestivum* crossing;*

\times *Triticosecale semisecale* (Mac Key) K.Hammer & A.Filatenko, 2010 ($2n = 4x = 28$; AABB) [26]. or semi-rye triticale, which, as VM Mezhenyky noted [27], was originally created by *T. monococcum \times *S. cereale* crossing and, basing on his literature review, the researcher assumed other possible ways of this species origination. A lot of researchers pointed out that hexaploid triticale was more productive [7-11].*

The current areal of this crop covers 5 continents (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. The triticale areal in the world (as of 2019) [28]

The global climate changes require reassessments of the sown area structure and of species and cultivar diversity of winter crops. It is winter crops, including triticale, have become a leading link in sustainable food production, as they have the highest yield potentials with genetic resistance to environmental limiting factors of a given region, pests and pathogens, which is of paramount importance in adaptive agriculture. Target-focused introduction of specific cultivars is another way to regulate the grain productivity of triticale. Therefore, due regard for the peculiarities of soil and climatic conditions of a given region upon introduction of one or another cultivar will enable complete fulfillment of its biopotential in terms of grain yield and quality.

Purpose and objectives – to create a new productive and high-protein cultivar of winter triticale, adapted to the woodlands/forest-steppe and forest-steppe of Ukraine.

Material and methods. The breeding work to create a new cultivar of triticale was continued at the Educational and Research Center of Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University in 2007–2017. The control and environmental trials were conducted in 2009–2019 in the woodlands (Polissya Institute of Agriculture NAAS (2007–2009); predecessor: seeded fallow), central forest-steppe (VM Remeslo Myronivska Institute of Wheat NAAS (2016–2019); forecrops: mustard, soybean, pea for seeds; Bila Tserkva NAU (2009–2016); predecessors: seeded fallow, potato), and northern Forest-Steppe (Institute of Horticulture NAAS (2016–2017); forecrop: perennial grasses). No plant protection measures were taken. The starting material was domestic and foreign triticale cultivars of different eco-geographical origin: Slavetne (UA), Pshenychne (UA), Chaian (UA), DAU 5 (UA), Urahan (UA), Ladne (UA), Rarytet (UA), Kharroza (UA), Poliske 7 (UA), Adas (BLR), Woltario (POL), Utro (BLR), Pigmai (POL), Triticale 64 (HUG), Kandar (SVK), Gorun 1 (ROM), Haduk (ROM, Prader (SV), AD 1668 (RU), PRAO 19 (RU), Kornet (RU) and others provided under negotiated agreement by the NCPGRU of the PPI nd.a. VYa Yuriev NAAS. Hybridization was performed by manual emasculation of female components. Plants were pollinated by the swirl method 2–3 days after emasculation. The breeding material was studied in compliance with the guidelines of the All-Union Research Institute of Plant Breeding [29] and the methodology of the State cultivar trials [30]. Data were statistically processed, as B.A. Dospekhov described [31], using Statistica-5.5 and Excel-2003 software.

Results and discussion. The joint work of Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University and Nosivka Breeding Research Station of the VM Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat NAAS in 2008 in interspecific hybridization within the notogenus \times *Triticosecale* and double individual selection from F₂–F₄ hybrid populations derived from crossing (♀ Avhusto \times ♂ Yahuar) \times ♂ K9844/93 followed by repeated improving selections in F₁₀ allowed us to distinguish the best line, LCh97, which was later named as cultivar Myronosets. The new genotype is hexaploid, belongs to the *erythrospermum* variety. As to the growing period, it is mid-late (the growing period is 296 days). As to the growth habit, it is a winter cultivar. The identifying traits of this genotype are as follows: a sprawling bush, moderate anthocyanin pigmentation of coleoptiles and leaves, dark green leaves, a wide flag leaf, no anthocyanin pigmentation of spikes, wax bloom on the flag leaf sheath, anthocyanin pigmentation of awns; the flag leaf blade length is medium (16.7 cm), its width is medium (1.8 cm); the second leaf length is 26.4 cm, its width is 1.5 cm; no bluish wax bloom on spikes (Fig. 2).

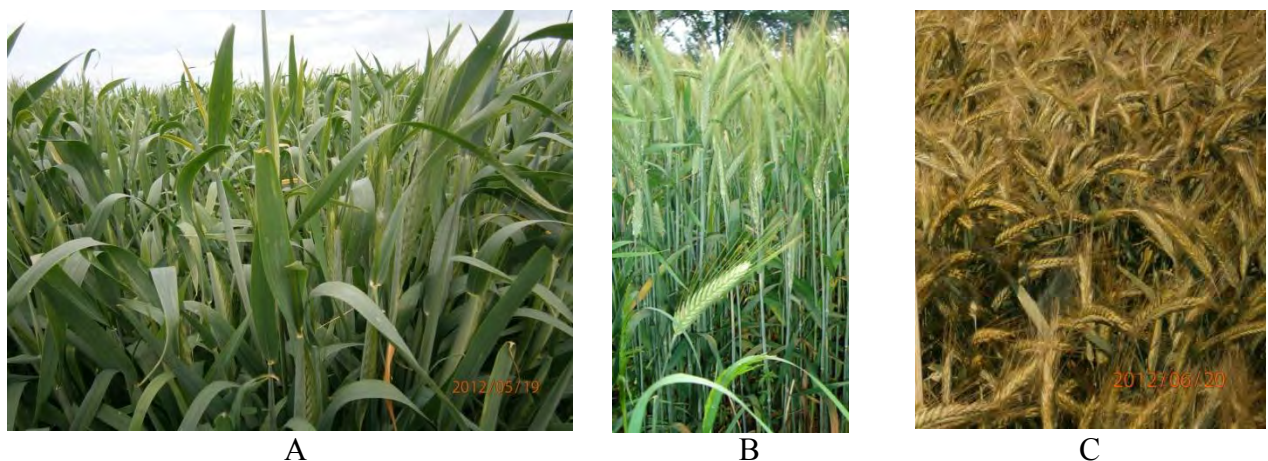


Fig. 2. Plants of the LCh/97 line – different phases of development: A – earing onset; B – milky ripeness onset; B – milky-wax ripeness

The stem pubescence intensity below the spike is moderate. The plant is mid-tall (94.8 cm, low stems). There are awns along the entire length of the spike; awns are long relative to the spike; the length of the keel tooth of the lower glume is 9–13 mm; the second tooth of the lower glume is absent; the lower glume keel is distinct to its base; there is no pubescence of the outer surface of the lower glume; the spike is red and dense; the spike length without awns is medium (13.4 cm); the spike width is medium (1.6 cm); the spike is pyramid-shaped (Fig. 2); the straw is hollow in cross section and is strong without a zigzag below the spike. The average number of flowers per spike is 3–4, and, as a rule, three of them are fertile. The caryopsis is elongated, light brown, slightly wrinkled, and medium in size. The 1000-grainsweight is 45.7 g; the test weight is 688.5 g/L.

The LCh/97 line was distinguished due to its performance, high lodging, and shedding resistance, low spike brashness, resistance to in-spike germination, complex resistance to *P. recondita* f. sp. *tritici* Rob. ex Desm, *B. graminis* (DC.) Speer, and *F. graminearum* Schwabe, high resistance to the pest *Mayetiola destructor* Say, high frost tolerance and winter hardiness, drought resistance (8.5–9 points), about 70% survival after freezing in the laboratory (critical freezing temperature -18.3°C), resistance to spring and autumn frosts (9 points) and potential yields of over 7.5 t/ha, with the average grain yields of 5.7 t/ha, > 6 t/ha and > 3 t/ha in the Forest-Steppe – Woodlands transition belt, central Forest-Steppe and Woodlands, respectively (Fig. 3).



Fig. 3. Spike, spike parts and caryopsis of the winter triticale line LCh/97

Trials of the new cultivar showed that the spikelet number per spike and the grains number in the main spike in the cultivar of Myronosets are comparable to those in the best varieties (Ladne, AD 256, Dorena, Slavetne, etc.). There is a significant difference in the spike density (28.5 spikelets per 10 cm of spike), indicating that the cultivar has a denser spike, with a better harvest index.

In the central Forest-Steppe, if seeds were sown at a recommended seeding rate (4.5 million seeds/ha) within the optimal timeframe, shoots are even. It should be noted that the lower (by 3–5°) air temperature during germination related to the optimum, the deeper the tillering node is located, and, due to this, strong primary shoots and later strong secondary shoots appear. In turn, the tillering node forms its root tier, resulting in a larger mass of the root system, and more powerful root system is more able to provide the plant with the necessary reserve to adapt to the winter-spring period. On average for 2008–2016, the LCh/97 line gave a yield of 5.33 t/ha, which is 0.23 t/ha less than that from AD 256 (Fig. 4). It was found that the high grain productivity of the LCh/97 line was attributed to the increased number of productive stems per 1 m² (523 stems), the high number of grains per spike, etc.

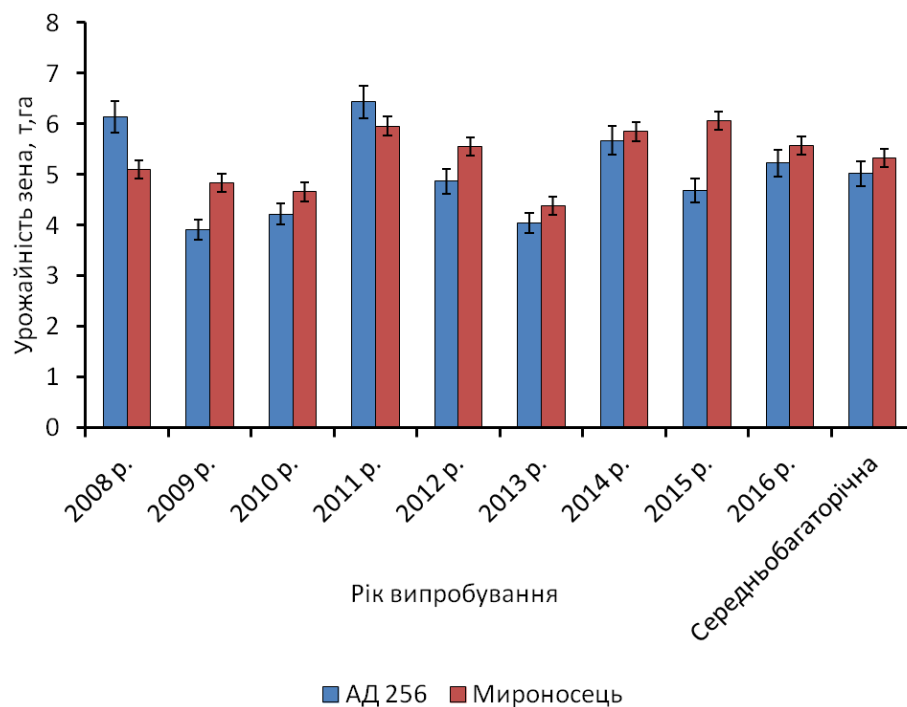


Fig. 4. Grain yield from the winter triticale line LCh/97 in the central forest-steppe over the years

The optimal seeding depth for the new cultivar sown in light loamy chernozem of the forest-steppe is 3–4 cm; in sod-podzolic sandy-loam soil – 5–6 cm; due to drought the seeding depth should be increased by 1.5–2 cm. Rolling should be carried out with a star-wheeled roller KKS-6 before and after sowing. In 2008 and 2009, the seeding depth was 6–7 cm, and under the arid conditions during the autumn periods of these years, LCh/97 plants formed shoots from dormant buds of the embryonic node during the growing period, and after the first shoot appearance secondary and tertiary shoots emerge, indicating a high adaptability to unfavorable conditions, including water deficit in soil. This feature is also important when rapid production of seeds is needed. In addition, it is important for competition with weeds and "autumn" pests, resistance to anomalies during the winter-spring period, and, most important, for a high yield of grain, mainly due to lateral shoots.

The results of the study conducted in the experimental field of the Educational and Research Center of Bila Tserkva NAU (forest-steppe) showed that if seeds were sown within the optimal timeframe (September 20–25), 2 productive and 3–4 unproductive stems appeared, and the grain yield from the new cultivar increased by 25%. When sown later, plants had 1 productive stem and 5–6 unproductive ones, which account for up to 45% of the grain yield. Similar findings were noted by other researchers. It was also found that the LCh/97 fields were able to get rid of extra shoots under the influence of extreme biotic and abiotic factors, leaving 3–4 (sometimes 1–2) fruiting stems, often 1–3 stems with underdeveloped spikes and 1–2 unfertile stems without spikes, which form a radical rosette.

In the Woodlands/Forest-Steppe zone (Nosivka Breeding Research Station of Myronivka Institute of Wheat NAAS), the LCh/97 line gave an average grain yield of 4.8 t/ha and was noticeable for complex field resistance to powdery mildew, speckled leaf blotch, brown rust, and head blight (8–9 points).

In the framework of scientific cooperation with the Plant Production Institute named after V.Ya. Yuriev NAAS, we managed to find out that the total vitreousness the LCh/97 grain was 10%; the protein content – 12.9%; the crude gluten content – 27.9%; the dough resilience (P) – 52 mm; the dough extensibility (L) – 47 mm; the P/L ratio – 1.1; the flour strength (W) – 92; the elasticity index (Le) – 33%; the loaf volume – 392 mL per 100 g of flour. The scores of bread made from flour of this line were as follows (in points): surface – 5; shape – 3; crust color – 5; the total score – 5 (Fig. 5).



Fig. 5. Appearance of bread from winter triticale cultivars and lines: 1 – Vivat Nosivske; 2 – Slavetne; 3 – Slavetne; 4 – Strateh; 5 – LCh/97; 6 – Pshenychne; 7 – Karlyk

The crumb porosity in bread from the LCh/97 line was 5 points; the crumb color score – 3 points; the crumb elasticity score – 5 points, and the total bread-making score – 4.9 points (Table 1).

Table 1

The quality indicators of grain, dough and bread from winter triticale cultivars and lines

Cultivar/Line	Test weight, g/L	Protein content in grain, %	Crude gluten content, %	Gluten quality (GDI)	Gluten quality class	Dough resilience (P), mm	Dough extensibility (L), mm	Flour strength (W)	Loaf volume, mL/100 g of flour	Overall appearance of bread, points				Crumb porosity, points	Crumb color, points	Crumb elasticity, points	Total bread-making score, points
										Crust	Shape	Crust color	Total score				
Vivate Nosivske	712	10.9	24.5	85	II	69	19	76	480	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9.0
Slavetne	716	11.7	21.5	95	II	65	24	72	430	5	9	7	7	9	9	9	8.6
Slavetne	718	11.5	20.1	94	II	55	34	72	460	9	9	9	9	9	7	7	8.2
Strateh	710	10.6	24.5	120	III	48	25	46	390	5	7	7	6.8	5	7	5	6.1
LCh/97	612	13.2	27.5	119	III	52	47	92	392	5	3	5	4.3	5	3	5	4.9
Pshenychne	644	11.2	23.8	84	II	71	22	81	410	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	5.4
Karlyk	708	10.2	20.5	118	III	59	43	111	440	5	7	7	6.3	5	5	5	6.1

Table 1 shows that the LCh/97 line is superior to the other accessions in terms of protein and gluten contents in grain (for example, Slavetne and Strateh): the difference is 14.8–24.5 and 12.2–34.1%, respectively, although it is inferior to them in terms of the dough and bread qualities.

The study conducted in the northern Forest-Steppe of Ukraine demonstrated that the new triticale cultivar of Myronosets was responsive to high doses of mineral fertilizers and gave high grain yield (+ 10–45% compared to other triticale and rye cultivars, depending on sowing time) (Table 2).

Table 2

The grain yield from Myronosets in comparison with other triticale, rye and wheat cultivars, g/m², northern Forest-Steppe (Institute of Horticulture NAAS), average for 2017–2020

Sowing time	Cultivar	Treatment				
		Without fertilizers (control)	(NPK) ₃₀	(NPK) ₆₀	(NPK) ₉₀	(NPK) ₁₂₀
20 September	AD 256	961.5	1110.3	1096.5	1184.7	703.5
	Myronosets	788.3	839.7	1315.1	1446.6	1607.2
	Slavetne	880.7	994.5	1106.7	1744.1	421.8
	Borotba*	482.5	652.9	722.6	915.5	612.7
	Yuvivata 60**	345.0	375.6	403.5	747.3	851.5
	Smuhlianka**	412.6	545.8	488.0	823.9	814.4
	<i>LSD</i> ₀₅	63.2	70.0	79.6	112.6	77.7
30 September	AD 256	664.6	920.5	961.6	1276.2	913.6
	Myronosets	601.5	783.2	1065.0	1295.0	1694.1
	Slavetne	717.5	1022.7	1007.4	1065.3	637.4
	Borotba*	629.7	638.3	942.7	891.5	711.8
	Yuvivata 60**	440.1	465.9	718.1	955.0	1063.2
	Smuhlianka**	356.4	378.5	491.8	563.3	934.7
	<i>LSD</i> ₀₅	52.8	65.2	80.4	93.8	92.3
10 October	AD 256	572.5	714.9	840.3	1128.6	817.3
	Myronosets	475.4	656.8	687.5	865.9	1055.3
	Slavetne	471.5	662.2	909.0	833.5	761.0
	Borotba*	450.3	656.7	597.9	840.1	659.4
	Yuvivata 60**	510.0	527.4	659.5	693.2	711.7
	Smuhlianka**	493.5	467.2	536.4	579.6	623.0
	<i>LSD</i> ₀₅	46.1	57.1	71.8	76.6	71.8

* – winter rye; ** – winter wheat.

In 2016–2017, within the framework of the agreement on joint scientific cooperation between Bila Tserkva NAU, V.M. Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat of NAAS and the Institute of Horticulture of NAAS, the winter triticale line LCh/97 (as a prototype cultivar Myronosets) passed a variety pre-trial in the central and northern Forest-Steppe. Positive results in 2017 gave grounds to submit it (under the name of Myronosets) to the State variety trials (Application No 17022009 dated 21/12/2017). The authors of the cultivar: Demydov OA, Hrynyk IV, Moskalets VI, Moskalets VM, Khomenko SO, Siroshtan AA, Voloshchuk SI, Moskalets TZ, Moskalets VV. The owners of the cultivar: VM Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat of NAAS of Ukraine and the Institute of Horticulture of NAAS of Ukraine.

The results of the 2019 trial (letter of the Ukrainian Institute of Plant Variety Examination No 45-3-10-3/1587 dated 18/09/19 to the V.M. Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat of NAAS) showed that the yield from Myronosets exceeded the average yield from the cultivars that had passed the state registration within the previous 5 years in the Forest-Steppe and Woodlands by 0.44 t/ha and 0.67 t/ha, respectively.

The results of the 2020 trial (letter of the Ukrainian Institute of Plant Variety Examination No 45-3-10-2/2592 dated 11/09/20 to the V.M. Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat of NAAS) demonstrated that the yield from this cultivar exceeded the average yield by 0.2 t/ha in the Woodlands.

Analyzing the yield data obtained in the 2019–2020 State variety trials, we found that the yield from Myronosets was higher than the average yield from the cultivars that had passed the state registration within the previous 5 years in the Forest-Steppe and Woodlands: in the Chernihivska

Oblast – by 0.77 t/ha, in the Rivnenska Oblast – by 0.41 t/ha, in the Volynska Oblast – by 0.1 t/ha, in the Ivano-Frankivskska Oblast – 0.64 t/ha, in the Ternopilka Oblast – by 2.6 t/ha, and in the Sumka Oblast – by 0.75 t/ha (Fig. 6).

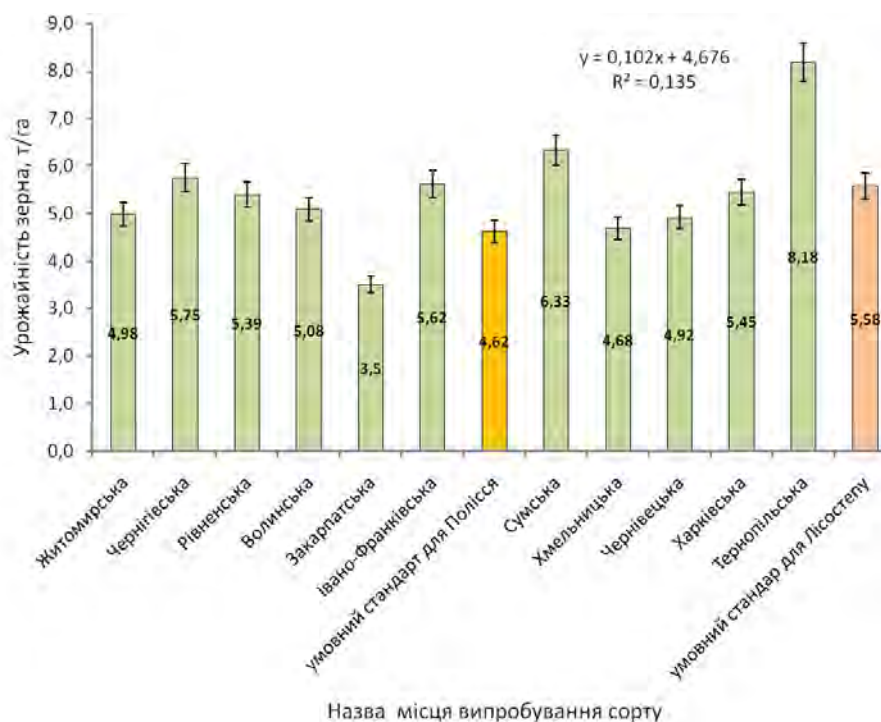


Fig. 6. The average grain yield from winter triticale Myronosets in the Oblasts of Ukraine based on the results of the state variety trials in 2019–2020: conditional check cultivars for the Woodlands and Forest-Steppe (orange and pink columns in the picture) – the yields from the cultivars that had passed the state registration within the previous 5 years in the Forest-Steppe and Woodlands based on the results of the state variety trials

It should be noted that Myronosets was highly resistant to lodging; the average plant height was 94.4 cm and 95.4 in the Forest-Steppe and Woodlands of Ukraine, respectively; the range across the country was 81.5–110.5 cm (Fig. 7).

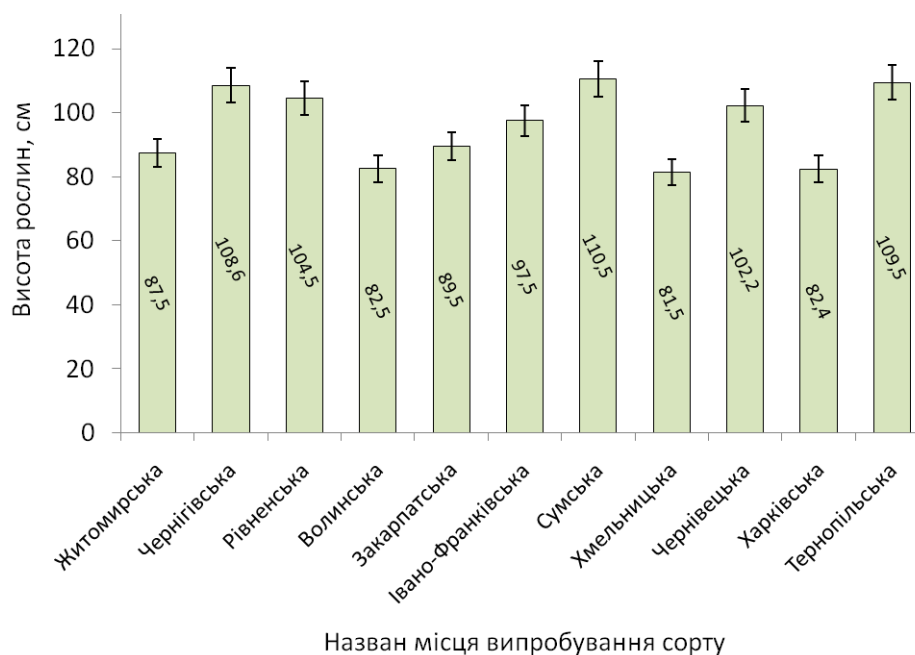


Fig. 7. The average height of winter triticale Myronosets plants in the Oblasts of the country, results of the 2019–2020 state variety trials

Analysis of the state variety trial data showed that in the woodlands the protein content in Myronosets grain fluctuated within 12.7% in 2019 (Chernihivska and Ivano-Frankivsksa Oblasts), 14.3% (Rivnenska Oblast) and 14.9% (Zhytomyrska Oblast). In the Forest-Steppe this parameter fluctuated within 10.8% (Khmelnyska Oblast), 11.2% (Kharkivska Oblast), 13.1% (Chernihivska Oblast) and 14.9% (Sumska Oblast). In 2020 in the Woodlands – 12.2% (Zhytomyrska Oblast), 12.3% (Ivano-Frankivska Oblast), 13.7% (Zakarpatska Oblast), and 14.1% (Chernihivska Oblast); in the Forest-Steppe – 9.2% (Kharkivska Oblast), 10.7% (Chernivetska Oblast), 13.5% (Khmelnyska Oblast), and 16.1% (Sumska Oblast) (Fig. 8).

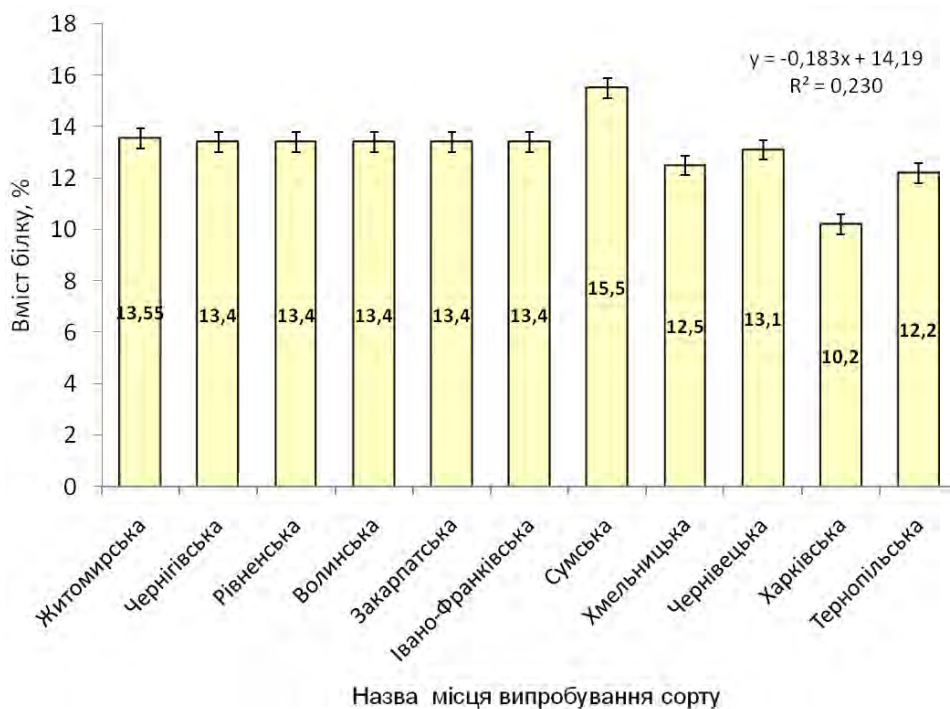


Fig. 8. The average protein content in winter triticale Myronosets grain in the Oblasts of the country based on the results of the state variety trials in 2019–2020

The data indicate that winter triticale Myronosets is a mid-protein cultivar.

In 2021, Myronosets was included in the State Register of Plant Varieties suitable for cultivation in the Woodlands and Forest-Steppe of Ukraine [32].

It is known that to strengthen the competitiveness of triticale one cultivar has to combine high performance of plants, short stems, high bread-making scores, and complex resistance to unfavorable environmental factors [18]. In our opinion, this was achieved in Myronosets, which can serve as a model cultivar.

It should be noted that Myronosets is a source of the short stem. Hybridological analysis of populations obtained via hybridization in the northern Forest-Steppe (Institute of Horticulture NAAS) showed that in F₁ from crossing tall accessions with Myronosets (LCh/97) the "plant height" trait was depressed in comparison with the parents. However, different types of inheritance were observed in hybrid combinations originating from LCh/97. Negative overdominance (depression) was observed in 41.18% of all the combinations; partial negative inheritance – in 23.53%; intermediate inheritance – in 17.65%; and partial positive dominance – in 17.65%. In 10 of the presented combinations (Table 3), high levels of hypothetical (Ht, %) and true heterosis (Hbt, %) were noted: T 14-1 × LCh/97 – -22.32 and -31.4; Hurricane × Champions League / 97 – -16.95 and -37.1; Cornet × Champions League / 97 – -23.28 and -31.0, respectively; Kharroza × LCh/97 – -8.78 and -16.6, respectively. Thus, the phenotypic changes in the traits in F₁ hybrids indicate that at the genetic level, the values of the "plant height" trait predominate not only the additive type of gene interaction, but also others, which is seen as its negative dominance and overdominance. The average values of negative hypothetical and true heterosis (-7.0 and -15.1, respectively), with a

medium phenotypic dominance in the hybrid combinations (0.76) indicate the presence of recessive gene alleles reducing the plant height in the new genotype, Myronosets (or LCh/97 line) (Table 3).

Table 3

Degrees of heterosis and phenotypic dominance for the "plant height" trait in F₁ winter triticale hybrids derived from the LCh/97 line, 2017

Cultivar, line, hybrid combination	P1	P2	F ₁	Ht,%	Hbt, %	hp*	MP	BP
Rarytet × LCh/97	115.2	92.5	107.0	3.03	-8.5	0.24	103.85	117.1
T 14-1 × LCh /97	107.6	92.5	75.5	-22.32	-31.4	-2.47	100.05	110.0
Urahan × LCh /97	168.7	94.5	109.3	-16.95	-37.1	-0.53	131.6	173.8
Polianske × LCh /97	100.3	91.8	92.1	-4.11	-9.3	-0.72	96.05	101.5
Kornet × LCh /97	108.5	90.4	76.3	-23.28	-31.0	-2.10	99.45	110.5
Atlet × LCh /97	105.7	91.5	80.5	-18.36	-25.1	-2.03	98.6	107.5
Prader × LCh /97	90.7	94.3	102	10.27	-0.5	0.95	92.5	102.5
Kandar × LCh /97	103.8	95.2	81.5	-18.09	-22.7	-3.0	99.5	105.5
AD 1668 × LCh /97	112.5	94.4	85.6	-17.25	-25.3	-1.60	103.45	114.6
PRAO 19 × LCh /97	110.7	93.9	110	7.53	-4.9	0.57	102.3	115.7
Amur × LCh /97	95.5	93.5	80.5	-14.81	-17.7	-4.24	94.5	97.8
Ticino × LCh /97	109.3	90.5	120	20.12	-4.6	0.78	99.9	125.8
Kharroza × LCh /97	110.4	93.5	93	-8.78	-16.6	-0.94	101.95	111.5
Slavetne × LCh /97	113.4	92.5	85.5	-16.95	-26.1	-1.37	102.95	115.7
LCh /97 × Slavetne	90.5	114.5	103.5	0.98	8.5	-0.14	102.5	95.4
Pshenychne × LCh /97	99.7	92.5	95.6	-0.52	-6.7	-0.08	96.1	102.5
LCh /97 × Pshenychne	92.8	101.6	97.5	0.31	2.1	-0.18	97.2	95.5

* hp – degree of dominance; F₁ – arithmetic mean for a F₁ hybrid; MP – arithmetic mean for the both parents; BP – arithmetic mean of a parent with the maximum expression of the trait.

Previous studies indicate that the Myronosets genotype carries the wheat gene *Rht-B1b* [33], which causes a decrease in the plant height by 15–17% and increase in the yield by ≤20%. It is known that the allele *Rht-B1b* resulted from mutation of the wild-type allele *Rht-B1a* (which is an ortholog of the Arabidopsis GAI gene and encodes the DELLA protein, which consists of the N-terminal domain responsive to gibberellic acid (GA) and C-terminal region functioning as a repressor [gene expression inhibitor] the GA signal) [34, 35]. One pair of nucleotides was replaced, and the stop codon TAG appeared downstream from the translation initiation site [35], resulting in the DELLA protein with a shortened N-terminus. This disrupts the GA-GID1-DELLA interaction and subsequent degradation of the DELLA protein [36]. In addition to wheat genes, we assume that the genotype of the new triticale cultivar carries the most convenient and important for breeding dominant the rye gene *Hl* (*Ddw1*) determining the short stem, which is a homologue of the wheat gene *Rht12* of dwarfness [37, 38], located on the long arm of chromosome 5R [39] and closely linked to the microsatellite locus REMS1218 discovered by Volodymyr Kobylanskyi in 1972 [40] in a natural mutant rye EM-1. Our assumption about the presence of the gene *Hl* in Myronosets was confirmed by significant changes in the phenotypes of F₁ hybrids. They indicate that this gene has a wide pleiotropic effect: an increased spike length, increased numbers of flowers and grains in the main spike, a strong root system, increased coefficient of tillering, increased leaf surface, etc. [40]. Therefore, the new cultivar is expedient to include in breeding for developing short-stemmed cultivars to prevent triticale lodging, in particular at high doses of nitrogen fertilizers.

It should be noted that a decrease in the height in hybrid plants was observed in reverse crosses. It is noteworthy that, when cultivars Polianske, AD 1668, Kandar, Kharroza, Slavetne, PRAO 19, etc. were crossed with the LCh/97 line, partial negative inheritance and negative dominance were observed for the traits of "spike length", "grain weight from the main spike", "grain number in the main spike", "upper internode length", and "grain weight per plant". Therefore,

to create new high-yielding and lodging resistant winter triticale cultivars, we recommend using Myronosets as a parent, as there is a high probability of selection of short-stemmed and productive accessions.

Therefore, to overcome the problem of tall triticale in breeding, Myronosets can be used in crossing as a parent or a donor (source of genetic material for recombination in the recipient genome). Hybrids originated from Myronosets had shortened stems, increased lodging resistance, increased number of flowers, spikelets and grains per spike, augmented pollen fertility, which, as it was reported in [41], occurs due to enhanced influx of assimilates during the spike formation.

In the future, we are planning to continue studying genes that regulate plant height in Myronosets, to develop molecular markers for their identification as well as to apply and validate these markers for hexaploid triticale.

Conclusions. The new triticale cultivar of Myronosets gives a high yield of over 7.5 t/ha, is resistance to lodging, shedding, spike brashness, and in-spike germination, shows complex resistance to *P. recondita* f. sp. *tritici* Rob. ex Desm, *B. graminis* (DC.) Speer, and *F. graminearum* Schwabe, and to the pest *Mayetiola destructor* Say, highly frost tolerant, winter hardy, drought resistant (8.5-9 points). About 70% of plants survive after freezing in the laboratory at -18.3°. The cultivar is also resistant to spring and autumn frosts (9 points). Myronosets plants are able to regulate their performance under the influence of unfavorable extreme bio- and abiotic factors.

The qualification examination showed that Myronosets was a mid-protein cultivar (13.5% of protein in grain). The cultivar is recommended for growing in the Woodlands and Forest-Steppe. In addition, Myronosets is valuable for combination breeding as a source of the short stem.

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МИРОНОСЕЦЬ – НОВИЙ ПРОДУКТИВНИЙ І ВИСОКОБІЛКОВИЙ СОРТ ТРИТИКАЛЕ ОЗИМОГО, АДАПТОВАНИЙ ДО УМОВ ПОЛІСЬКО-ЛІСОСТЕПОВОГО І ЛІСОСТЕПОВОГО ЕКОТОПІВ УКРАЇНИ

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Мета і задачі дослідження – створити новий продуктивний і високобілковий сорт тритикале озимого, адаптований до полісько-лісостепового і лісостепового екотопу України.

Матеріал та методика. Селекційну роботу зі створення нового різноманіття тритикале продовжували виконувати в навчально-науковому дослідному центрі Білоцерківського національного аграрного університету впродовж 2007–2017 рр. Контрольне та екологічне випробування проведено впродовж 2009–2019 рр. в умовах Полісся (Інститут сільського господарства Полісся НААН (2007–2009 рр.; попередники: зайнятий пар), Центрального

Лісостепу (Миронівський інститут пшениці імені В.М. Ремесла НААН (2016-2019 рр.; попередники: гірчиця, соя, горох на насіння; Білоцерківський НАУ (2009-2016 рр.; попередники: зайнятий пар, картопля), Північного Лісостепу (Інститут садівництва НААН» (2016-2017 рр.; попередники: багаторічні трави). Засоби захисту рослин не застосовували. Вихідним матеріалом були сорти різного еколого-географічного походження вітчизняної і зарубіжної селекції – тритикале: Славетне (UA), Пшеничне (UA), Чаян (UA), ДАУ 5 (UA), Ураган (UA), Ладне (UA), Паритет (UA), Харроза (UA), Поліське 7 (UA), Адаць (BLR), Woltario (POL), Утро (BLR), Pigmai (POL), Triticale 64 (HUG), Kandar (SVK), Gorun 1 (ROM), Haduk (ROM, Prader (SV), АД 1668 (RU), ПРАО 19 (RU), Корнет (RU) та ін. наданого на договірній основі НЦГРРУ ІР ім. Юр'єва НААН. Гібридизацію виконували способом ручної кастрації материнських компонентів та запилення «твел-методом» через 2–3 доби після кастрації. Вивчення селекційного матеріалу проводили згідно методичних вказівок ВІР та методики Державного сортовипробування [30]. Математично-статистичну обробку даних проводили за Б.О. Доспеховим та з використанням комп'ютерних програм Statistica-5.5 та Excel-2003.

Обсуждение результатов. В умовах центрального Лісостепу в 2008 р. методом межсортової гібридизації в межах нотороду *×Triticosecale* і дворазовим індивідуальним добором з гібридної популяції, отриманої від схрещування (Августо х Ягуар) х К9844/93, в F₂–F₄ і повторними поліпшувальними відборами в F₁₀ виділено кращу лінію ЛЧ/97 (сорт Мироносець).

Показано, що новий сорт тритикале характеризується високою врожайністю – біля 7,5 т/га, при середній урожайності зерна в умовах перехідної зони Лісостеп-Полісся – 5,7 т/га, центрального Лісостепу – 6,3 т/га та Полісся – 3,5 т/га, високою стійкістю до вилягання, обсіпання, ламкості колоса, проростання зерна в колосі, комплексною стійкістю до ураження збудниками бурої листової іржі, борошнистої роси, фузаріозу колоса та пошкодження рослин гесенською мухою, високою морозо- та зимостійкістю, посухостійкістю (8,5–9 балів), зимостійкістю за штучного проморожування – близько 70 % (критична температура вимерзання -18,3° С), стійкістю до весняних і осінніх заморозків – на рівні 9 балів.

Установлено, що рослини сорту Мироносець здатні регулювати свою продуктивність під впливом аномальних біотичних та абіотичних факторів середовища, залишаючи 3–4 (зрідка 1–3 шт.) продуктивних стебла, часто 1–3 стебла з недорозвинутим колосом і 1–2 підсіди (стебел без колоса).

Висновки. За даними кваліфікаційної експертизи зерно сорту Мироносець відноситься до середньобілкових (13,5%). Сорт рекомендовано до вирощування в зонах Полісся і Лісостепу. Окрім цього, сорт Мироносець є цінним для комбінаційної селекції як джерело короткостеблості.

Ключові слова: тритикале озиме гексаплоїдного рівня, новий сорт, агроекологічна та господарська характеристика, донор короткостеблості.

МИРОНОСЕЦ – НОВЫЙ ПРОИЗВОДИТЕЛЬНЫЙ И ВЫСОКОБЕЛКОВЫЙ СОРТ ТРИТИКАЛЕ ОЗИМОГО, АДАПТИРОВАННЫЙ К УСЛОВИМ ПОЛЕССКО-ЛЕСОСТЕПНОГО И ЛЕСОСТЕПНОГО ЭКОТОПОВ УКРАИНЫ

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Цель и задачи исследования – создать новый производительный и высокобелковый сорт тритикале озимого, адаптированный к условиям полесско-лесостепного и лесостепного экотипов Украины.

Материалы и методика. Селекционную работу по созданию нового многообразия тритикале продолжали выполнять в учебно-научном исследовательском центре Белоцерковского национального аграрного университета в течение 2007–2017 гг. Контрольное и экологическое испытание проведено в течение 2009–2019 гг. в условиях Полесья (Институт сельского хозяйства Полесья НААН, 2007–2009 гг.; предшественники: занятый пар), Центральной Лесостепи (Мироновский институт пшеницы имени В.Н. Ремесла НААН, 2016–2019 гг.; предшественники: горчица, соя, горох на семена; Белоцерковский НАУ, 2009–2016 гг.; предшественники: занят пар, картофель), Северной Лесостепи (Институт садоводства НААН, 2016–2017 гг.; предшественники: многолетние травы). Минеральные удобрения и средства защиты растений не применяли. Гибридизацию выполняли способом ручной кастрации материнских компонентов и запыленности «твэл-методом» через 2–3 суток после кастрации. Изучение селекционного материала проводили согласно методических указаний ВИР и методики Государственного сортоиспытания. Математически-статистическую обработку данных осуществляли по Б.А. Доспехову и с использованием компьютерных программ Statistica-5.5 и Excel-2003.

Обсуждение результатов. В условиях центральной Лесостепи в 2008 методом межсортовой гибридизации в пределах ноторода × *Triticosecale* и двукратным индивидуальным отбором из гибридной популяции, полученной от скрещивания (♀ Августо × ♂ Ягуар) × ♂ К9844 / 93 позволили в F₂–F₄ и повторными улучшающими отборами в F₁₀, выделить лучшую линию ЛЧ / 97 (сорт Мироносець).

Показано, что новый сорт тритикале характеризуется высокой урожайностью – более 7,5 т / га, при средней урожайности зерна в условиях переходной зоны Лесостепи-Полесье – 5,7 т / га, центральной Лесостепи – 6,3 т / га и Полесье – 3,5 т / га, высокой устойчивостью к полеганию, осыпанию, ломкости колоса, прорастанию зерна в колосе, комплексной устойчивостью к поражению возбудителями бурой листовой ржавчины, мучнистой росы, фузариоза колоса и повреждения растений гессенской мухой, высокой морозо-, зимо-, засухоустойчивостью (8,5–9 баллов). При искусственном промораживании тритикале при температуре минус 18,3 °С выживает около 70% растений. Сорт характеризуется также высокой устойчивостью к весенним и осенним заморозкам (9 баллов).

Установлено, что растения сорта Мироносець способны регулировать свою производительность при воздействии аномальных биотических и абиотических факторов окружающей среды, оставляя 3–4 (реже 1–3 шт.) плодonoсящих стеблей, часто 1–3 стеблей с недоразвитым колосом и 1–2 подседа (стеблей без колоса), которые формируют прикорневую розетку.

Выводы. По данным государственного сортоиспытания зерно сорта Мироносець содержит 12,7–13,5% белка и рекомендован для выращивания в агроэкосистемах Полесья и Лесостепи. Установлено, что сорт Мироносець является источником короткостебельности.

Ключевые слова: тритикале озимая гексаплоидного уровня, новый сорт, агроэкологическая и хозяйственная характеристика, донор короткостебельности.

MYRONOSETS – A NEW PRODUCTIVE AND HIGH-PROTEIN WINTER TRITICALE CULTIVAR, ADAPTED TO THE WOODLANDS/FOREST-STEPPE AND FOREST-STEPPE OF UKRAINE

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The creation of new triticale genotypes, the potential of which to a certain extent would meet scientific and production needs, will never lose its relevance.

Purpose and objectives – to create a new productive and high-protein winter triticale cultivar, adapted to the Woodlands/Forest-Steppe and Forest-Steppe of Ukraine.

Materials and methods. The breeding work to expand the triticale diversity was continued at the Educational and Research Center of Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University in 2007–2017. The control and environmental trials were conducted in 2009–2019 in the Woodlands (Polissya Institute of Agriculture NAAS (2007–2009); predecessor: seeded fallow), central Forest-Steppe (V.M. Remeslo Myronivska Institute of Wheat NAAS (2016–2019); forecrops: mustard, soybean, pea for seeds; Bila Tserkva NAU (2009–2016); predecessors: seeded fallow, potato), and northern Forest-Steppe (Institute of Horticulture NAAS (2016–2017); forecrop: perennial grasses). No mineral fertilizers were applied. No plant protection measures were taken. Hybridization was performed by manual emasculation of female components. Plants were pollinated by the swirl method 2–3 days after emasculation. The breeding material was studied in compliance with the guidelines of the All-Union Research Institute of Plant Breeding and the methodology of the state cultivar trials. Data were statistically processed, as B.A. Dospekhov described, using Statistica-5.5 and Excel-2003 software.

Results and discussion. We focus on the importance of triticale for mankind both at the present and in the future. We retrospectively reviewed data on the creation of a new winter triticale cultivar, Myronosets. Bioecological features and morphological characteristics of the new cultivar are given. The grain yield and quality are also summarized. The article covers the quantitative parameters of dough and bread from Myronosets grain. We compared the yields, resistance to lodging, in-spike germination, resistance to fungal pathogens and unfavorable abiotic environmental factors in the new triticale cultivar and previously created ones.

The data of the 2019–2020 state variety trials of Myronosets are analyzed, and they indicate that the new cultivar has a high potential in agroecosystems of the Woodlands and Forest-Steppe of Ukraine.

Myronosets was found to be a source of the short stem (≤ 90 cm) in subsequent hybrid generations. In 2008, interspecific hybridization within the notogenus \times *Triticosecale* and double individual selection from F₂–F₄ hybrid populations derived from crossing (♀ Avhusto \times ♂ Yahuar) \times ♂ K9844/93 followed by repeated improving selections in F₁₀ allowed us to distinguish the best line, LCh97, which was later named as cultivar Myronosets.

The new triticale cultivar can give > 7.5 t/ha. The average yield is 5.7 t/ha in the Forest-Steppe – Woodlands transition belt, 6.3 t/ha in the central Forest-Steppe, and 3.5 t/ha in the Woodlands. It is noticeable for high lodging resistance, high shedding resistance, low spike brashness, resistance to in-spike germination, complex resistance to *Puccinia recondita* f. sp. *tritici* Rob. ex Desm (8.5 points), *Blumeria graminis* (DC.) Speer (9 points), and *Fusarium graminearum* Schwabe (8.5 points) and to the pest *Mayetiola destructor* Say (8.5 points), high frost tolerance, high winter hardiness, and high drought resistance (8.5–9 points). About 70% of plants survive the laboratory freezing at -18.3°C . The cultivar is also resistant to spring and autumn frosts (9 points).

Myronosets plants were revealed to be able to regulate their performance under the influence of unfavorable extreme bio- and abiotic factors, leaving 3–4 (more seldom 1–2) fruiting stems, often 1–3 stems with underdeveloped spikes and 1–2 unfertile stems without spikes, which form a radical rosette.

Conclusions. As it was shown in the state variety trials, Myronosets is a mid-protein cultivar and recommended for cultivation in agroecosystems of the Woodlands and Forest-Steppe. Myronosets was proven to be a source of the short stem

Key words: hexaploid winter triticale, new cultivar, agroecological and economic characteristics, donor of the short stem.