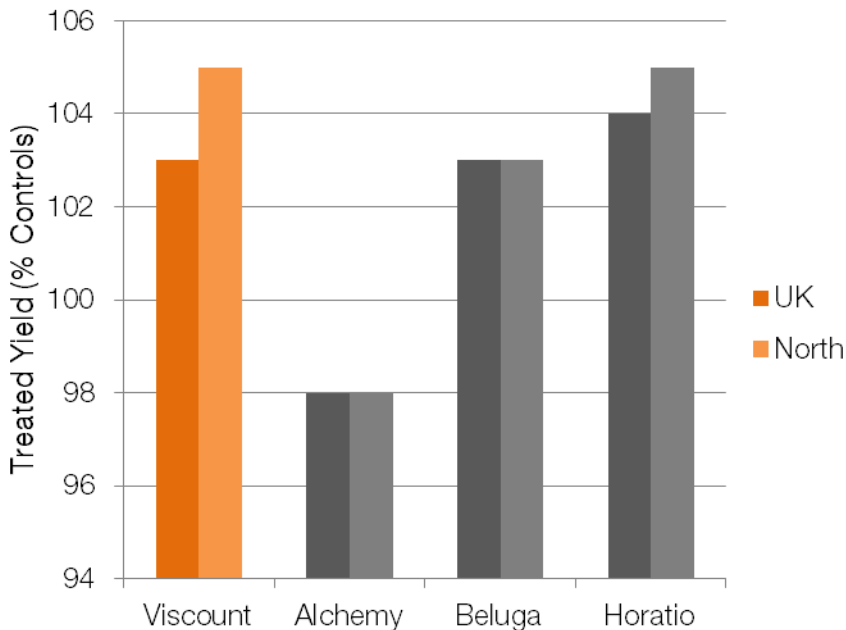


# VISCOUNT

The Noble Variety



- Scotland's No.1 wheat
- Very wide range of markets – including distilling and export
- Excellent agronomics
- Very long grain-fill period
- Resistant to Orange Wheat Blossom Midge



## A Noble Favourite

Viscount consistently produces high yields across those regions where it has the potential to offer a premium market outlet.

This includes the Northern Region where it is 0.7t/ha higher yielding than Alchemy offering around £120/ha more at today's prices (£180/t).

As a result, it should come as no surprise that on the strength of this and backed by its excellent distilling rating, it is established as Scotland's number one variety.

## No. 1 for Distilling

Viscount is one of the highest yielding soft wheats in the HGCA Northern Region.

With a large, bold bright grain that provides one of the highest alcohol extraction levels in SWRI trials, it is a variety that is very much favoured by distillers. Viscount is also acceptable to the bioethanol market.

## Biscuit & Cake Making

Although not classified as a nabim Group 3 variety, significant quantities of Viscount successfully find their way into UK biscuit-making and cake markets. This can earn growers in the East, where it is a good performer, some valuable premiums.



### No. 1 for Export

Viscount has become a key variety for those close to ports in the North, East and South coastal regions and is now widely used in the European soft wheat sector having performed well in their Continental baking grists.

	W	P/L	Protein
Minimum Specification	<120	<0.55 – 90	10.5-11.5%
Viscount	[87]	0.3	10.7

‘In the most difficult of seasons, Viscount has proven itself to be capable of coping with the worst of conditions. Although wheat yields were the poorest we have seen for many years, Viscount has lost less of its potential than almost any other variety – whether in trials or commercially. It remains the benchmark variety for the soft wheat distilling market.’

- Scottish Agronomy Managing Director, Andrew Gilchrist – December 2012

### Agronomy

Viscount has moderate winter dormancy and is suited to sowing from mid-September onwards. It has good tillering ability and tiller retention.

Ideally, PGR programmes should maximise its straw strength, but avoid over-shortening Viscount, particularly in dry springs.

Viscount is backed by a reasonable disease resistance profile with moderate *S. tritici* and good *S. Nodorum* scores complementing a 7 rating for brown rust.

In common with many other varieties, Viscount is susceptible to the Solstice yellow rust race and this disease should be a priority focus when considering seed treatments and T0 and T1 fungicide needs.

Viscount is safe to treat with some formulations containing chlorotoluron. Please check recommendation sheets or consult your agronomist.

Mildew	7
Yellow rust	4
Brown rust	7
<i>S. Nodorum</i>	[7]
<i>S. Tritici</i>	5
Eyespot	6
<i>Fusarium</i>	6
OWBM	R

Straw strength (+PGR)	7
Straw strength (-PGR)	6

Data source: HGCA Recommended List for Winter Wheat, 2013/14

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