**Plant Quality Certified Seed**

Certified seed is field inspected and lab analyzed to help ensure variety identity, germination, and purity. Contact your local seed producer or dealer for quality certified seed.

Seed producers or dealers can be found in the North Dakota Field Inspected Seeds Directory. The directory is available from the North Dakota State Seed Department (NDSSD), your local county agent, or under the field seeds program of the NDSSD website.

www.ndseed.com

**Other Dry Edible Bean varieties** released by the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station:

**Avalanche** – (2008). Navy Bean with medium maturity, high yields, nice seed shape and size. Possesses erect architecture with uniform dry-down. Resistant to BCMV and moderately resistant to rust.

**Lariat** – (2007). Pinto Bean with medium maturity, high yields, and upright architecture with synchronous dry-down. Resistant to leaf rust and BCMV.

**Stampede** – (2007). Pinto Bean with medium maturity and high yields. Resistant to BCMV. Erect plant structure and synchronous dry-down.

**Eclipse** – (2004). Black Bean with medium maturity, very erect, tall growth, and good resistance to lodging.

**For information** on the availability of foundation seed, contact:

**NDSU Research Extension Centers**

Agronomy Seed Farm, Casselton .......... (701) 347-4743
Carrington Research Extension Center .... (701) 652-2951
Hettinger Research Extension Center ...... (701) 567-4323
Langdon Research Extension Center ...... (701) 256-2582
North Central Research Ext. Center ...... (701) 857-7679
Williston Research Extension Center .... (701) 774-4315

Or

**NDSU Foundation Seedstocks Project**

(701) 231-8140 www.ndfss.com

Treasure Valley Seed Company Inc. has exclusive rights to produce and distribute seed of Rio Rojo outside of North Dakota and Minnesota. For information please call 208-337-4626.
Rio Rojo was released by the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station (NDAES) in 2013 with the first public distribution in 2014. Rio Rojo is a medium-early maturing, high-yielding small red bean with commercially acceptable seed size, shape, and appearance. Rio Rojo is erect, has good lodging resistance, and exhibits good and synchronous plant drydown before harvest. It has shown superior performance in yield and disease resistance when compared with other small red bean varieties.

Rio Rojo has improved resistance to common bacterial blight (CBB). Even though it cannot be considered resistant, the intermediate levels observed in field tests showed that Rio Rojo is better than all the small red cultivars commonly grown in the U.S. Rio Rojo also has the marker linked to the I gene, which confers resistance to bean common mosaic virus (BCMV).

Rio Rojo is a selection from a cross between Buster and VAX 3. Seed quality (shape, size, color, etc.) is within the commercial ranges of acceptability. Rio Rojo is susceptible to the new race of bean rust (20-4) and anthracnose (race 73). Canning tests conducted at NDSU during 2011 (using seed produced in 2010) rated Rio Rojo as average.

Development of this variety was made possible through funds provided by the Northarvest Bean Growers Association and the North Dakota Dry Edible Bean Seed Growers Association.

### General Characteristics

- improved resistance to common bacterial blight
- good protection against bean common mosaic virus
- high yield potential

### Mean yield (cwt/acre) of Rio Rojo compared to the most commonly grown small red bean variety across 34 environments in ND and MN from 2006-2013.

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### 2006-2011 agronomic performance of Rio Rojo and the most commonly grown small red bean variety averaged across 17 environments in ND.

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### Disease reaction of Rio Rojo and the most commonly grown small red bean variety averaged across three environments in ND.

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$^1$CBB Scores: 1 to 3 = Resistant, 4 to 6 = Intermediate, 7 to 9 = Susceptible

For additional information about Rio Rojos or other dry bean varieties, refer to the most recent North Dakota Dry Bean Performance Testing circular A-654. The dry bean breeder, Dr. Juan Osorno, or extension agronomist, Dr. Hans Kandel, may also be contacted at 701-231-7971, or visit www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndsuag/crops.