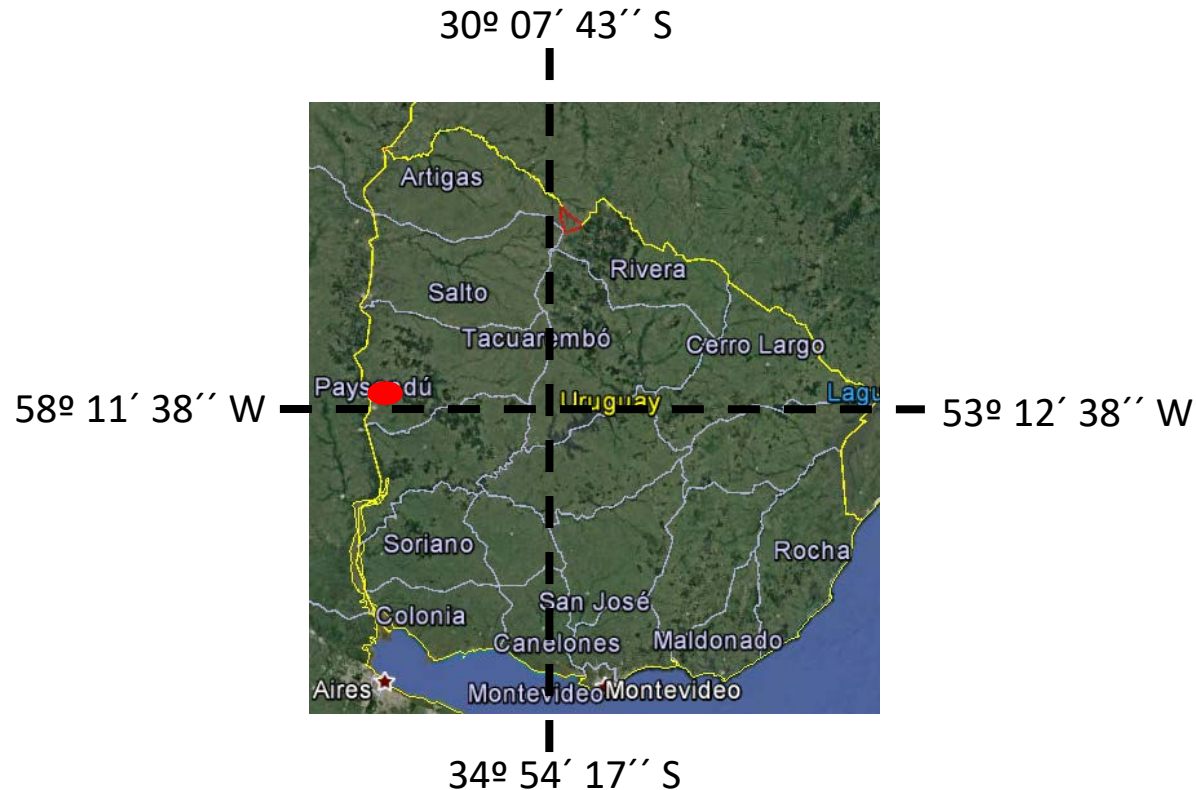


Adaptation of Kernza to temperate regions in south America

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Sections

- Vernalization requirements
- Agronomic adaptation
- Breeding



Vernalization requirements

Objectives

- Explore *T. intermedium* possibilities to produce grain in temperate geographic regions
 - determinate primary induction cold requirements on germplasm moderately adapted to winter cold areas



Vernalization requirements

Materials and Methods



Emergence



3 leaves

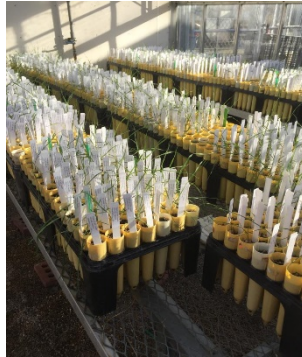


Growth chamber
(4°C – 16 hs)

Greenhouse (25°C – 16 hs)

G
E
R
M
P
L
A
S
M

TLI Cycle 5
TLI Cycle 4 (MN)
TLI Cycle 4 (AK1)
MN1501-Syn2
MN1502-Syn2
MN1503-Syn2
MN1504-Syn2
MN1505-Syn2



Weeks

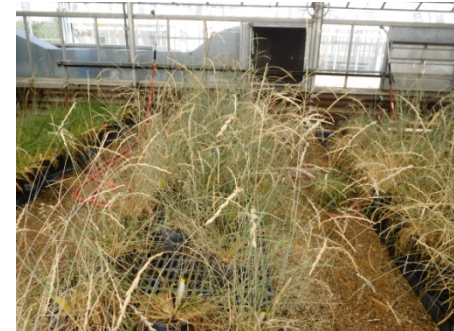
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Greenhouse (25°C – 16 hs)

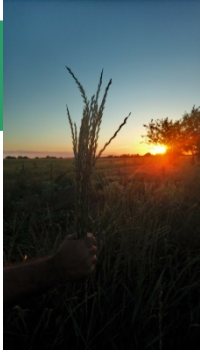
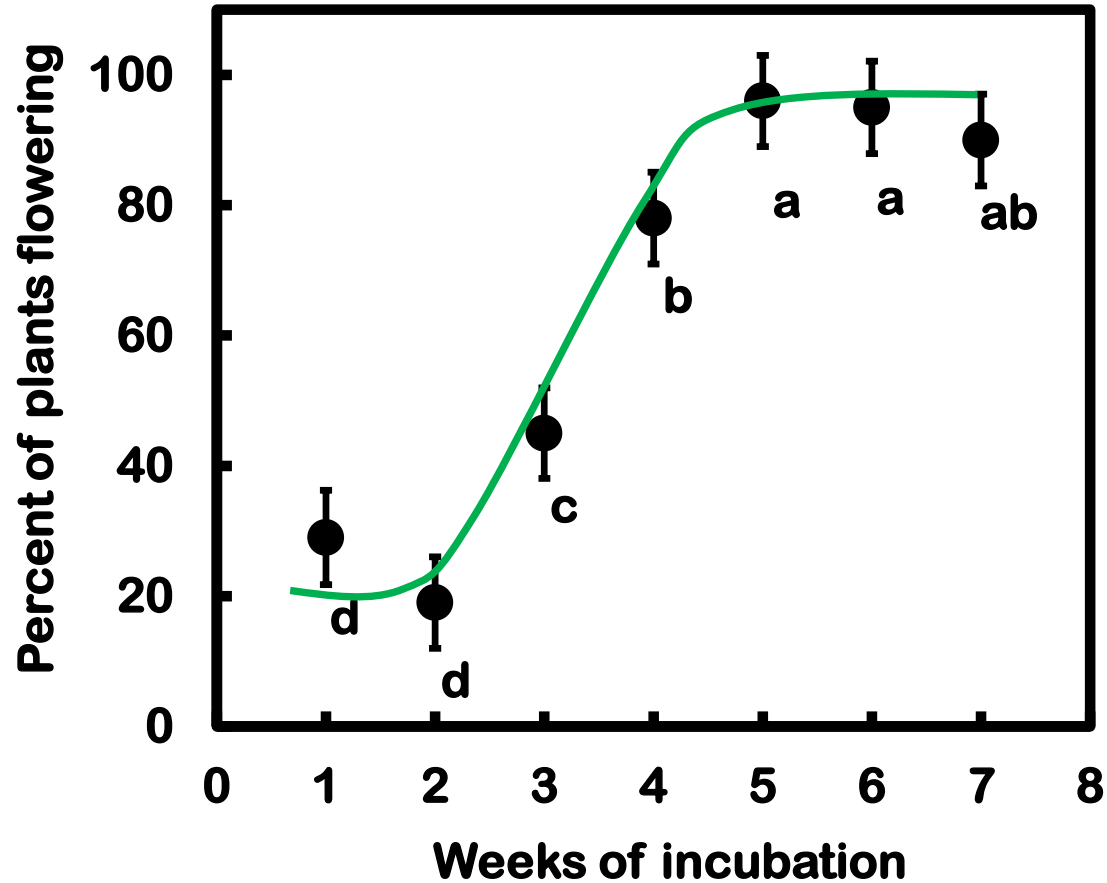


- Flowering
- Dry weight
- Spikes per plant
- Spikelets per spike
- Spikelets per plant
- Plant height
- Harvest index

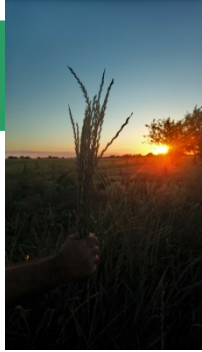


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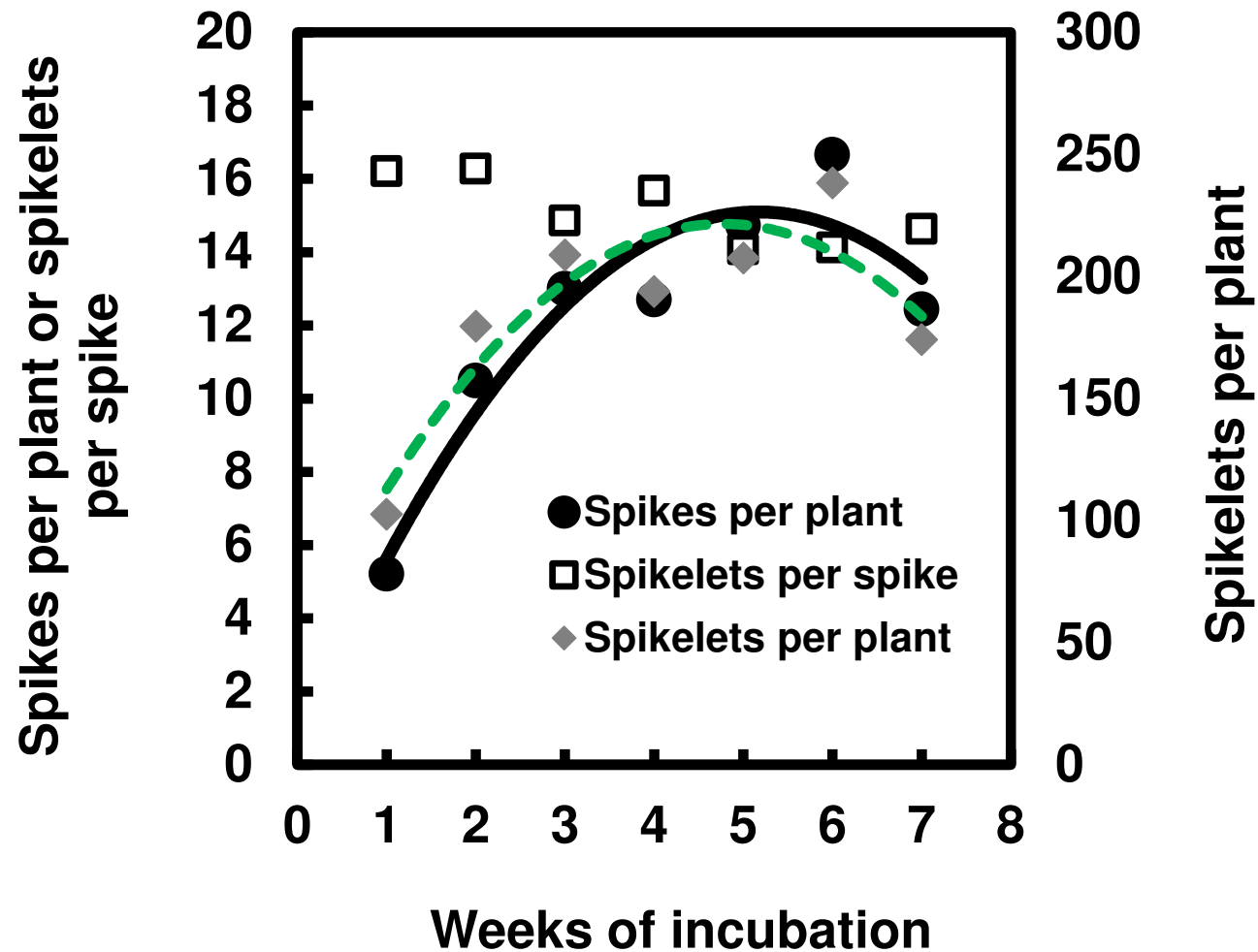
Cold requirements for flowering



Results

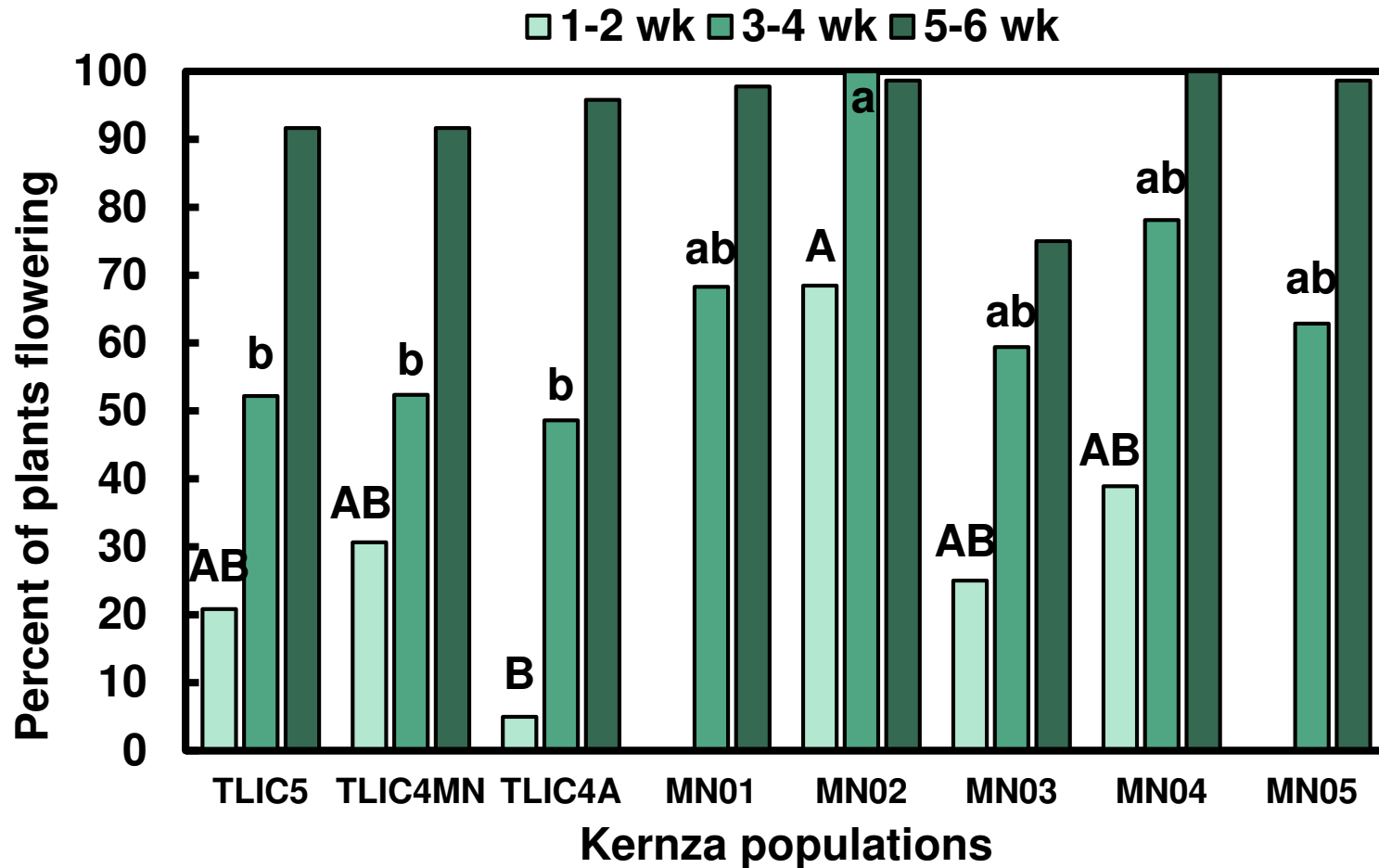


Grain yield components

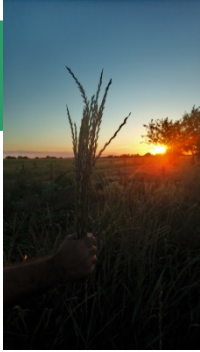


Results

Germplasm response to vernalization



Agronomic adaptation

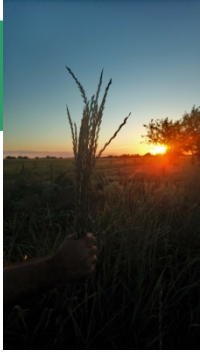


Objetives

- Evaluate the agronomic performance of *T. intermedium* in South America conditions (Uruguay)
 - measure grain yield and dry matter yield during 2-3 years



Agronomic adaptation



Materials and Methods

Conetainers



Field
transplant



Paysandú Aug 2018

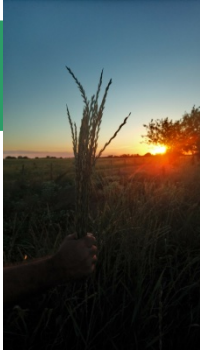


- Sowing date: 04/18
- Trasplant date: 05/18
- Distance among plants: 20 cm
- 25 plants per plot
- 36 plot



A photograph showing a person's hand holding a stalk of grain, possibly rice, against a bright sunset background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong silhouette effect on the person and the grain. The sky is a mix of orange and blue.

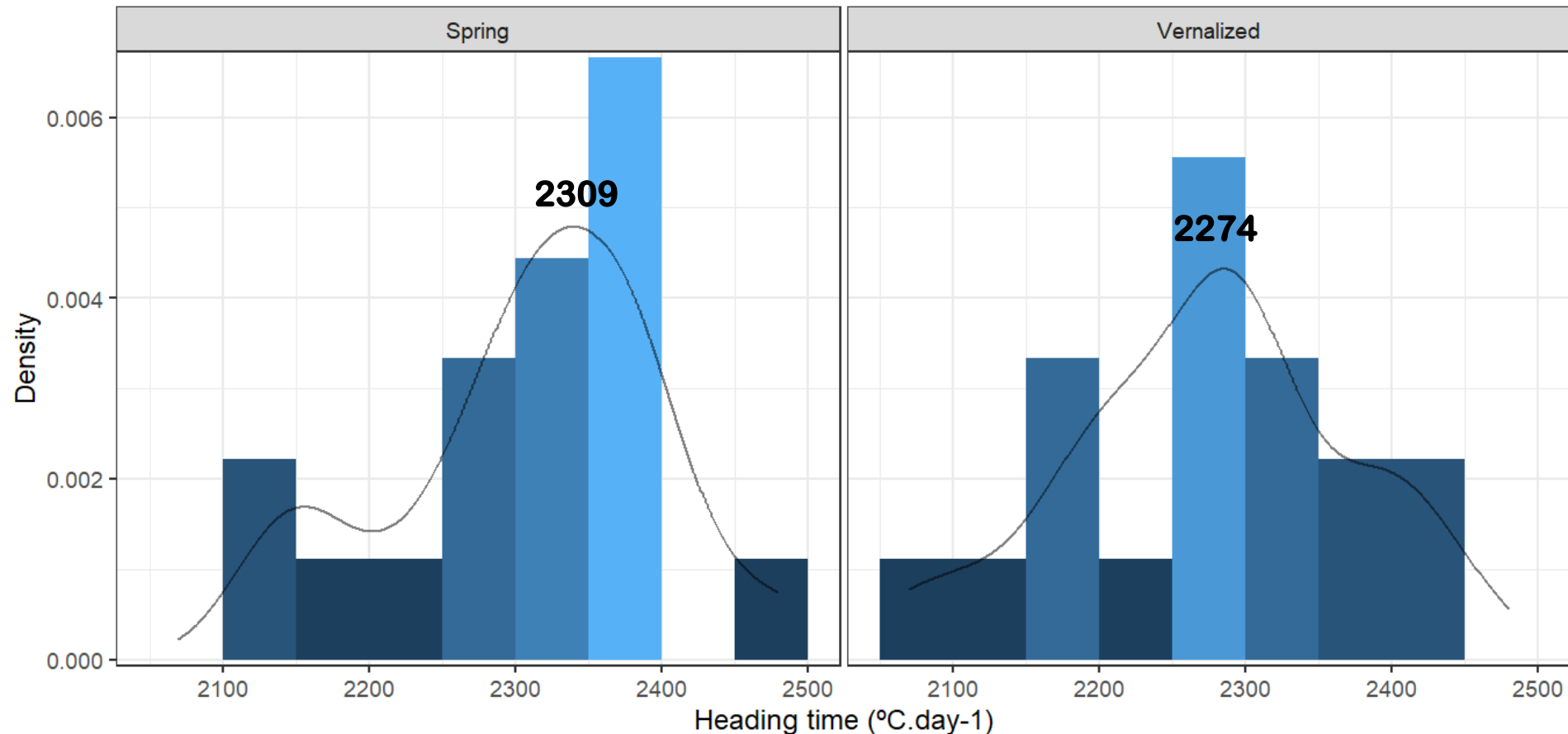
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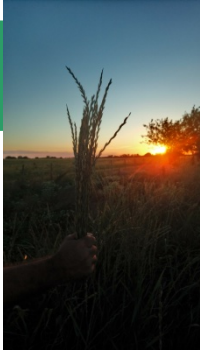
Flowering and Heading time- Preliminary results

Flowering: 45,8 %

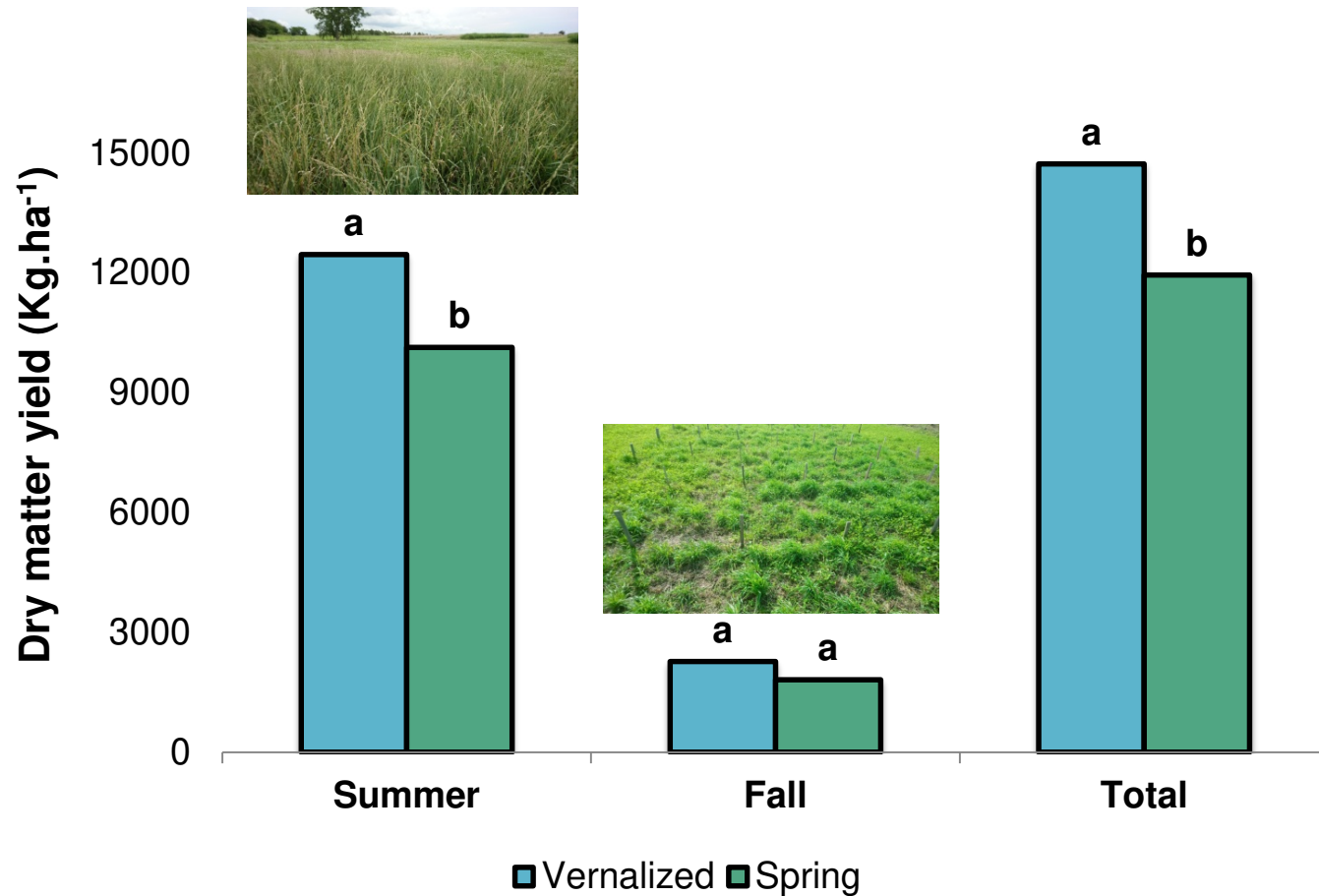
Flowering: 49,7 %



Agronomic adaptation



Forage production - Preliminary results

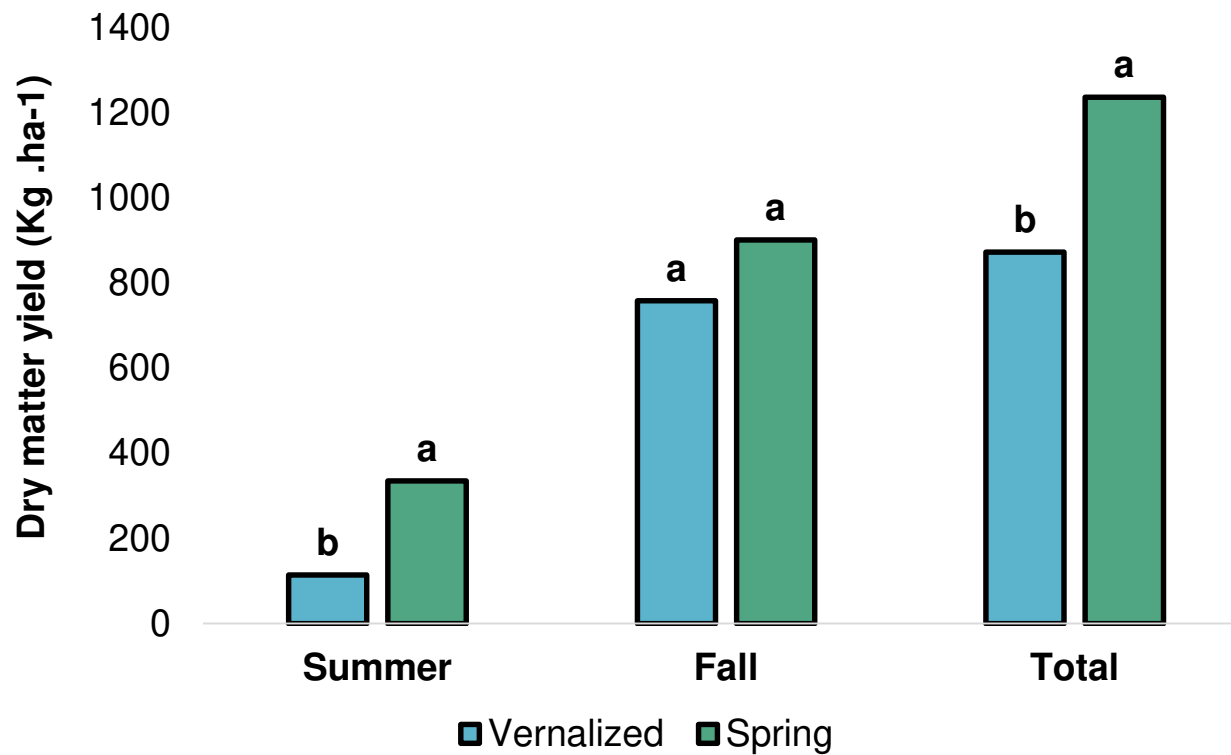


ANOVA $p < 0.05$

Agronomic adaptation



Weeds- Preliminary results



ANOVA $p < 0.05$

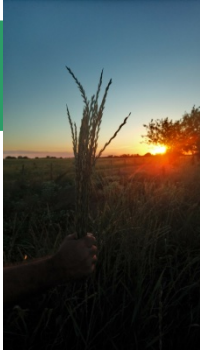
Agronomic adaptation



Nutritive value parameters – Preliminary results

Parameter		Germplasm		Summer 18/19		Fall 19	
NDF (%DM)	Spring			68.4	a	63.4	b
	Vernalized			67.6	a	64.2	b
ADF (%DM)	Spring			40.5	a	33.1	b
	Vernalized			40.3	a	34.1	b
CP (%DM)	Spring			8.4	b	14.4	a
	Vernalized			8.0	b	14.0	a

Tukey $p < 0.05$



Objectives

- Measure genetic components and response to selection on agronomic traits
 - estimate additive variance, heredability and response to classical/phenotipyc recurrent selection on different agronomic traits
 - estimate response to selection mediated by genomic selection

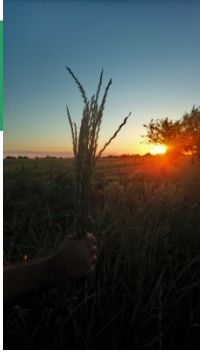
Breeding– Material and Methods

Two half sib experiments

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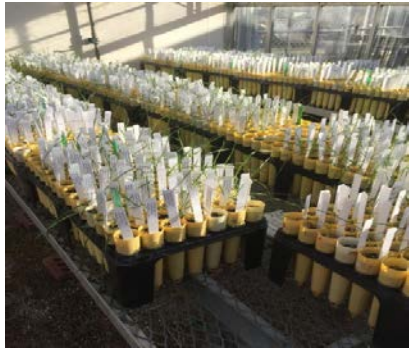
Paysandú (Uruguay)



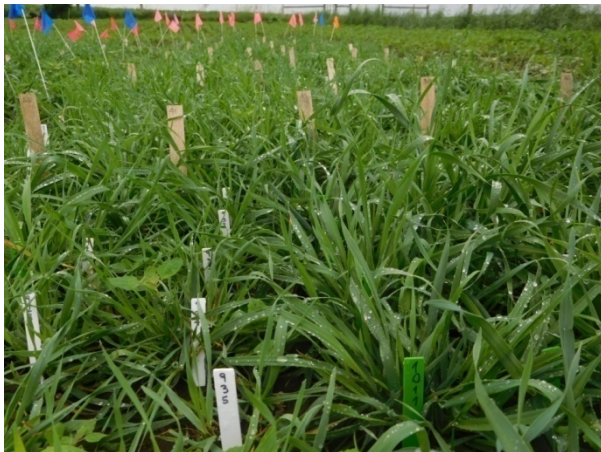
Breeding

Experiment 1 (Wisconsin, EEUU)

TLIC4MN - 54 Half Sib families



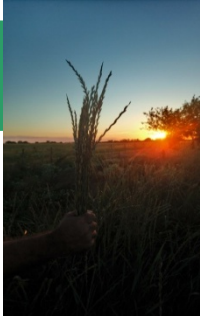
Arlington (WI)



Traits evaluated per plant

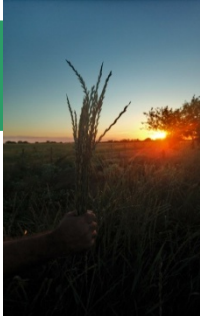
Flowering time
Plant height
Spikes per plant
Spikelets per spike
Spike weight

Spike length
Spikelets per plant
Dry matter yield

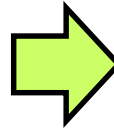


Breeding

Experiment 2 (Paysandú, Uruguay)



TLIC4 / TLIC4MN / TLIC4A



6/15/19

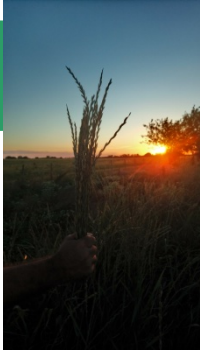
Traits to evaluate

Flowering time
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Dry matter yield

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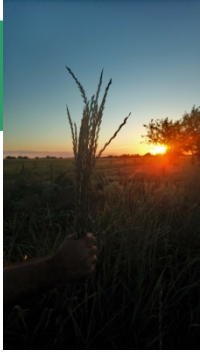


Characteristics of the experiment

- 30 Half Sib families
- 1080 plants (30 families x 12 plants per plot x 3 replications)
- Individual plant evaluation for two years (2019 – 2020)
 - flowering time
 - Dry matter yield (Summer and Winter)
 - Grain yield
- Genomic selection
 - selection of 200 genets at the en of 2020 (training population)
 - Selection of 400 genets under next generation (tested population) (April 2021)
 - Early genomic selection under next generation

} V_a, h^2

Breeding – Experiment 2



Seedling vigor

- Emergence date ($^{\circ}\text{C}\cdot\text{day}^{-1}$)
- Measure of plant height and Haun 30 days after planting

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