1. Title: Green bean breeding and evaluation
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3. Project Status: Continuing, indefinite
4. Project Funding for Reporting Period:

Breeding: \$37,000
Processing Evaluation: \$8,000
Funds allotted to breeding were used for research farm assessments, supplies and labor for planting, plot maintenance, harvest, crosses, seed production and cleaning. Funds allotted to evaluation were used for processing labor and packaging, analytical work, conducting panel evaluations, and analysis of results.
5. Objectives: Breed bush green beans for the western Oregon processing industry with:
a) Improved potential for high yields at favorable sieve sizes and dependability
b) Improved straightness, texture, and other quality factors
c) Develop easy picking and small pod strains of Blue Lake type
d) Resistance to white mold and root rot
6. Report of Progress:
A. Major activities of the bean breeding program in 1988 were:

1) Advanced breeding lines were increased in the field and in some cases included in the replicated yield trials. These lines included some newer high yielding selections such as 5402 and 5211, which came from crosses of OSU 5078 and other OSU lines. Pod set problems were not apparent early in the 1988 season when these lines matured. Replicated hand harvest yield trials included 20 lines in trials planted June 5 and June 20, and 10 lines in trials planted May 19, June 12, June 27, and July 5. Bad conditions in the form of rain and crusted soil in the earliest two, and severe pod set problems in the remainder of the trials made this a poor season to obtain good yield information. The June 5 trial was picked to obtain processing samples, but not for yield records because of a very poor and uneven stand.

Trial results are given in Tables 1-3. Processing data obtained from five of the six trials planted will be presented in a supplementary report after evaluations by Oregon State University and industry personnel are completed.


Comments on the most advanced OSU lines included in the trials follow. Most of the lines in the trials, as well as Oregon 91G and other commercial varieties, were affected badly with the split set problem. Any line which was affected more severely than Oregon 91G appears to be a poor prospect for continued increase and trial, but final decisions have not been made.

OSU 5024 sublines still appear to have excellent color and smooth ness but pods get large and stand problems persist. Pod set problems were about average. This line likely will be discontinued.

OSU 5073 was erratic in pod set, but was generally no worse than Oregon 91G. Color is bright but slightly lighter than most lines and pod smoothness is variable. Yields are high.

OSU 5090 continues to look good for pod type with an average yield and pod set response. Excellent processed pod scores should justify further evaluation and increase of this line. May be less susceptible to Fusarium root rot than Oregon 91G.

OSU 5097 was relatively early in 1988 , possibly because it was not delayed by pod set problems as much as other lines. Although the pod color is superior, the pods get slab-sided and they are sometimes short.

OSU 5163 should be harvested at small sieve sizes to avoid seedy pods in some conditions. Offsetting this is a very good yielding ability, good color, and good pod straightness. Observations in 1988 indicated 5163 was among the best in production in the split set situation that prevailed. May be less susceptible to Fusarium root rot than Oregon 91G.

OSU 5256 looked very good in 1988 except that it was sometimes badly affected by split set, considerably worse than Oregon 91G. Thus, it may be too risky in commercial production.
2) Evaluation and selection was continued in green bean families derived from crosses between the better OSU advanced lines. Such crosses include OSU 5061 x 91G, $5061 \times 5024$, $5061 \times 5073$, 5061 x 5097, and $5061 \times 5070$. A few lines from OSU lines x Slenderette were also evaluated. Selections evaluated were in the $F_{5}$ generation; in 1988 the best were saved as massed lines but single plant selections were also taken in a few most promising lines such as in 5061 x 91G. All selection work in 1988 was strongly affected by the general split set problem which occurred during most of the season. Many lines were discarded because of poor pod set and it was considered that the split set problem provided a favorable selection pressure.
3) $\mathrm{F}_{3}$ selections from the $\mathrm{F}_{2}$ generation of crosses of Oregon 91G, 5061, 5022 , and 5056 with small sieve varieties Dandy, Cometa, and Smilo (whole pack, European type) and easy picking types were grown in the greenhouse during the winter. Greenhouse selection ( $\mathrm{F}_{4}$ ) and the original mother selections ( $\mathrm{F}_{3}$ ) were evaluated in the field in 1988 and new single plant selections were made in many families of most
crosses. In the small pod crosses, color is often the limiting factor encountered. No strong limiting factors or linkages were found in the easy picking crosses but there is a strong tendency for lines recognized as easy picking to resemble the 'Easy Pick' or 'Easy Harvest' parent in leaf, plant, and pod appearance.
4) Additional crosses were made between OSU lines (Oregon 91G and others) and an additional small pod variety 'Faria', and the variety 'Hystyle'. $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ plants of these crosses were grown in the field for $\mathrm{F}_{2}$ seed production.
5) Root rot and white mold trials were conducted (Tables 4 and 5) and included the OSU lines which were in the replicated yield trials. Also included were assorted resistant and susceptible control varieties. $F_{3}$ families from crosses of Oregon 91G x interspecific hybrids provided by Dr . Mok were tested in the white mold trial. These lines were originally selected in the root rot plots in 1987. When adequate seed is available, surviving lines will be tested in both root rot and white mold tests.
6) Observation of basal, semi-sterile flat pod mutants continued. Field observations suggest that at least some of these basal flat pods are not genetically transmitted. Data on 1987 selections have not been tabulated.
7) Forty-three sublines of Oregon 91G, originally selected as single plants in 1986 and evaluated in 1987, were reexamined for flat pod mutants and general trueness to type. Several lines appeared to possibly be not true Oregon 91G as indicated by the appearance of green and dried pods, but in these subjective observations influenced by environmental differences in the plots we could not be sure. Single flat podded plants were found in three lines and suspect offtypes (oval pods?) were found in several more. Fourteen of these lines were saved separately and 15 more were bulked together as a potential stock seedlot.
7. Summary:

Six replicated trials of OSU advanced bean breeding lines were conducted. A total of 20 lines were tested, including four commercial varieties. Bad germination conditions in the spring and severe split set problems in the mid-season and later trials hindered evaluation of breeding lines, but provided selection pressure against susceptibility to such problems.

Breeding in 1.988 included continuation of selection in advanced lines from OSU line intercrosses and crosses between OSU lines and Slenderette, Easy Pick, Easy Harvest, and small-sieve (European type) varieties Dandy, Cometa, and Smilo. New crosses were made and the $F_{1}$ generation grown of OSU lines $x$ Hystyle and small sieve type Faria. Root rot and white mold tests were made of regular OSU lines and lines bred for resistance to these diseases, including those derived from lines obtained from Dr. Mok's interspecific hybrid. Work on the nature of basal, semi-sterile flat pods in beans and screening of Oregon 91G selections continued.
8. Signatures:

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[^0]Table 2. Green bean yields, June 20 planting, Corvallis, Oregon $1988{ }^{1}$.

| Line | Harvest 1 |  |  |  | Harvest 2 |  |  |  | Harvest 3 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Days | $\%$ | Tons | Adj. | Days | \% | Tons | Adj. | Days | $\%$ | Tons | Adj. |
| 91G | 56 | 85 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 58 | 72 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 60 | 58* | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| 5024-1-9 | 56 | 59 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 59 | 46* | 6.9 | 6.6 |  |  |  |  |
| 5073 | 59 | 71* | 6.3 | 7.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5090 | 58 | 71* | 5.4 | 6.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5097 | 56 | 73 | 5.5 | 6.7 | 58 | 52* | 7.3 | 7.4 |  |  |  |  |
| 5163 | 58 | 78 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 60 | 58* | 6.3 | 6.4 |  |  |  |  |
| 5256 | 59 | 84* | 3.4 | 4.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5257 | 59 | 78* | 5.6 | 6.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5276 | 59 | 81* | 4.7 | 6.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5386 | 56 | 61 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 58 | 56* | 6.1 | 6.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 5387 | 56 | 62 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 59 | 40* | 8.8 | 7.9 |  |  |  |  |
| 5394 | 58 | 77* | 5.1 | 6.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5402 | 59 | 79* | 5.7 | 7.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5404 | 58 | 72* | 7.6 | 9.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5409 | 58 | 67* | 7.3 | 8.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5411 | 56 | 59* | 6.2 | 6.8 | 59 | 38 | 8.7 | 7.6 |  |  |  |  |
| Hystyle | 56 | 65* | 4.7 | 5.2 | 58 | 39 | 7.4 | 6.3 |  |  |  |  |
| EZ Pick | 56 | 86 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 58 | 74* | 5.8 | 6.2 |  |  |  |  |
| R0 168 | 56 | 83 | 5.8 |  | 58 | 67 | 6.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Roma 2 | 56 | 90 | 4.4 |  | 59 | 78 | 4.9 |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Mean of 4 replications; subplots of $5^{\prime}$ were harvested from $20^{\prime}$ plots on each harvest date; rows $36^{\prime \prime}$ apart; days = days from planting; \% $=$ percent $1-4$ sieve grades; tons = tons/acre; adj. = tons/acre adjusted to $50 \% 1-4$ sieve, except 5163 , 5256, 5257, and Hystyle, which were adjusted to $55 \% 1-4$ sieve and Easy Pick, which was adjusted to $65 \% 1-4$ sieve. Analysis of variance calculated using the harvest closest to $50 \%$ 1-4 sieve for each line ( $55 \%$ for $5163,5256,5257$, and Hystyle; 65\% for Easy Pick), marked with *. LSD at 5\% significance $=1.8$ tons/acre.

Table 3. Summary of average yields of selected Oregon State University bean lines, 1984-1988.

| Adjusted ${ }^{1}$ Tons/Acre |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 |  | 1988 | antin | Date |  | 1988 | $\begin{aligned} & 1987- \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1984- \\ & 1988 \end{aligned}$ |
| Line | AV | AV | AV | AV | 5-19 | 6-12 | 6-20 | 6-27 | 7-5 | AV | AV | AV |
| Oregon 91G | 8.1 | 7.6 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 8.8 | 10.7 | 7.2 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| 5024-1-9 ${ }^{2}$ | 8.0 | 6.3 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 7.0 | 8.6 | 8.3 |
| 5073 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 11.8 | 10.3 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 7.5 | 8.9 | 9.5 |
| 5090 | 8.4 | 6.4 | 10.4 | 9.4 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 9.2 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 8.2 |
| 5097 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 10.0 | 9.6 | 6.2 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| 5163 | 9.2 | 6.4 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| 5256 | 9.1 | 6.8 | 10.5 | 9.3 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 8.4 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 8.4 |
| EZ Pick | --- | 6.2 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.0 |


sieve, and Easy Pick to $65 \% 1-4$ sieve.
In 1984 and 1985, 5024 was used instead of daughter line 5024-1-9.

Table 4. Fusarium root rot infection, Oregon State University, 1988

${ }_{1}$ Root vigor scores, 1-5 scale, $1=$ vigorous, $5=$ weak.
Disease incidence, $1-5$ scale, $1=$ trace, $5=s$

Table 5. White mold infection, Oregon State University, $1988^{1}$.

| Line | rep. | rep. | rep. | rep. 4 | Avg. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 91G ${ }^{2}$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 6.5 |
| 5024-1-9 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 7.2 |
| 5073 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4.5 |
| 5090 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5.8 |
| 5097 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 5.5 |
| 5163 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5.2 |
| 5256 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 5.8 |
| 5257 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3.8 |
| 5276 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 6.2 |
| 5386 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 7.2 |
| 5387 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 7.8 |
| 5394 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 7.5 |
| 5409 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 6.8 |
| 5411 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 6.8 |
| Hystyle | 1 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 3.8 |
| EZ Pick | 7 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 5.8 |
| RO 168 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8.0 |
| Roma 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 5.8 |
| Slenderette | 5 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 5.0 |
| Black Turtle | 4 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6.5 |
| Taylor Dwarf Horticultural | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3.0 |
| Harvester | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6.2 |
| Evergreen | 4 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 4.8 |
| $\underline{2235}$ | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3.2 |
| L192 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1.2 |
| Aurora | 9 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 7.5 |
| Red Kidney | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2.2 |
| Cape | 7 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6.0 |
| Tendercrop | 7 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 6.8 |
| Bountiful | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3.2 |
| Gabriella | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3.8 |
| Black Valentine | 6 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 6.5 |
| A55 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 |
| Rabio de Gato | 4 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 5.2 |
| L162 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1.2 |
| XPB 266 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2.8 |
| NY 2558 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 3.2 |
| XPB 155 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 7.8 |
| Laureat | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4.8 |
| Flo | 4 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 4.0 |
| Ex Rico | 5 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 5.5 |
| 169787 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 4.0 |
| 180753 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2.2 |
| 204717 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2.8 |
| 225846 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1.2 |
| $\underline{226865}$ | 1 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3.2 |
| 407463 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 4.2 |
| 415965 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3.2 |
| 824775 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2.0 |

Table 5. White mold infection, Oregon State University, $1988^{1}$ (cont.).

| Line | rep. 1 | rep. 2 | rep. 3 | rep. 4 | Avg. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B7126-1-1-1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3.2 |
| B7126-33-1-2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2.8 |
| B7126-33-2-1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2.8 |
| B7126-54-2-1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3.0 |
| B7127-2-1-1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2.5 |
| B7127-2-3-1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2.5 |
| B7127-19-1-1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2.5 |
| B7127-26-1-1 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 5.5 |
| B7127-40-2-1-4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5.0 |
| B7127-61-1-1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4.2 |
| B7127-61-2-1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 4.0 |
| B7127-68-1-1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3.5 |
| B7127-73-4-1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2.0 |
| B7127-76-2-1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2.8 |
| B7127-76-3-1 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5.0 |
| B7127-76-3-2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4.5 |
| B7127-80-2-1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3.2 |
| B7127-95-3-1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 5.2 |

$1_{\text {White mold scores, }} 1-10$ scale, $1=1$ ow incidence, sometimes slight symptoms; $10=$ high incidence, usually severe symptons. Also included in white mold trial were 128 breeding lines from interspecific crosses with beans from David Mok's program, most of which scored an average of 4 to 6 . Those lines with scores below 3 were saved for further evaluation.


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    12 planting which showed little recovery by late set of pods. set problems affected the June 12, June 27, and July 5 plantings, especially the June $\mathbf{2}_{\text {Average adjusted yield based on the first } 3 \text { harvests in the Ma }} \mathbf{1 2}$ int

    Analysis of variance calculated using the harvest closest to $50 \% 1-4$ sieve ( $55 \%$ for 5163 , 5256 , 5257 , and Hystyle; $65 \%$ for $E Z$ Pick), marked $\boldsymbol{*}$. Adjusted yields were non-significant at $5 \%$ for the June 27 planting.

