

Summary

Breeding of a New Rice Cultivar "Akinosei"

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"Akinosei" is a non-glutinous rice cultivar for sake-brewing developed by Akita Agricultural Experiment Station. It is a selection from the cross Toyonishiki/Miyamanishiki made in 1986.

F₁ and F₂ plants were grown in the green house in 1987, and individual selection of F₃ was carried out in 1988, followed by line selection. An application for registration was made in 1996, and "Akinosei" was released in Akita prefecture as a recommended cultivar.

The agricultural characteristics of "Akinosei" are as follows;

1. Heading and maturing are at the same time of "Miyamanishiki" and it belongs to the medium maturing group at Akita.
2. Its culm length is shorter than that of "Miyamanishiki" and showed higher resistance to lodging. Its plant type is a panicle-weight type.
3. Glumes show a very short tip awning a little and yellow-white apiculi.
4. "Akinosei" has *Pia* and *Pii* genes for true resistance to blast disease. Its resistance to the leaf blast is lower but to the panicle blast is similar to those of "Miyamanishiki" respectively. Resistance of "Akinosei" to cool temperature induced sterility is similar to that of "Miyamanishiki" .
5. Brown rice kernel dimensions of "Akinosei" are slightly larger than those of "Miyamanishiki" with lower degree of white-core appearance.
6. Yield potential of "Akinosei" is greater than that of "Miyamanishiki" .
7. "Akinosei" is well adapt to flat area in Akita prefecture.