

WHEAT AN ESSENTIAL GRAIN

WHEAT 101

Cultivated for 10,000 years, wheat is one of the world's most important plants.

Today, U.S. farmers grow about 50 million acres of wheat, providing food for hundreds of millions of people at home and abroad and supporting jobs in rural communities as well as mills, bakeries, grocery stores and restaurants.

WHEAT BY THE NUMBERS

46.3 bushels of wheat per acre were harvested during the 2017 crop year. In fact, 1,000 bushels can be harvested per hour from a modern combine.

\$0.10 of every dollar spent on a loaf of Sara Lee Classic Wheat Bread (\$2.99, May 2017) goes to the wheat farmer.

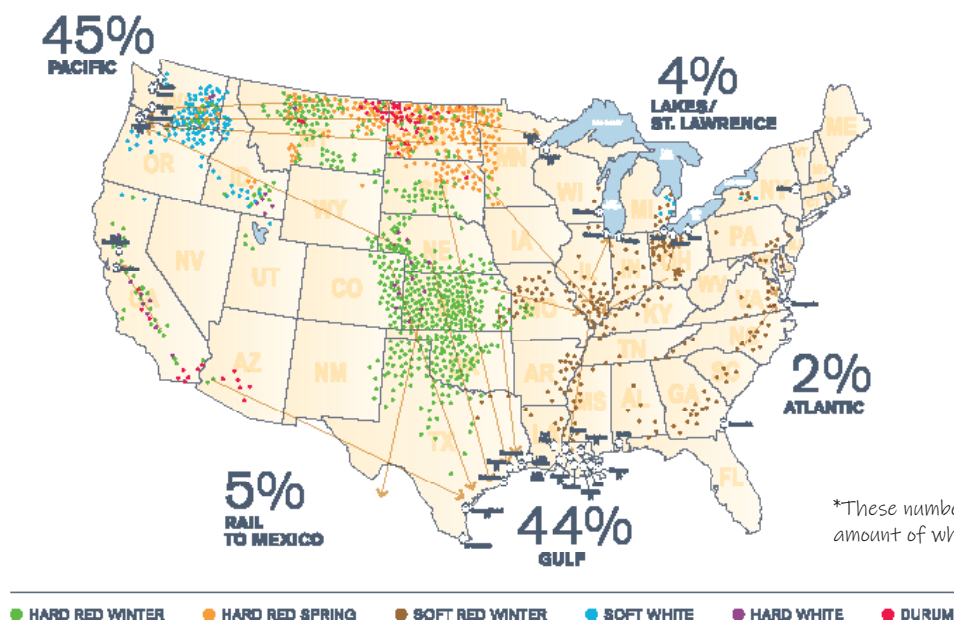
17 billion base pairs make up wheat's genetic material, five times more than the human genome and 40 times more than the rice genome.

20% of calories consumed by humans are from wheat, according to the United Nations. The complex carbohydrates in grain-based foods provide essential fuel the body needs. Kids and adults consume $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of whole wheat per day.

In 2017, 21.6 million full- and part-time jobs were related to the agricultural and food sectors—11% of total U.S. employment. Direct on-farm employment accounted for about 2.6 million of these jobs. Employment in agriculture- and food-related industries supported another 19.0 million jobs.

DIVERSITY OF WHEAT IN THE U.S.

Wheat farmers support their local, rural economies by buying inputs from local suppliers, selling their products to local elevators, paying property taxes and frequenting local businesses.



*These numbers represent the amount of wheat exported.

ABOUT NAWG

SIX CLASSES OF WHEAT

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HARD RED WINTER



HRW is a very versatile grain that can be used in hard rolls, croissants, and flat breads. It is also an ideal wheat choice for some types of Asian noodles.

HARD RED SPRING



HRS is used in hearth breads, rolls, croissants, bagels and pizza crust!

SOFT RED WINTER



SRW is a profitable choice for producing a wide range of confectionary products like cookies, crackers and cakes.

SOFT WHITE



SW provides a whiter and brighter product for Asian-style noodles and is ideal for exquisite cakes, pastries and other confectionary products.

HARD WHITE



HW receives enthusiastic reviews when used for Asian noodles, whole wheat or high extraction applications, pan breads or flat breads.

DURUM



Hardest of all wheats, durum has a rich amber color and high gluten content. It's the top choice for pasta products!

Through a staff of nine, NAWG acts as the primary representative on Capitol Hill for wheat growers. NAWG consists of 21 state wheat grower organizations, representing more 85% of wheat grown

