



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

McNair Seed Company

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *seventeen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) SHALL BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE OWNER OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

WHEAT

'McNair 1003'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set
 my hand and caused the seal of the Plant
 Variety Protection Office to be affixed
 at the City of Washington
 this tenth day of August in
 the year of our Lord one thousand nine
 hundred and seventy-eight

Attest:

Commissioner
 Plant Variety Protection Office
 Grain Division
 Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture



APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse.

1a. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OF VARIETY McNair Exp. 3001	1b. VARIETY NAME McNair 1003	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
		PV NUMBER 7700084	
2. KIND NAME Wheat	3. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Triticum Aestivum	FILING DATE 7-11-77	TIME 12:00 <input checked="" type="radio"/> A.M. <input type="radio"/> P.M.
		FEE RECEIVED \$ 250.00	DATE 7-11-77
4. FAMILY NAME (BOTANICAL) Gramineae	5. DATE OF DETERMINATION 1976	\$ 250.00	7-11-77
		\$ 250.00	7-17-78
6. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) McNair Seed Company	7. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) P.O. Box 706 Laurinburg, NC 28352	8. TELEPHONE AREA CODE AND NUMBER 919-276-0733	
9. IF THE NAMED APPLICANT IS NOT A PERSON, FORM OF ORGANIZATION: (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation		10. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE AND DATE OF INCORPORATION NC	11. DATE OF INCORPORATION 11-1-1947

12. Name and mailing address of applicant representative(s), if any, to serve in this application and receive all papers:

Dr. James L. Helm, Ph. D.
Director of Research
McNair Seed Company
P.O. Box 706
Laurinburg, NC 28352

13. CHECK BOX BELOW FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED:

- 13A. Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)
- 13B. Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.
- 13C. Exhibit C, Objective Description of the Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.)
- 13D. Exhibit D, Additional Description of the Variety.

14A. Does the applicant(s) specify that seed of this variety be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed? (See Section 83(a). (If "Yes," answer 14B and 14C below.) YES NO

14B. Does the applicant(s) specify that this variety be limited as to number of generations? YES NO

14C. If "Yes," to 14B, how many generations of production beyond breeder seed? FOUNDATION REGISTERED CERTIFIED

15. Does the applicant(s) agree to the publication of his/her (their) name(s) and address in the Official Journal? YES NO

16. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seed of this variety will be deposited upon request before issuance of a certificate and will be replenished periodically in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

April 14, 1977
(DATE)

James L. Helm
(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: Send an original copy of the application, exhibits and \$250.00 fee to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Grain Division, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. (See Section 180.175 of the regulations and rules of practice.) Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the form are self-explanatory unless noted below.

ITEM

- 5 Give the date the applicant determined that he had a new variety based on (1) the definition in Section 41(a) of the Act and (2) the date a decision was made to increase the seed.
- 13a Give (1), the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method. (2), the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication. (3), the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified and (4), evidence of stability.
- 13b Give a summary statement of the variety's novelty. Clearly state how this novel variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety most closely resembles one or a group of related varieties; (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively; (2) Attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these differences are significant; and (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs of seed and plant comparisons clearly indicating novelty.
- 13c Fill in the Exhibit C, Objective Description form for all characteristics, for which you have adequate data.
- 13d Describe any additional characteristics that are not described, or whose description cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the description of characteristics that are difficult to describe; such as; plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 14A If "YES" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed) the applicant may NOT reverse his affirmative decision after the variety has either been sold and so labeled or published or the certificate has been issued. However, if the applicant specifies "NO", he may change his choice. (See Section 180.15 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

Item 13a.

McNair 1003 Wheat.

McNair 1003 (ten-o-three) was derived by the pedigree method from a cross between 'McNair 2203' sib x 'Blueboy'.

Rct sib//Nrn 10/Bvr/6/Se*2/5/Asn/3/Sps/Rh//Cc/4/Tf/7/
Nrn 10/Bvr/2/Ad/Ck 55-9

The cross was made at McNair's, Laurinburg, North Carolina location in the spring of 1966 and identified 66-17. F₁ and F₂ generations were space planted plants. F₃ through F₅ were head to row selections for desirable phenotypes. Yield testing was initiated in 1971 with F₅ selections. The best one being further tested as McNair Experimental 3001. That line was in the Uniform Southern Soft Wheat Nursery in 1975, 1976, and 1977.

One hundred plus heads were taken at random in the F₅ generation and increased head to row. The uniform rows were bulked within a row and planted in about 100 12' rows. Uniform 12 foot rows are bulked to produce breeders seed. Seed maintenance is a continuation of the same scheme with random heads coming from head rows each year.

Exhibit 13a

Replace our last paragraph (item 13a additional) with the following:

'McNair 1003' has been observed the past four years to have had up to 1.3% off type plants. Some of these plants are as much as two inches taller than the general canopy and may have a lighter yellow head color. That head color is not white but not the same shade of yellow as the rest of the plants. That lighter head color is very difficult to identify after maturity when weathering causes a general reduction in head color brightness. Plants having bronze or brown head color may also be present in numbers within the off type limits.

'McNair 1003' is now in the 11th filial generation and appears to be a stable variety.

Item 13b

Novelty Statement

Please replace our present statement with the following:

'McNair 1003' Soft Red Winter Wheat most closely resembles 'McNair 1813' Soft Red Winter Wheat. 'McNair 1003' differs from 'McNair 1813' in several traits, for example, it has a yellow head while 'McNair 1813' is brown. 'McNair 1003' produces more tillers per plant under Southeastern growing conditions than 'McNair 1813'. 'McNair 1003' comes into head 2-3 days later than 'McNair 1813' under North Carolina conditions. 'McNair 1003' has longer leaves and a longer spike than 'McNair 1813'. 'McNair 1003' has a lax spike compared to a dense spike for 'McNair 1813'. 'McNair 1003' is on the average about 3 cm. taller than 'McNair 1813' when planted in the normal planting season in the Southeast.

FORM GR-470-6
(2-15-73)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
GRAIN DIVISION
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782

EXHIBIT C
(Wheat)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
WHEAT (TRITICUM SPP.)

INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse.

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) McNair Seed Company ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) P.O. Box 706 Laurinburg, NC 28352	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 7700084 VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY DESIGNATION McNair 1003
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Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the boxes below.
Place a zero in first box (e.g. or) when number is either 99 or less or 9 or less.

1. KIND:
 1 = COMMON 2 = DURUM 3 = EMMER 4 = SPELT 5 = POLISH 6 = POULARD 7 = CLUB

2. TYPE:
 1 = SPRING 2 = WINTER 3 = OTHER (Specify) _____
 1 = SOFT 2 = HARD 3 = OTHER (Specify) _____

1 = WHITE 2 = RED 3 = OTHER (Specify) _____

3. SEASON - NUMBER OF DAYS FROM EMERGENCE TO:
 FIRST FLOWERING LAST FLOWERING From January 1

4. MATURITY (50% Flowering):
 NO. OF DAYS EARLIER THAN 1 = ARTHUR 71 2 = SCOUT 3 = CHRIS
 at Laurinburg, NC
 NO. OF DAYS LATER THAN 4 = LEMHI 5 = NUGAINES 6 = LEEDS

5. PLANT HEIGHT (From soil level to top of head):
 CM. HIGH
 CM. TALLER THAN 1 = ARTHUR 71 2 = SCOUT 3 = CHRIS
 CM. SHORTER THAN 4 = LEMHI 5 = NUGAINES 6 = LEEDS

6. PLANT COLOR AT BOOTING (See reverse):
 1 = YELLOW GREEN 2 = GREEN 3 = BLUE GREEN

7. ANTHUR COLOR:
 1 = YELLOW 2 = PURPLE

8. STEM:
 Anthocyanin: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT Waxy bloom: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT
 Hairiness of last internode of rachis: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT Internodes: 1 = HOLLOW 2 = SOLID
 NO. OF NODES (Originating from node above ground) CM. INTERNODE LENGTH BETWEEN FLAG LEAF AND LEAF BELOW

9. AURICLES:
 Anthocyanin: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT Hairiness: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT

10. LEAF:
 Flag leaf at booting stage: 1 = ERECT 2 = RECURVED 3 = OTHER (Specify) _____ Flag leaf: 1 = NOT TWISTED 2 = TWISTED
 Hairs of first leaf sheath: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT Waxy bloom of flag leaf sheath: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT
 MM. LEAF WIDTH (First leaf below flag leaf) CM. LEAF LENGTH (First leaf below flag leaf):

Item 13d. Additional description of variety.

'McNair 1003' can be distinguished from 'McNair 1813' in the juvenile stage by the two following characteristics: 'McNair 1003' has a darker green foliage than 'McNair 1813', also 'McNair 1003' has a less erect growth habit than 'McNair 1813' but not as prostrate as 'Arthur 71' when grown in North Carolina and planted before December 20th.

Field performance of the variety is shown in the Uniform Southern Soft Wheat Nursery attached. Table I gives data on tillering at Laurinburg, N.C.

Table I. Heads per foot of row for selected Soft Red Winter Wheat varieties grown at Laurinburg, North Carolina.

	<u>1975</u> +	<u>1976</u> #	<u>1977</u> #
McNair 1003	25.8	28.0	27.5
McNair 1813	20.6	22.5	19.6
Arthur 71	32.3	31.4	28.6

+ Heads counted in 3 two foot sections per plot, 4 replications, 3 planting rates (2,4,6 pecks/acre) and 3 nitrogen top dress rates (40, 80, 120 lbs./acre actual N.).

Heads counted in 3 two foot sections per plot, 4 replications and 5 planting dates.

APPLICATION NO. 7700084

VARIETY NAME McNair 1003 - Wheat

Test Results Based on the American Association of Cereal Chemists Approved Method (AACC)

1. Straight dough development time ratio:
Farino graph _____
Dough-Mixer _____

2.

Baking Ingredients	Arrival time-- minutes	Peak time	Stability-- minutes	Curve center height B.U.	Height at end B.U.
Yeast					
No rest					
4 hr. rest					

3. Protein percentage 11.4

Found on page 33, table 10 of 1976 Soft Wheat Quality Report from Wooster, Ohio Laboratories. 1003 in the test as 3001.

ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES PLANT VARIETY
PROTECTION CERTIFICATES AND APPLICATIONS

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, McNair Seed Company, a North Carolina corporation, P.O. Box 706, Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352, does hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey to Northrup King Co. a Delaware corporation, 1500 Jackson Street N.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413, the entire right, title and interest in and to the following United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates and Applications, together with all reissues, divisions and continuations thereof and the plant varieties described and claimed therein:

<u>Certificate Number</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
7600077	McNair 220 (Cotton)	July 19, 1977
7400023	McNair 612 (Cotton)	March 6, 1974
7200095	McNair 511 (Cotton)	May 21, 1974
7100090	McNair 210 (Cotton)	June 20, 1974
7400035	McNair 944 (Tobacco)	March 18, 1977
7700084	McNair 1003 (Wheat)	August 10, 1978
7200037	McNair 4823 (Wheat)	April 8, 1975
7500006	McNair 1813 (Wheat)	May 1, 1975
7200038	McNair 701 (Wheat)	February 26, 1974
76TQ016	McNair 500 (Soybeans)	February 15, 1977
7100075	McNair 600 (Soybeans)	February 26, 1974
7100042	McNair 800 (Soybeans)	April 10, 1974

ASSIGNMENT OF UNITED STATES PLANT
VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Northrup King Co., a Delaware corporation having an office at 1500 Jackson Street N.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413, does hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey to Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc., a Delaware corporation, Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105, the entire right, title and interest in and to the following United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates together with all the rights described and claimed therein:

<u>Certificate Number</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
7500005	Prodax	June 30, 1975
7800010	Solar	March 29, 1979
8200002	Walera	June 17, 1982
8100013	711	December 10, 1981
	715	Applied for in 1983
8200033	817	June 17, 1982
8200094	830	September 23, 1982
8200006	835	March 11, 1982
7200038	McNair 701	February 26, 1974
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7200037	McNair 4823	April 8, 1975
	RHS 8232	Applied for in 1984

the same to be held and enjoyed by said Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc. for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, for the full term or terms for which said Certificates are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc., a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19105 ("RHS") is the owner of the entire right, title and interest to the United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates for McNair 1813, Certificate Number 7500006 issued May 1, 1975 and for McNair 1003, Certificate Number 7700084 issued August 10, 1978;

WHEREAS, Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company, a South Carolina corporation with its principal office at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, SC 29550 ("CPS") is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in the aforementioned varieties and certificates;

NOW, THEREFOR, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, RHS does hereby sell, assign and transfer to CPS the entire right, title and interest in and to the varieties and certificates for its use and benefit and for its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, RHS intending to be legally bound has caused this assignment to be executed by its duly authorized officer.

ROHM AND HAAS SEEDS INC.

By: Howard A. Mergelkamp
Assistant Treasurer

State of Pennsylvania)
County of Philadelphia) SS

On this 31st day of December, 1986, before me appeared Howard A. Mergelkamp of Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc., the person who signed this instrument who acknowledged that he signed it as a free act on behalf of Rohm and Haas Seeds Inc. with authority to do so.

Elizabeth A. Smith
Notary Public

My commission expires _____

ELIZABETH A. SMITH
Notary Public Phila. Co.
My Commission Expires Oct. 14, 1989

7700084

ASSIGNMENT OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED COMPANY, a South Carolina corporation ("Coker's"), having its offices at 900 Darlington Highway, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550, has adopted and used and is the sole and exclusive owner of certain United States Plant Variety Protection Certificates and similar rights under laws of countries other than the United States as listed in Exhibit A hereto:

WHEREAS, COKER'S PEDIGREED SEED CO. and NORTHRUP KING CO., a Delaware corporation ("NK"), have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated July 20, 1988, providing for the purchase and sale of substantially all of the assets and business of Coker's and the assumption of certain of Coker's liabilities and obligations by NK; and

WHEREAS, NK desires to acquire the right, title and interest in, to and under the Plant Variety Protection Certificates listed on Exhibit A hereto and the pending applications hereto (collectively, the "Plant Variety Protection Certificates").

Cotton Varieties, Continued

<u>Variety Name</u>	<u>U.S. Plant Variety Certificate Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Term (Yrs.)</u>
Coker 3131	8100019	Sept. 24, 1981	18
Coker 208	8300082	Sept. 29, 1983	18
Coker 139	8700070	Dec. 18, 1987	18

Soft Red Winter Wheat Varieties

Coker 68-15	7200014	Mar. 6, 1974	17
Coker 68-19	7200015	Mar. 6, 1975	17
Coker 747	76TQ015	Sept. 20, 1978	17
Coker 762	8000152	Dec. 10, 1981	18
Coker 797	8000145	Dec. 10, 1981	18
Coker 916	8300036	Sept. 27, 1985	18
Coker 983	8400058	Dec. 31, 1980	18
McNair 701	7200038	Feb. 26, 1974	17
McNair 4823	7200037	Apr. 8, 1975	17
RHS 8232	8400136	Oct. 31, 1985	18
9227	8600009	May 31, 1988	18
9323	8600010	Apr. 29, 1988	18
McNair 1813	7500006	May 1, 1975	17
McNair 1003	7700084	Aug. 10, 1978	17
Coker 833	8800005(1)	Oct. 2, 1987(1)	-
Coker 9733	8700159(1)	July 16, 1987(1)	-
Coker 9766	8700160(1)	July 17, 1987(1)	-

(1) Application number and filing date.

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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
7900059	McNair 307 (Cotton)	December 19, 1978
7900053	McNair 308 (Cotton)	December 19, 1978
7800068	McNair 235 (Cotton)	February 23, 1978
N/A	McNair 373 (Tobacco)	October 31, 1979
7900088	McNair 710 (Soybeans)	June 20, 1979
7900089	McNair 770 (Soybeans)	July 10, 1979
7900094	McNair 780 (Soybeans)	July 25, 1979
7900093	McNair 700 (Soybeans)	July 25, 1979

the same to be held and enjoyed by said Northrup King Co. for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, for the full term or terms for which said Certificates are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by said McNair Seed Company if this assignment and sale had not been made; together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of said Certificates and Applications, including the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, McNair Seed Company has caused this assignment to be executed by its duly authorized officer, effective the 1st day of November, 1979.

McNAIR SEED COMPANY

(CORPORATE SEAL)

By E. Harvey Ewan Jr

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF *Scotland*) ss.

On this *9th* day of *November*, 1979, before me, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared *C. Hervey Evans, Jr.*, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the *President* of McNair Seed Company; that the seal affixed to the foregoing assignment is the corporate seal of McNair Seed Company and that the assignment was executed in behalf of McNair Seed Company by authority of its board of directors; and did acknowledge the assignment to be the free act and deed of McNair Seed Company.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year set forth above.

Billie H. Deason

Notary Public

My Commission Expires April 9, 1981