



FY 2020-2021 Fourth Quarter Report April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021



Letter from NAWG CEO, Chandler Goule

NAWG Officers, Board of Directors, State Staff and Growers,

During April, I participated in meetings with a variety of our allies to identify areas for increased collaboration and continued engagement as well as continued my outreach to NAWG board members. In addition, I continued to actively engage on administrative matters for the Association and Foundation, including finalizing committee assignments with President Milligan for FY 21-22 and outreach for the Industry Partners Program. FMC joined as an industry partner at the industry ally level of \$40,000. Moreover, I hosted the CEO Trade Advocacy Coordination call, which is a CEO-led call with many partners from the grain chain, where trade and other issues of importance to the organization were discussed, and regularly participated in the biweekly CEO Council Calls. Furthermore, I participated in the new NAWG monthly policy staff meeting with state staff, where I provided a high-level policy and administrative update, and toward the end of April, Mariah Wollweber, NAWG's new Director of Communications & Partnerships, joined the organization.

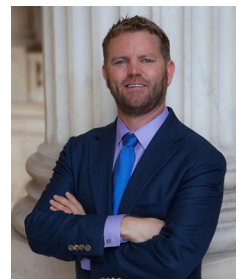
In early May, NAWG officers, staff and I met with the leadership of Syngenta to discuss common areas of collaboration between the two organizations. I also engaged directly with The White House regarding certain tax-related provisions in the American Families Plan and reiterated the need for increased transparency on the changes and how they will affect our growers, and The White House briefed the full NAWG Board of Directors regarding these issues in late May. In addition, throughout the month I participated in several interviews on behalf of the organization. Toward the end of May, I met with USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and Deputy Secretary Bronaugh as part of a stakeholder discussion on the UN Food Systems Summit, and also joined with other ag CEOs to emphasize the importance of USDA engagement to advance policies and perspectives that support the US food and agricultural supply chain, as well as discussed the importance of trade for the wheat industry.

In the beginning of June, President Milligan and I participated in the NWF Board meeting and provided an update on NAWG activities, and I also gave a presentation to the Montana Grain Growers Association and the Ohio Small Grains Checkoff Board where I discussed NAWG's current projects. Mid-June I traveled to the Pacific Northwest to WA, ID and OR, where I toured Marci Green's farm, the Snake River Dam and the CBARC Research Station as well as provided a NAWG update to the Oregon Wheat Growers League Board of Directors. The last week of June NAWG Officers and I traveled to Nashville, TN for the USW Summer Meeting to continue to enhance our relationship with US Wheat, and President Milligan provided an update to the USW Board of Directors.

Thank you to the NAWG Board of Directors and State Staff for all of their active participation, and we look forward to continuing to advance the issues of importance to our members!

Sincerely,

Chandler Goule



Communications & Partnerships Overview

As the pandemic became under control and places and activities were allowed to open, NAWG was able to be active in events and communication outreach efforts. In May, National Wheat Foundation project manager, Anne Osborne joined the Wheat Quality Council's 2021 Hard Winter Wheat Quality Tour in Kansas to learn about the crops and talk with farmers. NAWG CEO Chandler Goule visited the PNW in June to see the impacted wheat fields from the drought and to tour the Columbian-Snake River system to learn about the critical role locks and dams play in wheat exportation. During his time in the PNW, Chandler was able to visit with Washington, Idaho and Oregon wheat growers and toured the CBARC Research Station.

NAWG Vice President, Nicole Berg has been active in bringing awareness to the drought and heatwave that has been impacting wheat growers' farms in the PNW. She has been featured in several interviews nationwide, including the achievement of being the top story on NPR.

Among the 300+ media impressions the NAWG officers and Chandler have been in this quarter, a favorite interview was their time spent on RFD-TV in Nashville, TN. Some of the NAWG officers and Chandler were able to join Janet Adkison on her Market Day Report show to talk about international trade policies, sustainability, conservation practices, the farm bill, and NAWG's role in advocating for growers in Washington, D.C. To watch the RFD-TV interviews, visit NAWG's [YouTube page](#). To view all of the articles from this quarter, visit NAWG's new [interactive report](#).

To help showcase the media activity and tours, NAWG was active on social media and held several campaigns; including a drought-awareness campaign that drought-impacted states were invited to participate in, as well as highlighting Chandler's visit to the PNW. NAWG also launched new [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts to continue enhancing our brand awareness. If you have not already, please check out our accounts and follow us on [social media](#).

In addition to external communications, NAWG has remained working to ensure its internal communications are effective and valuable to its members. That has entailed continuing to send out a weekly CEO report/policy updates on Mondays and an e-newsletter every Thursday. This is in addition to other communications to the states as necessary, a monthly call with the state association staff, and NAWG policy updates to state board meetings on request.

NAWG has also been working on developing a rollout of the Industry Partnership Program (IPP), which will begin on July 1, 2021, when NAWG will welcome Syngenta, Ardent Mills, Farm Credit and FMC as our founding IPP members. The rollout included working with each member on an individual level to leverage NAWG's platform and bring awareness to the member's support of the industry.

As we look forward, NAWG is gearing up to attend several in-person events for the wheat community. NAWG is busy planning and preparing for the Wheat Industry Fall Conference coming up in November in Kansas City, MO and the Winter and Annual conferences that follow shortly after. We have also started gathering dates from the state associations who are requesting attendance from NAWG staff.

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NAWG will continue to advance our communication efforts and reach the general public to showcase the work we do in Washington, D.C. for our growers; and the work our wheat producers do for their communities.

FOURTH-QUARTER NAWG AND NWF PRESS RELEASES

- April 20, 2021: [NAWG Hires New Director of Communications and Partnerships](#)
- April 22, 2021: [NAWG Launches Special Climate and Sustainability Committee on Earth Day](#)
- April 28, 2021: [NAWG CEO Responds to Joint Session Speech](#)
- May 14, 2021: [NAWG Welcomes U.S. Senate's Confirmation of Dr. Jewel Bronaugh](#)
- June 15, 2021: [Joint Statement: U.S. Wheat Organizations Welcome End to U.S.-EU Aircraft Trade Dispute](#)
- June 17, 2021: [NAWG CEO Tours the Snake River in the Pacific Northwest](#)
- June 18, 2021: [Further Resolution to the Aircraft Trade Dispute between the US and UK is Welcome News for Wheat Grower Organizations](#)
- June 30, 2021: [NAWG Launches Industry Partners Program](#)
- June 30, 2021: [RMA Announces Changes to Small Grains Crop Insurance](#)

Communications & Partnerships Overview

Summary of NAWG's outreach efforts for the fourth quarter.

**9 Press
Releases Sent**



**Mentioned in
300+ articles
that reached over
89 million people**

**30 Tweets that influenced
76,800 people**



Launched two new social media accounts



Communications & Partnership Highlights



Chandler meets with Washington state wheat farmers to talk about the drought.



Chandler visits the dams on the Snake River during the tour to learn more about their role in wheat transportation.



Past President Ben Scholz meets with Congressman Pat Fallon to talk about tax policies.



Vice President Nicole Berg talks about the severe drought in the PNW and becomes the number one story on NPR.



Chandler meets with Oregon Wheat's board during PNW tour.



Chandler tours the CBARC Research Station.



Chandler and NAWG officers were invited to join Janet Adkison on RFD-TV in Nashville, TN.

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Most of NAWG's fourth quarter saw COVID-19 restrictions easing in Washington, DC, which has allowed for some in-person meetings. However, the norm for interactions with Capitol Hill and the Administration has remained virtual as people continue to get vaccinated. While people in the office and around town has been a welcome sight, virtual meetings with our government and non-governmental stakeholders have permitted regular communications and information sharing over Zoom.

Much of the legislative calendar in Washington, DC, has been focused on Congressional hearings COVID-19 response and President Biden's appointees. Additionally, the fiscal year (FY) 2022 appropriations had kicked into gear, with the full budget unveiling in late May. This spring, much discussion has been related to climate, infrastructure, and tax following President Biden's speech to a Joint Session of Congress and as negotiations on an infrastructure deal kicked into high gear. In June, NAWG staff also had the pleasure of presenting to the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers, where Jake gave an update on NAWG activities and policy.

COVID-19 Response

In April, NAWG staff participated in a Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) stakeholder discussion with Mike Schmidt, the Senior Advisor for the Secretary, FPAC Deputy Undersecretary Gloria Montano Greene and FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux regarding USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative with a focus on row crop producers. The Department was seeking input about holes in COVID-19 assistance over the past year as they worked to allocate about \$6 billion in additional assistance. Following the meeting, NAWG sent a letter to Secretary Vilsack regarding its COVID-19 relief effort and potential opportunities for consideration. Additionally, NAWG staff joined a stakeholder discussion to hear about COVID-19 and its impact on beginning farmers.

NAWG staff also attended a Farm Credit briefing on ag credit conditions, which had a particular focus on the impacts of the pandemic. FCC's President and CEO Todd Van Hoose provided updates on the state of the farm economy, FCC's engagement in administering nearly 36,000 PPP loans, and continued support for rural communities and growers.

WHIP+/Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA)/Crop Insurance

In May, NAWG staff and PNW growers met with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff to get an update on QLA and discuss some challenges we have heard from states. In addition to the FSA considering protein as being eligible for QLA, they indicated they were in the final stages of allocating payments for QLA. Following the meeting, USDA announced on June 11 that it will start releasing more than \$1 billion in payments for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program and WHIP+ beginning on June 15. Throughout June, NAWG staff continued to urge FSA to consider additional flexibility as it considered outstanding QLA determinations.

NAWG has communicated with USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) following its announced Pandemic Cover Crop Program (PCCP) in June, which offered a premium benefit for producers who planted cover crops during this crop year. Following the announcement, NAWG sent a letter to Secretary Vilsack noting the tight deadlines for reporting cover crops under the rollout and in a meeting with the RMA Acting Administrator and Senior Advisor to the Secretary about incorporating winter covers into the program should it be continued. Additionally, NAWG has corresponded with the RMA Acting Administrator on the final rule announced at the

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end of June that will provide new options designed to improve crop insurance delivery and risk management options for producers. Specifically, these changes will allow enterprise units by type for wheat, which will enable producers to separately insure all the acres of a type of wheat in the county.

In June, NAWG staff also spoke with RMA on a final rule, which provided wheat growers new options designed to improve crop insurance delivery and risk management options for producers. Specifically, these changes will allow enterprise units by type for wheat, which will enable producers to separately insure all the acres of a type of wheat in the county.

In June, NAWG CEO Chandler Goule participated in a General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee listening session with Chairwoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL) and Ranking Member Austin Scott (R-GA). During the meeting, NAWG provided feedback on farm program and crop insurance priorities for this Congress and program issues being experienced by growers. Chairwoman Bustos specifically asked about the drought conditions being experienced by our wheat growers, and Goule reiterated the importance of protecting crop insurance and challenges encountered with WHIP+ and QLA. NAWG staff also continued to participate in regularly scheduled crop insurance coalition meetings.

Trade

Throughout the quarter, NAWG continued to participate in Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports virtual hill meetings. The coalition was principally focused on lobbying for continued full funding of the Market Access Program (MAP) and the Foreign Market Development (FMD) program as Congress worked toward finalizing their FY 2022 appropriations bills. This quarter NAWG staff participated in meetings with Rep. Valadao (R-CA), Rep. Harris (R-MD), Rep. Fortenberry (R-NE), Senator Baldwin (D-WI), and Senator Hoeven (R-ND) in supporting full funding for MAP/FMD programs. Additionally, NAWG staff joined a coalition executive committee meeting, which reviewed our FY22 appropriations advocacy and received a communications committee and strategic planning committee update.

In this quarter, NAWG has participated with an informal group of food and agriculture stakeholders to share perspectives and information on the upcoming United Nations Food Systems Summit (UN FSS). Specifically, NAWG's CEO met with Secretary Vilsack and Deputy Secretary Broun in May to highlight the importance of trade for the wheat industry and why it is critical we maintain science-based rules that govern trade – particularly as it relates to new and emerging technologies such as gene-editing and advancements in wheat breeding. Additionally, NAWG staff have participated in a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss strategy to advance US interests at the upcoming UN FSS and strategy for continued engagement with federal and industry partners.

In this quarter, NAWG continued to press the Biden Administration and European Commission (EC) to resolve the tariffs on sectors unrelated to the Boeing-Airbus dispute. In April, NAWG sent with U.S. Wheat Associates and other organizations to President Biden and EC President Ursula von der Leyen calling for the permanent removal of tariffs on sectors. Following these efforts on June 15 and June 18, respectively, a resolution was achieved with the European Union and the United Kingdom. While the permanent resolution was not agreed upon, this year extended the four-month tariff suspension by five years, and all parties committed to

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working towards finding a permanent solution.

NAWG staff continued to participate in Farmers for Free Trade and Food Industry Codex Coalition meetings and advocacy efforts. NAWG staff also partook in a US Agriculture Coalition for Cuba, where we heard from Senators Bennet (D-CO) and Boozman (R-MO) to discuss reintroducing their Agricultural Export Expansion Act that works to support ag exports to Cuba. NAWG joined over 30 food and agriculture organizations in sending a letter of support for the Agricultural Export Expansion Act of 2021 to permit private financing of US agricultural exports to Cuba and to enable US companies and organizations to develop agricultural businesses in Cuba.

Food Aid and Nutrition

In April, the Food Aid Working Group (FAWG) met with the majority and minority staff on the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. In addition, FAWG held several informal meetings in the weeks and months leading up to the virtual hill visits. The April meetings served to get acquainted with new committee staff and raise some of the common themes and challenges the group has discussed in early 2021.

NAWG has continued to participate in the Grain Chain Coalition meetings. In June, NAWG participated in a Grain Chain Coalition meeting with senior USDA officials, including the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service's Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean, Senior Advisor Kumar Chandran, and Deputy Administrator Jackie Haven. During the meeting, members of the Grain Chain provided an overview of the health benefits of whole and enriched grains. Also, the group took the opportunity to discuss the value chain's work on sustainability.

Biotech and Research

In June, NAWG CEO Chandler Goule toured the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center in Pendleton, Oregon. The mission of the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center is to conduct research and extend knowledge to enhance agricultural production on non-irrigated croplands while protecting the environment and sustaining rural communities in Oregon and beyond.

NAWG staff continued to participate in regularly held Ag Biotech Alliance (ABA) meetings, which discussed the implementation of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) SECURE Rule, received a briefing from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and crafted a response to the USDA's supply chain resiliency request for information. Following the June ABA meeting, NAWG joined a host of ag organizations in sending a joint public comment for the USDA's supply chain resiliency request for information, which noted biotechnology could provide vital contributions to mitigate climate change and build towards a more sustainable food system and play a vital role in improving the supply chain.

Also, in June, NAWG staff participated in an APHIS Grain Commodity Sector Meeting with Administrator Kevin Shay and Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Osama El-Lissy. Stakeholders heard updates from PPQ Phytosanitary Issue Management and Biotechnology Regulatory Services. Following the department and program updates, the industry was able to provide feedback on challenges, priorities, and emerging issues. NAWG sought an update on SECURE Rule implementation.

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NAWG staff continued to participate in monthly National Predictive Modeling Tool Initiative (NPMTI) Executive Committee calls. The NPMTI group also met with several hill offices to recap its FY2022 appropriations requests. Additionally, NAWG staff continued to participate in the regularly scheduled Commodity Research and Opportunities Partnership (CROP) meetings. Lastly, through the Ag CEO Council, the group heard from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Director Dr. Carrie Castilla and her Chief of Staff, Bill Hoffman, on how the agency can better serve the needs of the agricultural industry through research, extension, and workforce development initiatives.

Appropriations and Budget Activity

On April 9, NAWG staff participated in a stakeholder call with the White House's Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Acting Director Shalanda Young, where they unveiled President Biden's fiscal year 2022 "Skinny Budget." Skinny budgets are typical in presidential transition years as they continue to develop a full budget. Yet, the skinny budget is transmitted to Congress and includes President Biden's topline discretionary funding requests. Subsequently, on May 30, the White House unveiled its full FY2022 budget and discretionary funding requests. NAWG staff also participated in a stakeholder call prior to the full budget going public.

Throughout April, NAWG staff continued to engage with appropriators and finished out submitting appropriations requests for the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative, Wheat Resiliency Initiative, and Wheat Genetics Resource Center. Additionally, NAWG staff continued working with coalition partners on other critical appropriations requests by attending MAP/FMD and National Predictive Modeling Tool Initiative coalition hill meetings. In late May, NAWG staff submitted formal testimony on behalf of NAWG President Dave Milligan to the House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittees. In this formal testimony, President Milligan reiterated NAWG's key research funding requests, the importance of maintaining mandatory programs like crop insurance and other key farm bill programs, full funding for the Market Access Program and Foreign Market Development, and food aid funding.

As of June 30, only the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee had advanced its version of a FY 2022 agriculture appropriations bill (H.R. 4356). Draft committee report language referred to several NAWG priorities, including USWBSI, WGRC, Small Grains Genomics, and Soft Wheat Falling Numbers Test Research. The full committee and Senate are expected to continue working on FY 2022 agriculture appropriations in July.

Tax

On April 28, the Biden Administration formally outlined its American Families Plan which was a key component of President Biden's speech to a Joint Session of Congress. Included within the plan are a host of tax reforms to offset the spending components within the \$1.9 trillion package. While USDA materials and the White House fact sheet indicate the would-be exemptions for agriculture and these tax-related provisions would not impact "98 percent of farmers," NAWG has been vocal about how the proposed changes to stepped-up basis and higher capital gains taxes on inherited assets could negatively impact families looking to pass along the farm to the next generation.

Specifically, NAWG's CEO Chandler Goule had multiple one-on-one conversations with White House's Asso-

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ciate Director of Public Engagement, Will McIntee, expressing NAWG's concerns with pursuing these tax-related provisions. Through these conversations, NAWG was able to secure a briefing with the senior White House and National Economic Council staff on May 20, where administration staff provided an update to the NAWG Board of Directors. During the briefing, several NAWG officers and a committee chair were able to ask questions and share their concerns with the tax-related provisions included within the American Families Plan. Additionally, through the CEO Council, Mr. Goule has pursued the groups' engagement on this matter, and since April, the CEO Council had continued to have briefings and discussions on this matter. NAWG staff has also participated in several White House and USDA stakeholder listening sessions on the American Families Plan with Secretary Vilsack and other senior staff who've expressed a willingness to maintain the step-up in basis for heirs who plan on continuing to farm and create other exemptions for folks who plan to sell.

Separately, NAWG staff have continued to engage with the Tax Aggie Coalition, which has met several times this quarter to discuss the step-up in basis and other tax-related issues that are key for agriculture. In May, the 40 agricultural organizations sent a letter to House and Senate leaders outlining key considerations on tax provisions that are of particular interest to NAWG and agriculture as a whole. This letter was also submitted for the record in advance of the House Ways and Means Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee hearing on tax reform.

Lastly, NAWG staff participated in a stakeholder discussion with Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member, Senator Boozman (R-AR), regarding Section 1031 and the proposed "Land Swap Tax," where the Senator and his staff outlined a Texas A&M University study regarding its potential impacts to like-kind exchanges.

Transportation and Infrastructure

In April, NAWG staffed joined several USDA stakeholder meetings with Secretary Vilsack to discuss the American Jobs Plan and its potential impact on agriculture and rural communities. Following the rollout of the American Jobs Plan, NAWG worked with the Domestic Trade and Policy Committee in crafting a letter to House and Senate leaders outlining NAWG's infrastructure priorities and areas of concern for offsets should Congress act on an infrastructure bill. This letter was transmitted in early May. In addition to raising concerns related to offsets, this letter noted the importance of maintaining locks and dams, and specifically noted NAWG's opposition to removing dams along the Columbia-Snake River System.

In June, NAWG CEO Chandler Goule attended a Snake River Tour in the Pacific Northwest with other national farm industry leaders to learn about the critical role the four lower Snake River Dams and the entire Columbia-Snake River system play in facilitating wheat exports.

NAWG has continued its engagement with USW and USW's Transportation Working Group in evaluating a proposed merger between Kansas City Southern, first with Canadian Pacific, but now with Canadian National. Following the announcement KCS's board approved of the CN deal, CP sought a meeting with NAWG and USW in May to discuss their perceived benefits to a KCS-CP merger and opposition to the CN trust agreement. Additionally, NAWG staff have joined USW TWG meetings in June, where both CN and CP briefed the working group and highlighted their perceived benefits to their respective merger proposals.

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In June, NAWG staff participated in an Agricultural Transportation Working Group meet and greet with Surface Transportation Board nominee Karen Hedlund.

Additionally, NAWG staff continues its participation in regularly scheduled Waterways Council, INC. roundtable discussion, which included FY 2022 appropriations, the status of the President's budget request, and anticipated House and Senate hearings and markups.

WheatPAC

On June 8, NAWG co-hosted a fundraising event for House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member, Congressman David Scott (D-GA-13), along with CornPAC, SoyPAC, NCFC CO-OP/PAC, Corteva PAC, and Bayer PAC.

Pesticides, Environment, Research, Climate and Sustainability

Climate & Sustainability

In the Spring, NAWG announced the creation of a Special Committee on Sustainability and Climate (SCSC) to provide recommendations to the NAWG Board of Directors on climate and sustainability policy issues. The committee has been very active with meetings starting in May and continuing through the summer. Senate Agriculture Committee staff joined a meeting to listen to grower perspectives on cropping systems and diversity in wheat production regions.

The NAWG Environment and Research Committee met in June and had an update on legislation moving through the House and Senate, including appropriations, pesticides and the Growing Climate Solutions Act. The climate policy discussion is ongoing on Capitol Hill and within the private sector. NAWG has not endorsed legislation at this time but continues to monitor all policy efforts. NAWG is also a member of the Ecosystem Service Market Consortium, participating in the organization's policy committee.

In April, NAWG submitted comments to USDA related to the President's Executive Order, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad". NAWG stressed the voluntary, incentive-based approach and 'one size fits all' will not work for wheat production. The comments also stressed the need for any adoption of conservation practices to make economic sense to the growers' operation. NAWG also highlighted the positive impact that wheat growers are already having on the environment, as new plant traits and crop protection tools become available and production management practices change. According to the 2016 Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators for Measuring Outcomes of On Farm Agricultural Production in the United States, from Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, over the last 35 years, U.S. wheat producers have increased resource efficiency in land use, soil conservation, irrigation water use, energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

NAWG participated in Field to Market's Board meeting, plenary and general assembly during the quarter. Field to Market's Board also had the opportunity to brief the House Agriculture Committee on the organization's work and several of the sustainability projects and NAWG participated in that meeting. Field to Market's grower sector spoke with the Keystone Policy Center regarding carbon markets and some ongoing efforts related to the development of markets.

Environment & Pesticides

The Administration proposed to re-write the Navigable Waters Protection Rule/Waters of the United States definition and NAWG met with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water about the re-write of the regulation. NAWG supports the Navigable Waters Protection Rule and is concerned about the impact to wheat farmers from the regulation re-write. NAWG will continue to remain engaged in these policy discussions and advocate for wheat growers.

NAWG continued to advocate for appropriate use of registered crop protection tools, educating Congressional offices about the importance of these tools for farmers, especially as the climate policy debate continues in Washington, D.C. Farmers cannot manage conservation tillage without the appropriate use of herbicides and other crop protection tools.

National Wheat Foundation

4th Quarter Report

Fourth Quarter was a busy one for the Foundation. Officers met every 2 weeks and a full board meeting was held on June 2, 2021. We have launched a new fundraiser, Gifts of Grain. Our goal is \$20,000 by the end of December. This money will go toward the projects we have launched.

Besides the National Wheat Yield Contest, the Foundation selected 3 projects.

1. High Yield= High Quality
2. High Yield= High(er) Profitability
3. Nutrition Through Wheat

The High Yield= High-Quality project will look at yield, input levels, functional quality and profitability of wheat plots. We are working with Kansas State University, the Grain and Particle processing lab at KSU, Winfield® United Answer Plots®, Northern Crops Institute are partners on this project which is sponsored by US Wheat Associates. A small task force worked on the protocols and wheat testing is needed of the wheat samples. This is very exciting to be able to put together Yield, Quality and Profit from the same field. This project started this year in hard red winter wheat in Kansas, South Dakota and North Dakota. The project will run for at least 3 years and use the same trials next year which will help mitigate some of the environmental extremes we are experiencing this year. We would like to expand into Hard red spring wheat next year.

The High Yield=High Profitability project is compiling research that has been done on this topic by University Extension Services, Farm Management programs, and other University research trials. We have hired a project intern, Eric Shim, a Texas A&M graduate student, to do the research. Eric is breaking down the wheat-growing areas by region and researching what management practices lead to high-yielding wheat that is also high(er) in profitability.

A task force of researchers, breeders, nutritionists, cereal chemists, and Grain Foods Foundation has met on the Nutrition through the wheat project. It is fascinating to hear what research is going on in wheat. This task force will continue to work together to find ways to fund research and communicate the findings about how wheat can play a part in nutrition and especially the nutrients of concern in the typical American diet.

The National Wheat Yield contest is adding recognition for industry-desired quality! There will be a \$500 additional award to any of the 24 winners whose grain meets or exceeds quality standards by class. We have worked with several of the sponsors on this and am excited to be adding end-use quality recognition to the contest. Rules to come out mid-August. Entries in Winter wheat were up slightly from last year but Spring Wheat entries are 25% of past years, due to the drought. Winter wheat grain samples are coming in and being sent to the Wheat Marketing Center for grading. We will run more quality tests on the 24 national winners.

The Foundation is also working on education for congressional staff regarding crop insurance and a congressional farm tour. Wheat 106 will be held in DC in January, and the Foundation is organizing the Bayer Leadership Program for current and future wheat grower leaders.

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About the National Wheat Foundation

The National Wheat Foundation was established by the industry to serve as the national center for wheat research, education and outreach. The Foundation works to advance the wheat industry through strategic research, education and outreach collaborations, guided by core values of grower centeredness, integrity, honesty and trustworthiness.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization incorporated and headquartered in Washington, D.C., governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, overseen by Chandler Goule, Executive Director and managed by Anne Osborne, project manager, who is assisted by the staff of the National Association of Wheat Growers, the Foundation's sole member.

<u>Entry Category</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Winter Wheat-Dryland	74	177	177	220	244	252
Winter Wheat-Irrigated	27	52	53	73	71	73
Spring Wheat-Irrigated	9	14	17	30	17	9 (as of 7/8)
Spring Wheat-Dryland	18	44	71	74	86	13 (as of 7/8)
Totals	101	229	230	293	315	347



Picture taken from the Winter Wheat Tour in Kansas.

From left to right: Matthew Wilde DTN, Wade Hasenour, Buchi Corp., Anne Osborne, Keith Kisling, Chris Kirby, OK Wheat Commission.