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MY TWO CENTS WORTH



Back in 1982, Louis Carlson, then-president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, coined the phrase “My Two Cents” in response to a two-cent increase in the wheat assessment. It became the title of the President’s Message in our magazine and remained for years, and was replaced by “The Half Acre” somewhere along the way. Then, when Louis’s son, Clint Carlson, served as President in 2019-2020 and again in 2020-2021, he reestablished it, bringing back a familiar tradition. As Clint put it, “Not a lot has changed within the articles except for the dates.”

As the current President, I plan to keep the “My Two Cents” title, as my most recent predecessors have, and work it into my monthly messages. But honestly, I don’t always know if I have two cents to add—sometimes I’m not even sure I have a penny’s worth of insight. Ever wonder where that second penny goes when someone asks for “a penny for your thoughts” but you’re expected to give two cents? Maybe it’s inflation.

All jokes aside, traditions like this remind us that while agriculture constantly evolves, some things remain steadfast—our commitment to growing wheat, advocating for our industry, and passing on knowledge from one generation to the next. And while two cents may not seem like much, small contributions from each of us add up to something greater, just like every acre planted contributes to feeding the world.

The essence of “My Two Cents” has always been about providing perspective—whether on policy, markets, research, or the unpredictable nature of farming. It’s about offering insight, even if it’s just a small addition to the larger conversation. Our organization was built on farmers speaking up, engaging in discussions, and making sure our concerns are heard at the state and national levels.

We’ve seen how small efforts—like a letter to a legislator, a conversation at a board meeting, testifying at a legislative hearing or attending a grower’s conference—can lead to meaningful change. When growers in the early 1980s debated assessment, it wasn’t just about money; it was about investing in the future of Oregon Wheat. That investment led to critical research, market development, and advocacy that still benefit us today.

Much like Clint shared with me, the topics we discuss each year don’t change drastically—the challenges of weather, markets, regulations, and transportation remain. What does change is how we respond. We are constantly adapting, improving our efficiency, and finding new ways to stay competitive.

This year, our focus remains on strengthening our relationships with policymakers, securing research funding, and ensuring Oregon Wheat has a strong position in global markets, especially in a long session year. There’s also an increasing need to educate the public about what we do. Consumers are more removed from farming than ever, and if we don’t tell our story, someone else will—often with misinformation.

That’s why engaging in discussions, sharing our experiences, and putting in our two cents is so important. It’s easy to think that one voice doesn’t make a difference, but history tells us otherwise. I saw this firsthand on my recent trip to Washington, D.C. in January, where I had the opportunity to meet with lawmakers and advocate for policies that support wheat growers. Every conversation, and every small step we take—whether on Capitol Hill or in our own communities—helps lay the foundation for future success.

I left early morning on February 13th, hoping to be at the helm of Oregon Wheat Day at the state capitol, only to get a few hours down the road in the dark, icy morning—to turn back because the capitol closed due to snow. Just like that, carefully laid plans were canceled. If there’s anything we know in agriculture, it’s how to adapt and learn. My traveling partner, Josh Macnab from Sherman County shared how he does just that. He offered his own two cents about GMO’s, research options and what he does to grow his own education and understanding during our quality bonding time. Ask him sometime. Impressive.

So, we met as a board on Valentine’s Day, shifting to a virtual platform instead of being in the Capitol, focused on the same intent we had when we planned to stand in those legislative halls—advocating for Oregon wheat growers and their families. The method may have changed, but the mission remained the same. Because

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no matter the weather, the roadblocks, or detours, our work moves forward. That's just how farmers do it.

Louis Carlson's words still hold weight today, reminding us that every voice matters, and that even small contributions—even just a couple pennies—can lead to lasting impact.

So, here's my two cents—and if you're wondering where that second penny went, maybe it's out there in the wheat fields,

growing into something greater. Fingers crossed. Until next time, keep planting, advocating, and sharing your two cents.



Best in Class: Oregon Producers Showcased in National Wheat Yield Contest

The National Wheat Yield Contest announced its national and state winners for 2024. Oregon wheat producers continued to display their prowess in selecting varieties adapted to local environments, with two local growers taking home the 'Bin Buster' award in dryland categories. Despite a very challenging season for spring wheat production, an Oregon wheat producer also brought home with a win in the spring irrigated wheat category.

Of the 26 national winners, three were from Oregon. They competed in a heavy field this year with 516 submissions to the contest, setting a record for entries. The dryland winter wheat category alone held 365 submissions to the contest.

Facing stiff competition, a couple of Oregon producers are repeat winners. That includes Jess Blatchford of Baker City, Oregon who took the top honors in the irrigated spring wheat category. He earned the "Bin Buster" title with a WestBred soft white spring wheat variety." Blatchford told Progressive Farmer "The key to making spring wheat yield is selecting a variety that suits the climate of the valley and giving the crop what it needs in a timely manner." Jess also entered the contest last year, when he took first place.

Oregon literally shined with Steven VanGrunsvan of Forest Grove, Oregon taking the Bin Buster title in the dryland

winter wheat category with Limagrain Cereal Seeds' variety Shine. VanGrunsvan told Progressive Farmer "Shine was new to us in 2021. It looked good in the university variety trials. That caught our eye, and we started growing it." The intuition paid off, with Shine receiving a repeat win in this category.

Winners received a trip to the Commodity Classic in Denver in March of 2025. In addition to yield, the contest encourages growers to strive for high quality. Wheat samples from the national winning entries are

subsequently evaluated for milling and baking quality. A panel of experts rank the wheat quality by class. Top industry-desired quality are recognized with an additional \$250 cash award. "The National Wheat Yield Contest emphasizes wheat quality as well as yield because our customers all over the world expect that our wheat is the best and most consistent high-quality wheat they can buy," said Bernard Peterson, National Wheat Foundation Chairman.

For more details on the National Wheat Yield Contest and future entry consideration, visit www.wheatcontest.org. 

Spring Wheat Irrigated

Bin Buster: Jess Blatchford
Baker City, Oregon
Variety: WB6341
Yield: 174.74 bpa

Winter Wheat Dryland

Bin Buster: Steven VanGrunsvan
Forest Grove, Oregon
Variety: LCS Shine
Yield: 170.63 bpa

Spring Wheat Dryland

Third Place: Bruce & Helle Ruddenklau
Amity, Oregon
Variety: WB9668
Yield: 106.95 bpa




The 2025 National Wheat Yield Contest is open!

DEADLINES

May 15, 2025 (winter wheat)
August 1, 2025 (spring wheat)


Harvest Data is due October 1, 2025

Learn more here: 

NAWG President Calls for Farm Bill Improvements

NAWG President Keeff Felty testified February 5, 2025 at the Senate Committee on Agriculture on the critical economic issues facing wheat growers and the entire agricultural sector. His testimony emphasized the necessity of robust legislative support through the farm bill.

“Long-term improvements to the farm safety net must be included as this committee, and Congress work to reauthorize the farm bill this year,” stated Felty. Outlining NAWG’s

priorities, he noted the importance of the crop insurance program and the need for an increase in the wheat PLC reference price, which has not been updated since 2018 despite a 30% increase in the cost of crop inputs. His testimony also included support for doubling funding for export market development under the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) program that have not seen increases since 2006 and 2002, respectively. 

Ag Export Funding Bill Introduced

The Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports applauded U.S. Representatives Dan Newhouse (WA), Tracey Mann (KS), Jim Costa (CA), Jimmy Panetta (CA), Ashley Hinson (IA), Brad Finstad (MN), Chellie Pingree (ME), and Kim Schrier (WA) for reintroducing the Agriculture Export Promotion Act of 2025. This legislation would double funding for USDA’s Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) Program. Both programs are critical to expanding global market access for American agricultural exports.

The MAP and FMD programs are funded under the Trade Title of the Farm Bill but the investment has declined

even in the face of global challenges and the need to expand and diversify markets.

A series of program evaluations have shown MAP and FMD generate direct benefits to the American economy that have room to grow. A May 2022 econometric study predicted that doubling funding for these programs would generate an additional \$44.4 billion in U.S. agricultural exports from 2024 to 2029.

The Agriculture Export Promotion Act of 2025 must now be considered by the House Agriculture Committees. 

National Wheat Leaders Take Office


The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) elected Pat Clements of Kentucky as its 2025-26 President. Joining him is Vice President Jamie Kress of Idaho, Nathan Keane of Montana as Treasurer, and Secretary Chris Tanner of Kansas. Keeff Felty of Oklahoma will transition into the Past President position.

Rotating off the NAWG board is Oregon’s Brent Cheyne. The League thanks Brent for his time and commitment representing the Oregon wheat industry on the national stage. Notably, Brent had



The League thanks Brent Cheyne for his service as a NAWG officer.

the opportunity to testify during his term as NAWG President before the House Agriculture Committee’s Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit, sharing a producer perspective on the Farm Bill. Brent’s dedication to his role on the national level was unparalleled and he leaves a lasting legacy.

U.S. Wheat Associates also elected new leadership at last week’s meeting. Jim Pellman of North Dakota will lead the organization as its 2025-26 President. Joining him is Vice President Gary Millershaski of Kansas and Mike Carstensen of Washington. Clark Hamilton will transition into the Past President position. Oregon Wheat congratulates all newly elected officers and looks forward to working with new leadership. 

A Long Session: Shaping the Future of Ag

Amanda Hoey, Oregon Wheat CEO



With over 3,300 bills introduced for the 2025 Oregon state legislative session as of the February measure introduction deadline, we hit a new record. That record number of bills under consideration in the long session creates a sizeable workload for our state advocacy side.

We are working with that record set of bills on a stage set in a different manner than in years past.

The November election resulted in Democrats picking up supermajorities in the state in both chambers; meaning the dominant political party no longer requires members from the other party for quorum or to pass tax votes. In contrast, the federal election flipped the other direction with Republicans winning majorities in the House and Senate, along with the Presidency. The dynamic on the federal level clearly also has impacts on the policies and funding allocations considered in state legislative session.

All that to say: we knew going into the 2025 Oregon legislative session that our work would require a thoughtful approach to advocacy as we seek to position ourselves to protect ag and advance the interests of wheat producers. That approach includes ensuring we have our strongest team in place at the state capitol, putting together a strategy on

proactive bill introduction, working with coalitions to amplify our voice and providing careful consideration on where we target responses to bills that would harm wheat operations.

Team

Our work in Salem is based on a trusted relationship with our contracted lobby firm, Dalton Advocacy, Inc (DAI). Both the firm itself, led by Amanda Dalton, as well as our primary DAI representative Nicole Mann are well respected in Salem. They actively engage legislators as champions to sponsor bills, work with individuals to modify bills, and support legislators willing to fight to prevent the passage of bad bills and actively listen to the concerns of our industry. Importantly, DAI works across the aisle and builds relationships outside of session to be ready for the difficult discussions during session.

Proactive Bills

The League approached this year by working on a couple of proactive bills that would help us talk about the benefits of the wheat industry throughout session.

- **Designating February 11, 2026 as Oregon Wheat Day (HCR12).** Wheat production certainly has a much longer history, but this bill commemorates the formation of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. It would designate February 11, 2026 as Oregon Wheat Day, matching 100 years for the League. A day designated for Oregon Wheat provides us a reason to share information on the

Tips to Navigate Session



There are a number of ways to share your thoughts on bills this session. Legislative committees offer both virtual and in-person testimony options, as well as the ability to submit written comments. You can still stream live committee hearings and floor sessions through the Oregon Legislature website (oregonlegislature.gov)

Written Testimony

The preference is to submit written testimony prior to the start of the meeting, but testimony may be submitted up to 48 hours after the start time of the committee meeting at which the public hearing is held. Detailed instructions are available [here](#).

Verbal Testimony

You can register to speak to a committee on a bill, topic, or executive appointment scheduled for a public hearing either in person at the State Capitol or virtually. Advance registration is required. The online registration system opens when the public hearing is scheduled and closes 30 minutes before the meeting begins.

Register using the online Testimony Registration System by clicking on the "Register to Testify" button next to the bill on the agenda or at the top of the measure overview page or Call 1-833-588-4500 to register.

value of Oregon wheat to the state and discuss how the industry has shaped- and been shaped- over the last 100 years. The bill provides an opportunity to celebrate the tenacity, hard work and dedication of our farmers, recognizing the foresight of the industry to establish a means for coordination of efforts.


- **Investing to Wheat Research (SB 768).** This bill is both an extension and expansion of the many decades of Oregon wheat producers' investment and leadership in research funding. The bill would help secure key cereal grain research positions by creating an endowment fund and incentivizing new endowment donations with a state funded match.

Protecting Ag and Working with Coalitions

While the proactive bills allow space to talk about the positive contributions of our industry, we have some very serious issues ahead of us this session. We face a multitude of

threats from perennial topics related to taxes and revisions to crop protection tools to newer issues around labor and water. As such, we are targeting our resources and time for focused engagement on bills with a direct interface to issues that would impact our wheat members. The League membership will have already seen action requests on bills ranging from fertilizer reporting to ag labor standards board concerns. For those big topics covering a large segment of ag and business stakeholders, our approach is to connect with our partners, joining in coalition testimony and letters. A combined voice and approach allows us to have an even larger impact.

Member Voices: An Essential Component

For all the work that the League does, it is the membership voice that is our most essential component. I encourage you to take a look through the 'Tips to Navigate Session' and use our action alert to put in your testimony on bills. Providing direct insight to how a bill would positively or negatively impact your operation is our best pathway to sway outcomes. 

US Wheat Associates Promotes Shirley Lu to Managing Director, China

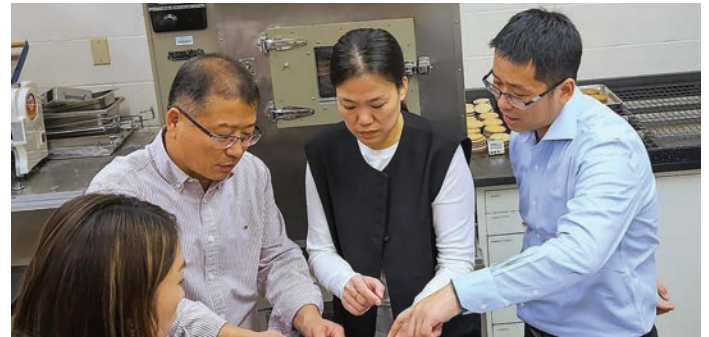
U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) promoted Shirley Lu from Country Director to Managing Director, China, effective January 1, 2025, following the retirement of Regional Vice President Jeff Coey on December 31, 2024. She will be responsible for planning and implementing public affairs, trade and technical service programs, and managing USW's regional staff in Beijing and Hong Kong. Lu will serve in her new position from USW's Hong Kong Regional Office.



"Promoting and maintaining a competitive edge for U.S. wheat to take advantage of opportunities in China is very important and Shirley has earned this leadership position," said Mike Spier, USW Vice President of Overseas Operations. "She is highly professional with extensive industry experience and strong relationships with customers and partner organizations. Jeff Coey and I know that she will provide a steady hand guiding the future direction of USW programs in China."


"My work promoting U.S. wheat in China has given me challenges and a sense of common cause with my colleagues, building on the excellent reputation set by our predecessors over many years. To carry on that work in China will be an important mission for me and the team," said Lu.

Before joining USW in 2012 as Marketing Specialist, Lu gained 12 years of experience as a wheat buyer for



Shirley Lu led a team of COFCO executives to the United States in 2023.

both a trading company and a major mill, building on her professional knowledge to localize the full scope of USW's export market development programming. In 2018, she was promoted to Country Director, China. A native of Wuzhou, Guangxi, Lu earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Beijing International Studies University.

Under its membership in the World Trade Organization, China has met or exceeded a wheat import tariff rate quota of 9.6 million metric tons (MMT) over the past four marketing years. In marketing year 2023/24 that ended May 31, commercial sales of four U.S. wheat classes to China exceeded 2.11 MMT, or more than 77.52 million bushels. The volume of U.S. wheat sales varies annually so keeping China's state trading enterprise and private flour millers informed about U.S. price, quality, and value is USW's primary promotional strategy in the market. 



The Value of Farming

Tyler Hansell

OWC Chair

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Being a farmer in the Oregon, especially as a wheat farmer, is one of the most rewarding and stressful careers in America. Every morning, I wake up before the sun rises, stepping out into the crisp air, ready to take on the day's challenges. The life of a farmer is full of hard work, uncertainty, and, at times, exhaustion. Yet, despite all the stress, there is nothing quite like knowing that my labor will help feed countless people across the country and even the world.

Farming is not just a job; it is a way of life. My family has been farming in the Pacific Northwest for five generations. The land is part of who we are. Here, we face unique challenges compared to farmers in other parts of the country. The climate can be unpredictable, and weather conditions can make farming a risky business, but they also make success all the more rewarding.

Wheat farming, in particular, requires careful planning, patience, and a deep understanding of the land. Planting season is one of the busiest times of the year. As the wheat grows, we monitor it closely, looking for signs of disease or pests that could destroy our hard work. Farming rKt requires constant learning—new technologies, crop rotation strategies, and soil conservation methods all play a role in helping us produce the best harvest possible.

Harvest season is the most exciting yet stressful time of the year. It is the moment we have been waiting for, but it is also when everything can go wrong. Equipment can break down, causing delays. Long hours in the fields, often working from sunrise to well past sunset, take a toll on the body and mind. Yet, seeing the combine move through the fields, brings a deep sense of satisfaction. This is what we have worked for all year.

Beyond the physical labor, farming is also a business. The price of wheat fluctuates based on global markets, meaning that one year we might make a good profit, while the next year we could struggle to break even. We have to budget carefully, plan ahead, and make difficult financial decisions. Many farmers take out loans to buy new equipment or keep operations running, which adds even more stress. There is always the fear that a bad harvest or a drop in prices could put




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everything at risk. However, despite these financial worries, the pride of producing food that helps feed the world makes it all worthwhile.

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Farming is also about community. Neighbors help each other during tough times, whether it's lending equipment, sharing advice, or simply offering a kind word. Farmers support one another because we understand the challenges and joys that come with this life. Rural communities are close-knit, and there is a sense of togetherness that is rare in other professions.

At the end of the day, no matter how stressful farming can be, I wouldn't trade it for anything else. There is something incredibly fulfilling about knowing that my work has meaning—that the wheat I grow will become foods that nourish families. Farming is not just about making a living; it is about making a difference. The stress, the long hours, the uncertainty—all of it is worth it for the moments of pride and accomplishment that come with each successful harvest.

So, while farming may be one of the most stressful careers in America, it is also one of the most rewarding. It requires hard work, patience, and resilience, but it offers a deep connection to the land, a sense of purpose, and the joy of feeding people. As a wheat farmer in Oregon, I know that every seed I plant carries with it the hope of a better future—not just for myself, but for everyone who depends on the food we grow. 

How Significant is the Cereal Leaf Beetle at Present?

Stuart Reitz, Professor & Director, Malheur Experiment Station

Although cereal leaf beetle (CLB) is not always a major pest of winter wheat, growers still routinely make insecticide applications for control of it. Our project was intended to inform growers whether those insecticide applications are justifiable and the best timing for insecticide applications if they are warranted.

Pest Management Considerations

The invasive cereal leaf beetle is a key insect pest of small grains and grass seed crops across most of Oregon. Adults (Figure 1) emerge in the spring. They are good flyers, enabling them to easily disperse throughout fields. The immature larval stage (Figure 2) does most of the feeding damage.

Pest pressure from the beetle varies over different growing seasons, with some years seeing greater beetle populations and damage than other years. It is also important to bear in mind that pest pressure also varies from field to field within the same growing season. Therefore, monitoring beetle populations can help determine whether insecticide treatments would be justified or not.



Figure 1. Adult CLB. The head is black; the neck area is a dark orange, and the wing covers at the back of the body are a dark metallic blue green.

Economic thresholds have been developed for wheat to determine if insecticide treatments are warranted for leaf beetles. Before the boot stage, the economic threshold would be an average of three larvae or eggs total per tiller. After the boot stage, the economic threshold would be one larva per flag leaf (Roberts & Walenta, 2012). This

change in threshold as the crop matures is because feeding damage on the flag leaf is a greater concern for yield loss than feeding damage on other leaves. The flag leaf provides the majority of nutrients needed for the grain to develop.


Procedures:

As part of this project, we conducted a field trial at the Malheur Experiment Station. Insecticides were applied either at the pre-boot stage, or at the boot stage, or if the economic thresholds, described above, were exceeded. Only one




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Figure 2. The immature larval stage of the CLB (left and right). The larvae are grubs (right) that cover their body with a layer of their own excrement to deter predators (and make a mess of your pants when walking through an infested field). The larvae move along the length of a leaf. They scour the upper surface of the leaf, which leaves characteristic strips of dead tissue.

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insecticide application was made in plots receiving the pre-boot or boot insecticide treatments.

The trial was planted in November 2023 with the soft white winter wheat ‘Ovation’. The crop was managed according to standard practices for furrow-irrigated winter wheat in the Treasure Valley. Plots were 30 feet long and 10 feet wide.

CLB adults emerge in the Treasure Valley in late April to May and lay eggs in wheat and grass hay fields from mid-May through early June. Therefore, we monitored populations weekly through the spring by counting eggs and larvae on 20 individual tillers and flag leaves per plot once they emerged. After heading, we rated feeding damage on a 0-5 scale for 25 flag leaves per plot (Figure 3).

In addition to the insecticide timing treatment, we included five insecticide treatments and a control. These were:



Figure 3. Varying degrees of CLB feeding damage on wheat flag leaf from no damage (0) to severe damage (5).

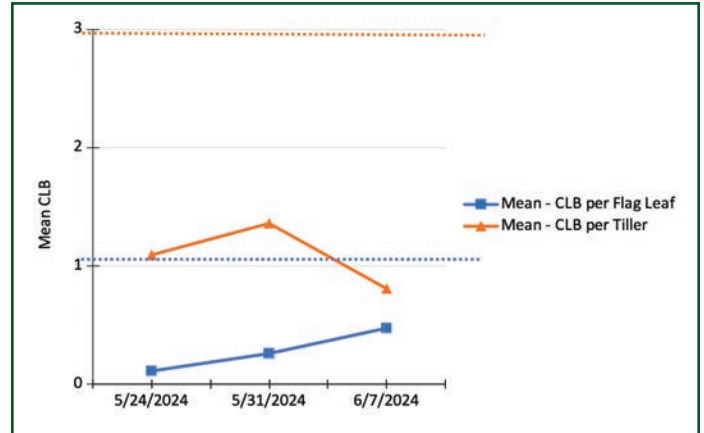


Figure 4. Average number of CLBs (CLB) per tiller (solid orange line) or per flag leaf (solid blue line) over time. The dashed lines indicate the economic threshold levels (3 larvae and/or eggs per tiller; 1 larva per flag leaf). An insecticide application would be recommended if populations exceeded either threshold.

1. Untreated control
2. Warrior II (lambda-cyhalothrin, a synthetic pyrethroid), 1.92 fl oz/acre.
3. Mustang Maxx (zeta-cypermethrin, a synthetic pyrethroid), 4 fl oz/acre.
4. Dimilin (diflubenzuron, an insect growth regulator), 4 fl oz/acre.
5. Lannate (methomyl, a carbamate), 24 fl oz/acre.
6. Radiant (spinetoram, a synthetic spinosyn), 6 fl oz/acre.

Warrior II, Mustang Maxx and Dimilin are three commonly used insecticides in the Treasure Valley. Lannate and Radiant are two different modes of action insecticides that may have greater efficacy against CLB. Radiant is a reduced-risk insecticide that may have a lower impact on natural enemies, like the CLB parasitoid *Tetrastichus julis*. Radiant and Lannate are also higher priced products. Their effectiveness would need to be greater to justify their use.

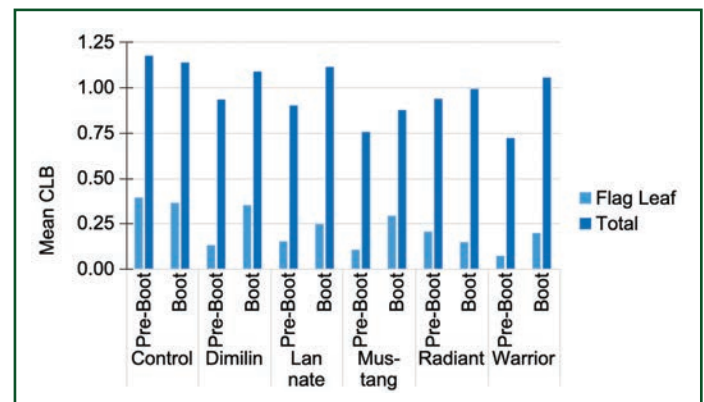


Figure 5. Seasonal averages of CLBs on the flag leaf (orange bars) and on the entire flag stem (blue bars).

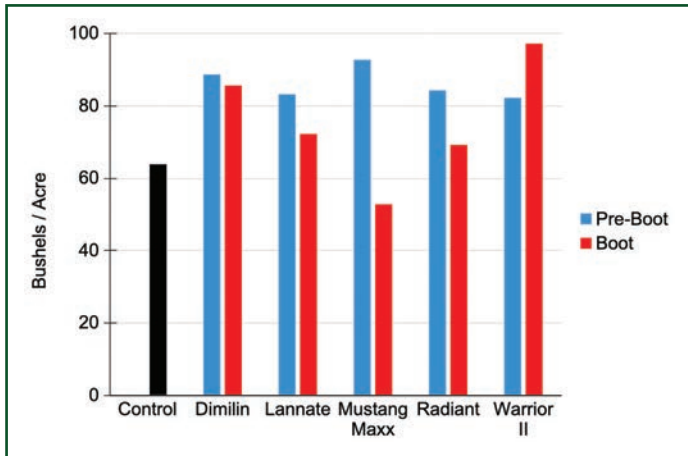


Figure 7. Yield in bushels per acre in relation to insecticide treatment and timing. Applications were made at the pre-boot stage (blue bars) or at the boot stage (red bars). The control did not receive any insecticide application.

Insecticides were applied with a CO2 powered backpack sprayer equipped with flat fan nozzles and delivering 20 gallons per acre to assure thorough coverage.

Results and Conclusions:

CLB eggs were first detected at the experiment station at the beginning of May. Larvae were first detected approximately two weeks later (mid-May). However, CLB counts never exceeded the economic thresholds (Figure 4). Consequently, no insecticides were applied in the “threshold treatment” programs. Insecticides were applied on May 27 for the pre-boot stage treatments and June 3 for the boot stage treatments.

Insecticide treatments were more effective in reducing beetle populations when made at the pre-boot stage rather than at the boot stage. Warrior II provided the best overall control of CLB (Figure 5). All of the insecticides reduced

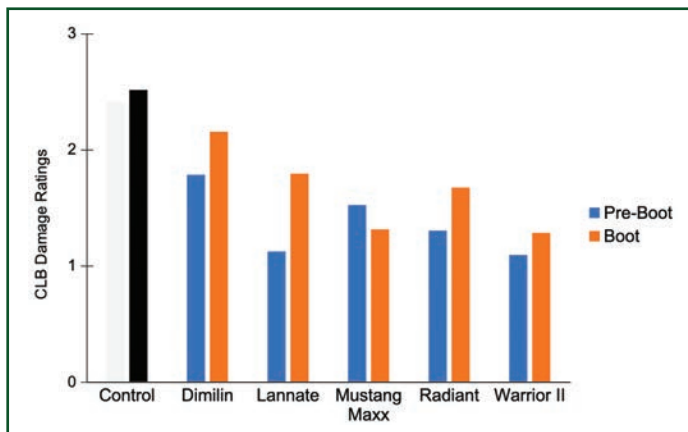


Figure 6. Average CLB damage ratings on the flag leaf in different insecticide and timing treatments. Applications were made at the pre-boot stage (blue bars) or at the boot stage (red bars). The control did not receive any insecticide application.

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CLB feeding damage on the flag leaf (Figure 6). Again, Warrior II provided the greatest reduction in damage levels. Although damage ratings for Dimilin were relatively high, larval populations on the flag leaf were low.

Yield was significantly improved with the insecticide treatments compared with the untreated control. When applied at the pre-boot stage, yields were 29% - 45% greater compared with the no insecticide control (Figure 7 and Table 1). Yield improvements were not as great if the insecticides were applied at the boot stage. The yield with Mustang Maxx was 17% lower than in the control. The other insecticides improved yield from 8% to 52%.

Insecticide	Preboot	Boot
Dimilin	139%	134%
Lannate	130%	113%
Mustang Maxx	145%	83%
Radiant	132%	108%
Warrior II	129%	152%

Table 1. Yield for the insecticide treatments when applied at the pre-boot or boot stage compared with the untreated control.

Given the results, a reexamination of the economic thresholds may be warranted. 

Oregon Wheat Foundation Recognizes 2025 Scholarship Recipients

Amanda Spoo, ajae communications

Oregon wheat growers understand the importance of investing in the next generation, and year after year, they commit to helping students continue their education beyond high school.

Every year, the Oregon Wheat Foundation grants up to twelve \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Oregon. Recipients are evaluated based on their academic achievements, leadership, community service, and a personal essay discussing a topic relevant to the wheat industry. To qualify, students must be the child of a grower member of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, have a parent or guardian employed by a grower member of the League, or work during the summer for a grower member. Applicants must also intend to enroll in a university, a two-year community college program, or an accredited vocational or technical program.

This year's large applicant pool was competitive and encouraging to see. Thank you to every student that took the time to apply. "This tradition of supporting the next generation is one we take pride in," said Tom Winn, Chair of the Oregon Wheat Foundation. "This impressive and talented group of scholarship recipients is eager to make their mark on the world, and I'd say our future looks bright."

Congratulations to all of our 2025 scholarship recipients:

Jayda Cant attends Imbler High School and is the daughter of JD and Audrey Cant. After graduation, she plans to study animal science with a focus on genetics at Montana State University. Throughout high school, she has competed in basketball, volleyball, and track, served as Student Body Secretary and Treasurer, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jayda has been a dedicated FFA member, serving as Chapter President and Eastern District President. She is also an active participant in her 4-H club, where she focuses on raising registered Polled Hereford cattle and market steers. She is also involved in the National Junior Hereford Association. Outside of school, Jayda volunteers in the nursery at her church, works seasonally at 3H Ranch, and drives a combine in the summer for a local farmer. Her long-term goal is to return to the family ranch in Eastern Oregon and work as a cattle geneticist.

Bailey Coelsch is a Sherman County High School student who plans to study elementary education, beginning at Blue Mountain Community College before transferring to Eastern Oregon University. She is the daughter of Bryce and Kristie Coelsch. Bailey is a leader at school, serving as

ASB Vice President and FFA Chapter Vice President. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and competes in basketball, volleyball, track, and tennis. Additionally, Bailey works on her family's wheat and cattle farm and at the Sherman County Preschool. After college, she hopes to teach kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade in a rural community.

Rilee Dennis attends Crook County High School and is the daughter of Jason and Tori Dennis. Her post-secondary plans include studying construction and engineering management at Oregon State University. Rilee is an active member and leader in FFA, 4-H, the Oregon Junior Angus Association, and the Junior American Boer Goat Association. She frequently exhibits livestock, including cattle, goats, and sheep. Rilee is also a member of the National Honor Society, the track and field team, and Unite Dance Studio. She aims to begin her career with a major construction company and eventually own her own construction business, applying the lessons she learned while growing up on her family farm.

Kendra Glaser attends Central Linn High School and is the daughter of Brian and Kristie Glaser. After graduation, she plans to study food science and nutrition at the University of Idaho. At school, Kendra serves on the Central Linn Student Council and is active in FFA, AWANAS, and Girls State. She also plays volleyball and competes in various shooting sports through school and 4-H. Additionally, she volunteers with several school and community organizations and works during the summers on her family's farm. Kendra is passionate about food science and technology and looks forward to finding a career that enables her to make a meaningful impact on people in her community.

Liam Heideman is a Riverside Jr/Sr High School student and plans to attend Eastern Oregon University to study agricultural business and wildland firefighting. He is the son of Deacon and Erin Heideman. During high school, Liam has participated in football, tennis, cross country, choir, student government, and FFA. He volunteers as a 4-H camp counselor, with Farmers Ending Hunger, and for various community organizations and projects. Liam also has an internship with the Boardman Fire Department and has held several farm jobs, including work on his family's ranch. After college, he plans to pursue a career in consulting or land management, where he can help address the challenges of wildfires and sustainable resource management.

Natasha Lane attends La Grande High School and plans to study agribusiness and crop science at Montana

State University. She is the daughter of Rob and Carrie Lane. As a student, Natasha has been involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 4-H, FBLA, and National Honor Society, and has competed in golf and soccer. She is an active FFA member, serving as Chapter President. Natasha volunteers with various organizations at school, including Tiger Ambassadors, which supports students and teachers at La Grande High School. She works on her family farm and has a summer job at a local snow cone stand. Natasha's long-term goal is to return to her family farm and be involved in her community.


Mason Orem attends Heppner Jr/Sr High School and is the son of Eric and Brandi Orem. He plans to study ag systems management at the University of Idaho. Mason leads his peers as ASB President and participates in several extracurricular activities, including football, basketball, baseball, FFA, 4-H, FBLA, National Honor Society, and the National Society of High School Scholars. He volunteers with various community organizations and projects, holds an internship at the local NRCS office, and has worked several farm jobs, including on his family's farm. His long-term goal is to start a career where he can help consult farmers and ranchers before eventually returning to his family farm.

Ethan Reeder is a student at Griswold High School and the son of Craig and Tina Reeder. His plans for post-secondary education include studying entrepreneurship and psychology at North Dakota State University. Ethan is an active student involved in football, basketball, track and field, and trap shooting, as well as FBLA, Key Club, and National Honor Society. He is also an active FFA member, serving as Chapter President for the past two years. Ethan volunteers for various youth and community events and has spent his summers working on the farm and as a swimming instructor and lifeguard. He looks forward to broadening his horizons in college and pursuing entrepreneurial opportunities in the agriculture industry.

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Michael Rosselle attends Pendleton High School and is the son of Bob and Teri Rosselle. He plans to study agricultural systems technology at Oklahoma State University. Michael is an active 4-H and FFA member, and he competes in football and on the trap team. He works at Duff Ranches during the summer wheat harvest, co-owns Roselle Livestock, and volunteers for events such as the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon. After college, Michael intends to return to Eastern Oregon and pursue a career as a precision agriculture technician, agricultural equipment technician, or grain elevator technician.

Tanner Rovey is a student at Cove High School and the son of Byron and Stephanie Rovey. His post-secondary plan includes studying animal science at the University of Idaho. Tanner leads his peers not only as Chapter President for both FFA and FBLA, but also at the state level as the current Oregon FBLA State Vice President of Service. He is active in 4-H and the American Dairy Goat Association and participates in Robotics and Pep/Jazz Band. Tanner is very involved in working alongside his family at Rovey Farms and Grande Ronde Dairy. After college, Tanner hopes to gain experience working for a dairy or dairy processing company outside of his family's business, with the ultimate goal of returning home to take over the family farm.

Spencer Seus attends Lost River Jr/Sr High School and intends to study agricultural business and engineering at

Oklahoma State University. He is the son of Scott and Sara Seus. Throughout high school, Spencer has been a dedicated FFA member, earning the Oregon STAR in Agricultural Placement Award and receiving a gold placement at Nationals for his Crop Production Proficiency. He also participates in 4-H, shooting sports, volunteering in his community, and working toward earning his welding certifications at Klamath Community College. After college, he plans to return to the family farm.

Katie Spivey is a student at Heppner High School and the daughter of Brian and Stefanie Spivey. She plans to attend the University of Idaho to study animal science production or agronomy. As a student, Katie is actively involved in the National Honor Society, FFA, and FBLA, and she competes in volleyball, basketball, and softball. To date, Katie has dedicated over 7,000 hours to raising and training lab puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Her work experiences include working wheat harvest at H & P Farms, as a forest service crew member, and internships with TM Antlers and Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy Services. She looks forward to pursuing a career in agriculture that allows her to inspire others.

The annual Oregon Wheat Foundation Auction at the Tri-State Convention in November serves as the primary fundraiser for scholarship funds. We extend our gratitude to our many sponsors who contribute to the success of this annual auction. Applications for 2026 scholarships will open in November of this year and are due by February 1, 2026. 




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NAWG and USW Welcome USTR Jamieson Greer Confirmation

The U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) issued in a statement in February welcoming the U.S. Senate's confirmation of Jamieson Greer to fill the position of U.S. Trade Representative. "With over 50 percent of U.S. wheat heading to overseas markets, trade is a major priority for wheat growers. NAWG looks forward to working with U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer to promote free trade

and expand export markets for our nation's producers," said NAWG CEO Chandler Goule. "We are pleased to see an appointment who has extensive experience advocating for U.S. farmers, and someone who is aware of trade barriers facing U.S. agriculture," said USW President Vince Peterson. "We look forward to working with Mr. Greer to open new markets and grow existing markets for U.S. wheat." 

Brooke Rollins Confirmed USDA Secretary of Ag

In February, the United States Senate confirmed Brooke Rollins as the new Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture. Originally from Texas, Rollins most recently acted at the President, Founder and CEO of the America First Policy Institute. She now becomes the 33rd US Secretary of Agriculture. The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) CEO Chandler Goule congratulated the appointment,

stating: "I appreciate Mrs. Rollins committing to getting the much-needed economic assistance for wheat producers rolled out during her confirmation hearing, as well as her interest in getting a long-term, meaningful farm bill signed into law this year that strengthens the farm safety net. NAWG looks forward to working with you to deliver real results for wheat growers and rural America." 



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There's an App for That

Amanda Spoo, ajae communications

Technology continues to transform U.S. agriculture, helping growers make more informed decisions, improve efficiency, and adapt to fast-paced, changing conditions. As new opportunities and challenges arise, the demand for digital resources continues to increase, and growers need access to valuable, trusted data while on the go.

The latest digital resource available to Oregon wheat growers is the “OSU Cereals” mobile app, designed to allow users to access OSU wheat and barley variety testing data on their phones while on the go.

This information is compiled through the Oregon State University Cereal Extension Program, led by Dr. Ryan Graebner, who studies the performance of wheat and barley varieties across major cereal production regions in Oregon. He and his team collaborate with public and private breeders to develop panels of new and upcoming varieties for testing throughout the state. They then provide this data each year to growers through online reports and field day events.

Oregon Wheat Commissioner Tyler Hansell considers this data a critical resource for making decisions on his farm. A few years ago, he challenged Dr. Graebner to make the data more accessible to growers.

As a result, after two years of planning and development, the app is now available for download on the Apple and Google

Play stores and is compatible with all Android and iOS devices.

App Development

“Once we established that our goal was to create an app, our first step was to summarize and format the data in a manner that would be useful for growers, a process that was tedious and time-consuming,” said Dr. Graebner, a cereal scientist and OSU associate professor based at the Pendleton Research Station.

After summarizing the data, Graebner reached out to several companies known for developing the kind of app they were looking for but ultimately decided to keep the project in-house by collaborating with the OSU College of Engineering. Students in this program are required to complete a Capstone project that addresses a real-world problem or need.

“We were matched with two exceptionally talented students, Anna Level and Andrew Wallace,” said Dr. Graebner. “I was impressed by how they dove into this project and delivered a final product free of bugs and significant edits within a reasonable time frame.”

Once the app was coded, Dr. Graebner and his team were responsible for entering the data and will continue to maintain it going forward.

How it Works

Growers need to consider various factors when choosing

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iPhone Users



Android Users

which varieties to plant. Hansell says growers should be excited about this app because it empowers them to make timely, strategic decisions in the field.

“As growers, we often make decisions on the fly. Even if we’ve attended meetings or field days and have some varieties in mind, we don’t always have the complete data when it’s time to make a decision,” said Hansell. “Every grower is different. Some are focused on yield in a specific rainfall area, some are looking at disease susceptibility in a specific rainfall area, and some are looking for both. This app provides each grower with data at their fingertips when they need it and allows them to toggle different information on and off, so they can compare the data they need to consider based on their priorities.”

Dr. Graebner emphasizes that the app will not revolutionize data analysis and does not provide additional data that isn’t already available online.

“If you’re taking the time to sit down for a few hours and consider what varieties are best for you, I’d still recommend checking out the reports online because of the detail they offer,” said Dr. Graebner. “That said, I’m excited about this tool because the interface is specifically built to easily access and view data on your phone, wherever and whenever you need it. We intentionally chose a simple design to make navigation possible without an instruction manual.”

The “OSU Cereals” app displays data from the team’s low rainfall, intermediate rainfall, high rainfall, and irrigated summary reports, along with data from the disease summaries. Users can customize their viewing options by selecting which agronomic, disease, and quality traits they wish to view. The app also allows users to hide experimental lines with a “Released Only” button and focus only on varieties that are either currently available to grow or will be available in the coming years. The data will be updated every fall after all variety testing data for the year has been analyzed. The “About” tab contains information about the current dataset, including which harvest season it is from and when it was added to the app.

“Growers will need internet access to download the app initially and update it once or twice a year for new data. However, once that is done, that data is stored directly on their phones and can be accessed without an internet connection,” said Dr. Graebner.

A Sustainable Tool

Dr. Graebner is proud to share a sustainable tool that he hopes will further empower growers to make more informed decisions.

“This app is sustainable because we didn’t overcomplicate it with a lot of features. Our priority was to code something that wouldn’t require a complete overhaul every time there’s an iOS or Android update,” said Dr. Graebner. “Someday, it may need a more significant revision, but I don’t anticipate that happening for at least the next decade.”



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He added that since it was developed “in-house,” OSU retains ownership of the code and can freely share it with other states looking to adapt it for wheat or other crops.

“I want to emphasize that this app is a great first stop for data, but ultimately, I’m always happy to discuss varieties if growers have questions or would like a second opinion,” said Graebner. “That is a big part of why I’m here—to provide direct support.”

Hansell encourages growers to download the app and implement it as another resource on their farms.

“This app just puts more information directly in our hands that will help us make more in-depth, informed decisions based on each grower’s specific needs. I hope it also motivates growers to explore newer varieties developed to help minimize inputs,” said Hansell. “Through the commission, we invest significant funds in research, and this app could eventually help put more dollars back into our growers’ pockets. Thanks to Dr. Graebner, his team, and the College of Engineering students for their hard work to put this app in the hands of growers.”

Search for “OSU Cereals” in your device’s Apple or Google Play app stores to download the app. 


NAWG and USW Support USDA Administration of Food for Peace

New legislation introduced in February to move the Food for Peace international food assistance program under USDA's administration was welcomed by the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and U.S. Wheat Associates (USW). The legislation is sponsored by Representatives Tracey Mann of Kansas, Rick Crawford of Arkansas, Dan Newhouse of Washington, David Rouzer of North Carolina and House Agriculture Committee Chairman GT Thompson of Pennsylvania, along with Sens. Jerry Moran of Kansas and John Hoeven of North Dakota.

"U.S. wheat has long been proud of the role our farmers play in feeding hungry populations around the world," said USW President Vince Peterson. "Realigning administration of Food for Peace, our flagship global hunger program, to USDA makes perfect sense and ensures that the agency most

closely connected with food is equipped to deliver wholesome food from American farmers to those who most need it."

NAWG and USW have long advocated for "keeping the food in food aid" and have expressed frustration at growing trends in food assistance programs of cash donations and commodity purchases from U.S. competitors.

"NAWG welcomes this legislation that supports American farmers while working to address hunger around the world," said NAWG CEO Chandler Goule. "Each year, the Food for Peace program buys more than one million metric tons of food, including wheat, to feed millions of starving people in the poorest countries around the world. Under USDA, Food for Peace, this 71-year-old program will feed more people more efficiently and effectively without losing track of starting American foreign policy at home with American farmers." 

Crocker Appointed to Oregon Wheat Commission


The Oregon Wheat Commission welcomes Collin Crocker as its newest Commissioner in Producer Position 5. Crocker was appointed by the Oregon Department of Ag Director in January to fill the position vacated by Jerry Marguth. He begins a partial term that extends through June 2027.

Crocker is a fifth-generation farmer in the South Willamette Valley. He and his wife Debbie own and operate C & L Farms with their family in Monroe, Oregon. He is grateful to be working alongside the sixth and seventh generations on the farm in a diversified operation that includes in its rotation wheat, grass seed, red clover, green beans, edible pumpkin seeds, purple turnup seed, hazelnuts and mint. Crocker previously served on the Oregon Wheat Growers League Board of Directors and represented Oregon on the National Association of Wheat Growers Board of Directors. He has experience with Commodity Commissions, having also served on the Oregon Mint Commission.

That experience with Commissions is helpful. "The first meeting of the year dives deep into the Oregon Wheat Commission's research review," notes CEO Amanda Hoey. "Collin is already contributing his expertise regarding the applicability of proposed research work for producers in the Willamette Valley." Crocker is excited to join the Commission and continue his efforts to keep this industry viable for the next generation. While on the Commission he hopes to support investments that ultimately inspire youth to farm, as



well as support new variety development and the continuation of international marketing efforts.

In addition to welcoming Crocker, the Commission also thanks Jerry Marguth for his service. "Jerry has spent the last 40 years in service to agriculture," stated Commission Chair Tyler Hansell. "He has been a leader in our industry and a strong advocate for the next generation of farmers, including working to bring Collin onto the Commission." Crocker also thanks Marguth and attributes his pathway to joining the Oregon Wheat Commission to Marguth's leadership. "Jerry is a longtime friend and mentor and an excellent farmer," stated Crocker. "I appreciate his support and am looking forward to the next few years in this role." 

Bringing Back the County Fair Baking Contests

Dr. Bill Jepsen

In the past history, the Oregon Wheat Growers League sponsored a cake baking contest at multiple county fairs in Oregon. This year, the Oregon Wheat Foundation has decided to bring back the event with some new twists. For a 2025 trial run, the contests will be held in five selected counties: Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, and Wasco.


There will be two age groups, juniors, ages 7-13 and adults, ages 14 and up. This summer, juniors will be baking a Blueberry Sour Cream Muffin and the adults a Honey Wheat Bread. All participants at each fair will be using the same recipes. In future years, the juniors will bake a muffin, biscuit, or quick bread. The adults will rotate between a bread product or a cake.

Prizes are as follows:

Adults: 1st \$100; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50

Juniors: 1st \$50; 2nd \$35; 3rd \$25



Recipes and rules can be found on the Oregon Wheat Foundation website or your county fair premium book. If the contests are successful, the Foundation hopes to include more county fairs in the future. If you reside in one of the five trial counties, make plans today for you and other family members to bake and submit an entry this year! 

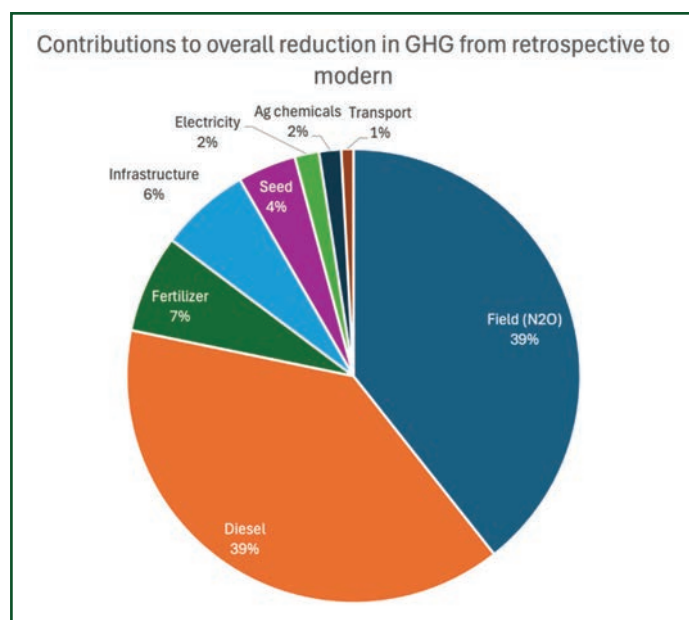
Life Cycle Analysis Confirms Continuous Improvement in Sustainable U.S. Wheat Production

Amanda Spoo, ajae communications

Stewardship is a deeply rooted responsibility that many growers view as more than a job—it is a way of life and a legacy of care and commitment passed down through families who take immense pride in continually nourishing and improving the land for the next generation.

While they strive to increase yields and produce high-quality wheat, as stewards of the land, many wheat growers are committed to sustainable practices like crop rotation, precision irrigation, nutrient management, and soil conservation.

The U.S. wheat industry has always hung its hat on its transparency and commitment to providing customers with a reliable supply of high-quality wheat. However, in response to emerging trends in recent years, U.S. Wheat Associates (USW), the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), and the National Wheat Foundation (NWF) recognized an increased need to quantify sustainability metrics and trends in U.S. wheat production. This recognition prompted the two organizations to partner on sponsoring a comprehensive Life



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Cycle Analysis (LCA) to measure the sustainability of U.S. wheat production over the past 40 years, from 1978 to 2018.

The results confirmed what wheat growers had already suspected: the U.S. wheat industry is making significant strides in sustainability and continues to produce more while using fewer resources.

What is an LCA?

An LCA is a method used to assess the total environmental impact of a product, process, or system throughout its entire lifespan—from beginning to end.

In agriculture, this involves examining all inputs necessary for producing crops or livestock, including the resources required to create those inputs. In addition to obvious factors such as water, fertilizer, and fuel, an LCA also takes into account the raw materials used to manufacture fertilizers and equipment, along with the impacts of farming practices, transportation, processing, and waste disposal.

For example, if a farmer applies fertilizer, an LCA evaluates the energy and raw materials required to produce the fertilizer, as well as the emissions generated from transporting it to the farm. By tracking every stage, an LCA helps identify where resources are utilized most and where environmental impacts—such as pollution and greenhouse gas emissions—occur. This information empowers farmers, businesses, and policymakers to make more informed decisions that foster sustainability while maintaining productivity.

The Process

In 2021, a team of researchers from Texas A&M University AgriLife Research and Colorado State University's AgNext Institute was selected to conduct a "U.S. Wheat Production Life Cycle Analysis," which was also made possible with support from the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.

To begin, the team created 110 "archetype farms" across primary U.S. wheat-growing regions. They collected data measuring the environmental impact of wheat production across five key areas in each region over time. For comparison, they relied on publicly available historical data from 104 of these archetypes. Compiling the historical data involved collaboration, with support from growers and county extension agents. Once they were ready to analyze the data, they used a widely accepted model called Agricultural Policy Environmental Extender (APEX1) alongside openLCA life cycle assessment software.

"It is important to note that this LCA is unique to domestic U.S. wheat production. This information should not be used to compare wheat production to other commodities because those each use different production systems, models, approaches, functional units, and data," said Dalton Henry, USW Vice President of Policy. "We also advise against using this data to directly compare U.S. wheat production with that

of other countries. Wheat is a complex commodity, which means there are significant differences between classes, production seasons, protein levels, and end-use functionality that must all be considered."

The Results

The results provided an estimate of changes in five Key Performance Indicators, confirming that the U.S. wheat industry has consistently improved the crop's environmental footprint over the past 40 years.


- Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Reduced by 33% due to improved nitrogen application efficiency and higher yields per unit of nitrogen.
- Energy Use: Decreased by 57% through enhanced fuel efficiency, reduced tillage, and fewer field passes.
- Water Use: Lowered by 46% thanks to higher yield per water unit and reduced irrigation.
- Land Use: Reduced by 45% due to production and yield improvements.
- Soil Erosion: Decreased by 60% from reduced tillage and other production improvements.

The LCA indicates that more prescriptive fertilizer use, precision input application, and the broader adoption of conservation and no-tillage practices have significantly contributed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The study showed that 78% of the overall reduction in emissions resulted from less off-gassing of N₂O from fields and cleaner diesel fuel (see chart below). These findings are consistent with other studies, including Field to Market's National Indicators Report.

The results also confirm the commitment to continuous production improvement. U.S. wheat yields per acre have increased by 25% since 1993, with 68% of the total planted area now converted to no-tillage and other conservation tillage systems. Winter wheat provides a living soil cover, and wheat crop residue contributes organic matter and tilth to the soil. Additionally, growers produce 93% of U.S. wheat without irrigation.

Continuous Improvement

USW, NAWG, and NWF are excited to share the LCA results with both domestic and overseas customers and are pleased that the LCA establishes a quantifiable baseline for future analysis.

"These results confirm a positive and welcome trend that, over 40 years, U.S. wheat growers have adopted technologies and practices that resulted in significant reductions per bushel in greenhouse gas emissions, water use, soil erosion, and energy use while producing higher yields," said Henry. "The LCA is an excellent tool that we can use to show overseas customers who have concerns about the environmental impact of U.S. wheat production just how minimal our footprint is and the considerable progress U.S. wheat growers have achieved." 

LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS *at a glance*



Energy Use is Down 57%

from fewer equipment field passes due to more conservation tillage and higher fuel efficiency.



Water Use is Down 46%

as farmers reduced their use of irrigation, and yield per unit of water is higher because of improved varieties.



Soil Erosion is Down 60%

from reduced tillage and other soil conservation practices and incentives.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The LCA results provided an estimate of changes in five key performance indicators that confirm U.S. wheat growers are continuously improving the crop's environmental footprint.



Greenhouse Gas Emissions are Down 33%

based on a combination of improved nitrogen (N) application efficiency and higher yields per unit of nitrogen.



Land Use is Down 45%

from reduced planted area and improved wheat varieties with higher yield potential.

Important Advancements Drive Lower Emissions

The LCA includes specific indicators of change that have helped reduce greenhouse gas emissions from U.S. wheat production. The study showed that 78% of the overall reduction in emissions resulted from less off-gassing of N₂O from fields and cleaner diesel fuel.



Contribution to overall reduction in GHG from retrospective data to modern.

39% Field (N₂O)

39% Diesel

7% Fertilizer

6% Infrastructure

4% Seed

2% Electricity

2% Ag Chemicals

1% Transport

Charts and data are courtesy of U.S. Wheat Associates. For more information, visit the following resources:
uswheat.org/stories-of-stewardship | wheatfoundation.org | wheatworld.org/category/conservation-sustainability
agrilife.tamu.edu | agnext.colostate.edu

Mission to DC Elevates Grower Voices

In December, League and Commission leadership and staff traveled to Washington, D.C., for the USW-NAWG Joint Winter meeting. It was a busy week full of committee meetings, speakers, and networking with growers and colleagues across the United States. Highlights included:


- A Joint Plenary session featuring Acting Deputy Under Secretary Hafemeister discussing ag trade policy, a review of the status of GM wheat and implications of SECURE rule changes, along with the regulatory landscape moving forward.
- A panel with Embassy staff for the top three U.S. Wheat markets: Philippines, Mexico and Japan.
- Committee meetings, including changes in the crop quality program and an update on the LifeCycle Analysis.



- Wheat 101 Reception, which included the chairs and ranking members for House and Senate ag committees.
- National Wheat Foundation PAC bylaw changes to launch the new iteration of a vibrant PAC, along with the drawing on the sWHEATstakes.



League representatives and growers meet with Representative Cliff Bentz.

Oregon Wheat delegates spent time on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators to advocate for issues important to the Oregon wheat industry. The Future Leaders of Ag (FLAG) scholarship recipient Thad Eakin was impressed by his visit stating “As a League officer, I talked with my legislators on policies and regulations affecting my farm and the challenges for wheat producers around the state.” The team held meetings with Senator Merkley and Representative Bentz and staff for Senator Wyden and Representatives Hoyle and Salinas. Those discussions were followed by additional meetings with staff for other congressional delegates. 



League President and Vice President visit the Library of Congress.



Hill visits included meetings with most Oregon delegates.



Senator Merkley meets with Oregon growers on issues related to the Farm Bill.



Past Oregon Wheat scholarship recipient joins the Commission, League and US Wheat representatives in DC.

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winter-hardiness



Similar plant height
to LCS Hulk



LCS Nessie AX



Excellent
straw strength



Outstanding
stripe rust
resistance



Performs well
in high production zones



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stripe rust
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straw strength vs.
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