



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF WHEAT GROWERS**

**FY 2024-2025  
1st and 2nd Quarter Report  
June 30, 2024 - January 1, 2025**

# *Letter from NAWG CEO, Chandler Goule*

As usual, NAWG kicked off the first half of the fiscal year with a packed schedule in Washington, D.C., Oklahoma City, and St. Louis. In July, several NAWG officers and Jake Westlin, Vice President of Policy and Communications, joined U.S. Wheat Associates at their summer meeting in Oklahoma City. Meanwhile, the rest of our team remained in Washington to continue discussions on the Farm Bill—working to move it out of committee and, ideally, onto the President’s desk.

One of the lesser-known but critical issues we focused on in this Farm Bill cycle was ensuring that the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) preemption remains intact in all 50 states. This is vital to maintaining a consistent regulatory framework, which allows farmers to continue producing an affordable and safe food supply.

FIFRA was also a key topic at the Bayer CropScience Grower Advisory Committee meeting I attended in St. Louis. This biannual gathering, which includes representatives from all major commodity groups, was highly informative. Glyphosate—its safety record and Bayer’s plans to keep it available for farmers—was another major point of discussion.

August, typically a quieter month in Washington due to congressional recess, still gave us an opportunity to strengthen our communications strategy. Jake, Anne Osborne from the National Wheat Foundation, and I participated in a media training refresher with Wixted. You can never have too much media training!

September and October were predictably busy. I kicked off September in Idaho alongside Jamie Kress, then NAWG Treasurer, attending the North American Millers’ Association meeting. I was invited to speak on the challenges wheat faces in qualifying as a cover crop—an increasingly important issue as climate programs continue to roll out. Even more valuable was the opportunity to meet Sheryl Wallace, the new CEO of Ardent Mills. As a key IPP member, we look forward to building a strong relationship with her.

September featured one of the most successful fly-ins I’ve witnessed in my 26 years in Washington. We hosted a multi-commodity fly-in prep session at NAWG’s office, followed by two days of meetings on Capitol Hill. Growers representing every major commodity, general farm organizations, ag retailers, and financial institutions advocated for a Farm Bill that makes meaningful investment in the farm safety net. While most of our team was on the Hill, a smaller group joined Keira Franz and me for meetings at USDA with FSA, NRCS, and Secretary Vilsack to discuss cover crops, 45Z credits, and sustainable aviation fuel.

This fly-in played a pivotal role in laying the foundation for \$10 billion in economic relief and \$20 billion in disaster aid, which was enacted in December. Although a full five-year Farm Bill wasn’t passed, a bill did successfully move through the House Agriculture Committee earlier in the year. We closed out September with another productive meeting with PepsiCo CEO Steven Williams. Discussions continued around PepsiCo’s sustainability goals and how wheat and other commodities can align with those targets. As I’ve mentioned before, PepsiCo remains the only food company proactively engaging wheat growers to ensure profitability as sustainability initiatives evolve.

In addition, NAWG hosted the Ag CEO Council—which I co-chair with Zippy Duvall and Mike Seyfert. Senators Boozman and Klobuchar, along with several other elected officials, participated in those discussions. We also helped launch a new group, Farmers for Sound Science, where I now serve

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as Secretary. This organization was established to give farmers a stronger voice and support network as we face ongoing legal challenges threatening essential crop protection tools.

We wrapped up the first half of the year with our fall board meeting, held jointly with U.S. Wheat Associates in Phoenix, AZ. There, we heard from key speakers on trade, the EPA, and supply chain issues. Soon after, Jake, Keira, and I attended the Tri-State Convention in Idaho, where we presented the findings from the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) report commissioned by NAWG, NWF, and USW. Finally, we closed out December by attending the bipartisan Agriculture Inaugural Ball—an exciting and celebratory evening that brought together the entire ag industry. It was a great way to finish the year. As we look ahead to the second half of this year, we remain focused on working with the new administration and advancing progress on a comprehensive Farm Bill.

Sincerely,

Chandler Goule  
National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), CEO

# Communications & Partnerships Update

## **Events/Meetings:**

Multi Commodity Fly-in: September 2024

NAWG/USW Fall Board Meeting: November 2024

## **Podcast/Media:**

Elizabeth Rivera continues to host NAWG's monthly podcast.

NAWG remained proactive in seeking media opportunities and garnered exposure in xx articles during the 1st and 2nd quarters. These articles reached approximately 170 million readers and generated an ad value equivalency of \$1,444,495 amplifying the association's messages.

## **General:**

NAWG continued its efforts to ensure effective internal and external communications for its members and the public. These efforts included weekly CEO reports/policies, updates on Mondays, a Thursday newsletter, and various press releases. Additionally, NAWG remained responsive to states' communication needs, engaging in monthly calls with state association staff and providing policy updates upon request. The association also actively participated in interviews to promote its mission and initiatives.

## **FY24-25 First and 2nd Quarter NAWG and NWF Press Releases**

July 24, 2024: [NAWG's 2024 Summer Intern](#)

August 27, 2024: [NAWG Statement on Deregulation of HB4 Wheat](#)

September 9, 2024: [Over 300 Groups Call on Congress to Pass Robust Farm Bill](#)

October 23, 2024: [NAWG's 2024 Fall Intern](#)

November 6, 2024: [NAWG Statement on 2024 Election](#)

November 12, 2024: [Another Welcome Check on India's Wheat and Rice Subsidies From USTR](#)

November 25, 2024: [NAWG and USW Congratulate Brooke Rollins on Secretary of Agriculture Nomination](#)

November 27, 2024: [U.S. Wheat Organization Statement on USTR Pick](#)

December 14, 2024: [NAWG Responds to Breakdown in Negotiations Over Whether to Include Economic Assistance for Farmers as Part of a Continuing Resolution](#)

December 18, 2024: [NAWG Statement on the Continuing Resolution](#)

December 21, 2024: [NAWG Statement on Congress Passing Economic Assistance for Farmers](#)

# Communications & Outreach Update

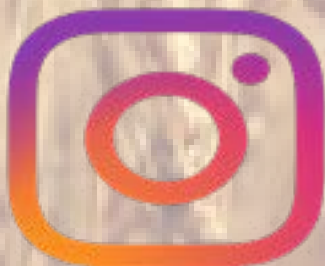
*Summary of NAWG's outreach efforts .*

**11 Press  
Releases Sent**



**Mentioned in 600 articles  
that reached over  
163.9 MILLION people  
and generated an  
Ad Value Equivalency of  
\$1,444,495**

**OUR TWEETS EARNED  
8.3K IMPRESSIONS**



**Instagram gained  
63+ followers since  
launched**

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November Board Meeting



September Multi Commodity Fly-in



September Multi Commodity Fly-in



October National Cotton Council Tour



Page 6 August Columbia Snake River Dam Tour



September Multi Commodity Fly-in

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## **Farm Bill**

While the Farm Bill activity on Capitol Hill slowed as summer progressed and the political campaigns kicked into gear in the fall, NAWG's advocacy around advancing a bill in the lame duck continued to be elevated. The NAWG staff continued to meet regularly with other commodity associations and committee staff to explore pathways forward for a Farm Bill that included our priorities.

In late July, NAWG joined over 500 other organizations representing the Farm Bill for America's Families Coalition in sending a letter to congressional leaders, including the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, as well as House and Senate Agriculture Committee leadership. The letter urges these leaders to pass a bipartisan farm bill this calendar year. NAWG remained active in the Farm Bill for America's Families Coalition as an Executive Committee member.

During the August Congressional recess period, NAWG's Domestic and Trade Policy Committee held a work session where the committee heard from majority and minority staff from the Senate Agriculture Committee. First, Josh Tonsager provided an update on the work Chairwoman Stabenow has done to date. Second, Carley McLean provided an update on how Ranking Member Boozman has been approaching this farm bill process.

In September, NAWG helped organize the first ever multi-commodity fly-in, where NAWG and other commodity organizations and lenders were on Capitol Hill this week in a united effort to get a bipartisan, long-term farm bill across the finish line before the end of the year that makes a meaningful investment in the farm safety net. The groups met at the NAWG office for a briefing before breaking into multi-commodity groups and meeting with nearly 100 hill offices and Congressional leaders. The groups emphasized Congress must act before the end of the year to strengthen farm policy for America's farmers and highlighted the weakening market prices, increased cost of production, and overall financial situation in the farm economy. Ahead of the hill visits, national commodity groups organized a letter to congressional leadership reiterating this need, which over 300 organizations signed. The fly-in included a robust media rollout. Growers from many organizations had op-eds and interviews run in national, agriculture, and local media outlets. NAWG's President, Vice President, and Treasurer all had op-eds run during the September and October timeframe. Groups also had advertisements run on all major news networks to spread our message far and wide.

In addition to NAWG's participation in the multi-commodity hill visits, NAWG's leadership met with USDA Secretary Vilsack, Administrator Zach Ducheneaux, and staff at NRCS to discuss the environmental benefits of wheat in cropping systems. Following the fly-in in September, NAWG helped organize a letter that 140 Republican House of Representatives members sent to House leadership highlighting the need for a robust 2024 Farm Bill. Through the support of NAWG, these members highlighted the economic challenges in farming country and the additional problems an extended bill would create for producers.

Once Congress resumed following the federal election in November, Chairwoman Stabenow released her full farm bill text, which made several changes from the summary bill she rolled out in May 2024.

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While these changes were a step in the right direction, there were significant differences between the farm support programs included in the House advanced bill and what was being proposed by the Senate Republicans. Following the release of this bill, the conversations moved towards securing economic and disaster assistance as part of the continuing resolution debate.

## **Federal Elections**

NAWG, through its involvement in the Ag CEO Council, worked to craft a Presidential Briefing Paper, which was sent to both the Donald J. Trump for President Campaign and the Harris for President Campaign in late summer. The briefing describes the current state of American Agriculture and the industry's economic health and explains essential farm and food policy priorities for the next four years.

Following the election, NAWG, alongside agriculture stakeholders, signed onto a letter that was sent to the President-Elect Trump Transition Team. This letter expressed the necessity to work with the upcoming administration to ensure America's continual success and growth within the agriculture industry. The letter also stated the importance of science-based policy decisions.

## **Ad Hoc Assistance**

In the fall months, there were considerable lobbying efforts by NAWG and other commodity organizations to secure economic and disaster assistance in a continuing resolution as the farm bill process was at an impasse. NAWG met regularly with committee staff, key wheat champions, and congressional leadership. Additionally, NAWG launched a critical advocacy campaign calling for economic assistance to be included in a year-end package, which saw over 600 letters sent to Capitol Hill by wheat growers from across the United States.

In the days leading up to the expiration of the existing continuing resolution on December 20, NAWG issued multiple statements on the breakdown in negotiations and the ultimate inclusion and passage of a bill that included \$10 billion for economic assistance and \$20 billion for disaster aid. In the absence of an updated farm bill, economic assistance was critical in light of the current state of the farm economy.

## **Trade and Food Aid**

Throughout the year's first half, NAWG staff continued to be active in the trade space. In August, Jake Westlin was officially welcomed into his role with the USDA/USTR Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade (ATAC). Chandler Goule participated in a working lunch with the USTR Chief Ag Negotiator Doug McKalip at the White House. Staff also met with the new Agriculture Counsellor at the Embassy of Canada, met with a business delegation from Chile, and attended events at the Embassy of Italy and the Embassy of Cuba.

In the fall, the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party released a series of policy reports, policy recommendations, and draft legislation that would impact bilateral trade. Of the legislative proposals being considered, was the possibility of revoking permanent normal trade relations

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(PNTR) with China. NAWG worked with other trade associations to highlight trade challenges and opportunities with members of the committee.

NAWG, US Wheat, and the North American Millers' Association also hosted a series of food aid hill visits in early December. The Food Aid Working Group met with nearly two dozen offices. The goals of the hill visits were to promote the American Farmers Feed the World Act (H.R. 4293) and make sure the Food for Peace Program received funding in line with its past funding levels. NAWG Treasurer Jamie Kress joined the group.

## **Research and Technology**

In August, USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced it would deregulate the HB4 drought tolerant wheat from Bioceres Crop Solutions. While USDA's deregulation of the trait provides a pathway for the cultivation of HB4, additional steps are needed before the trait's benefits can be realized and commercialized in the United States. However, this announcement is the first time biotech wheat has been deregulated in the United States. Following the announcement, NAWG and US Wheat Associates issued a joint press release, and the Joint Wheat Breeding Innovation Committee (WBIC) met to discuss these developments.

In September, NAWG and US Wheat staff met with several Ways and Means Committee majority staff and Senate Agriculture Committee minority staff regarding concerning appropriations language being proposed related to biotech products from Chinese developers, which if enacted, would introduce political criteria into our science- and risk-based regulatory process. Additionally, as part of these meetings, NAWG and US Wheat staff worked to keep key wheat offices informed about the USDA APHIS determination to deregulate HB4 wheat.

## **Taxes**

In October, NAWG worked with the Tax Aggies Coalition on a letter to the Main Street Tax Team and Rural America Tax Team, which outlined shared priorities as Congress began to look at extending the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act beyond the end of 2025. The letters highlighted the importance of maintaining step up basis, estate tax exemptions, section 199A income standards, bonus depreciation, 20% capital gains exemption and more areas of interest. Ahead and following these coalition letters, NAWG staff organized a survey of DTPC members to gather feedback and input to help inform our tax priorities as part of the anticipated reconciliation process in 2025.

## **Crop Protection Tools**

Within the last 6 months, NAWG has engaged with Congress, the Administration, and EPA on a multitude of issues relating to the crop protection space. Over the summer, NAWG joined a multitude of stakeholder groups in signing onto a letter calling on the EPA to work with stakeholders to reform the Endangered Species Act (ESA) processes with pesticides. NAWG also joined a letter alongside fellow stakeholders who joined a letter sent to the Director of the Pesticide Re-Evaluation Division within the Office of Pesticide Programs, Ms. Anne Overstreet. This letter addresses stakeholders concerns with the proposal to restrict or terminate dimethoate usage on agriculture crops. The letter urges EPA

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to retain numerous existing uses for dimethoate and states the benefits of the crop protection tool. NAWG also submitted written testimony to the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources for their field hearing, “Hearing on the High Plains”. This field hearing focused on combating drought through innovation, and NAWG was one of the organizations that provided written testimony stating the importance action against worsening drought conditions to protect the future of farmland, ecosystems, and wildlife.

NAWG also submitted comments this summer to EPA regarding the Insecticide Strategy to Reduce Exposure of Federally Listed Endangered and Threatened Species and Designated Critical Habitats from the Use of Conventional Agricultural Insecticides (EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0299). The submitted comments focus on the need to involve producers in the rollout process and the economic infeasibility of buffer zones and other areas of regulation. In addition, the letter requests support for farmers for implementation and education on endangered species and how to adhere to regulations. Staff also attended a multitude of events revolving around the crop protection space. NAWG staff joined EPA webinars to stay up to date with ESA. NAWG also maintained a regular presence with the pesticide policy coalition. Staff also met with registrants to discuss the future of the crop protection space and gather insight on what the future might hold for litigation measures toward crop protection tools.

In August, NAWG also joined a tour of UPL’s Open Ag Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. This tour provided NAWG staff with great insight on the future of crop protection tools within the wheat space. Staff also saw firsthand the genetic advancements in genetic modeling that UPL’s Open Ag Center is working on to strengthen wheat varieties.

On September 23, NAWG joined over 200 other agriculture stakeholders and signed onto an agriculture coalition’s comments urging EPA to consider the economic pressure the Draft Insecticide Strategy would put on producers. The joint comments also stress the complexity of the Draft Insecticide Strategy and urge the EPA to create a more distilled document that growers can easily access and understand. Lastly, on November 13, Chris Tanner, Vice President of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and NAWG director, was appointed to the EPA’s Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee.

## **Transportation and Infrastructure**

On June 25, NAWG joined 158 other organizations in signing a letter to President Biden encouraging the administration to work with the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) to resume labor contract negotiations. You can find the letter [here](#). Furthermore, staff participated in a panel for the NAMA DC Experience Supply Chain Roundtable along with the American Bakers Association and US Wheat Associates.

On Friday, July 19, the Agriculture Transportation Working Group distributed a letter to the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure Chairman Sam Graves and Ranking Member Rick Larson. The letter addresses concerns stakeholders have with the recently introduced “Railroad Safe-

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ty Enhancement Act of 2024 (S. 576)” and the impact the act might have on the agriculture industry. This letter highlights the safety and importance of the rail industry and suggests the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act could drastically damage the efficiency of the industry.

On July 31, NAWG joined over 20 agriculture groups in sending a letter to Robert Primus, Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board (STB), Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Katherine Tai, U.S. Trade Representative calling attention to rail service capacity issues in Mexico that are hindering U.S. agricultural exports. This letter asks USDA, STB, and USTR to engage with their colleagues in Mexico to encourage increased investment in the country’s rail network and to ensure U.S. agricultural products do not disproportionately bear the burden of rail service constraints.

In August, NAWG staff attended the Washington Association of Wheat Growers Annual Legislative Snake River Dam Tour. The tour included a behind-the-scenes trip to the Lower Granite Dam System alongside a great panel discussion. Furthermore, in August, staff attended the USDA and Industry Stakeholder meeting regarding the future of Mexico’s rail services.

In September, Jamie Kress and Jack Long attended BNSF Railway’s Agriculture Rail Business Meeting in Chicago. While there, BNSF discussed issues within the rail industry on both the Canadian and Mexican border and grower groups were able to give feedback and ask questions about the future of the rail industry. The group also had the opportunity to tour the Corwith Intermodal Facility.

On September 16, NAWG and other commodity associations sent a letter to the EPA Director of Assessment and Standards Division in the Office of Transportation and Air Quality discussing the impacts of EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0589 “California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation; Request for Waiver of Preemption and Authorization”. The focus of the letter was on agriculture’s use of diesel vehicles and the changing permits required to adjust the food supply system. Additionally, NAWG and other agriculture shipping members submitted a letter of concern to the Biden-Harris administration regarding rail embargos in Mexico, historic low water levels in the Mississippi River, and potential strikes at eastern and gulf ports. The letter shared the importance of rail, shipping, and trucking to the agriculture supply chain and the problems strike, embargoes, and water levels can have on domestic prices and export markets.

In October, NAWG staff attended the Joint Association Port Strike call, discussing the implications of the three-day strike and continued efforts of negotiation from both parties. This led to a letter that circulated in December stating that the International Longshoremen’s Association and United States Maritime Alliance should encourage negotiations from both parties. The goal is to bring both parties to the negotiating table to reach a durable agreement. The current contract is set to expire on January 15, 2025.

Lastly, on December 6, NAWG signed a letter to the leadership of the House Transportation and Infrastructure House Committee and Senate Environment and Public Works Senate Committee commending their work on the bipartisan conference report for the Water Resources Development Act

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(WRDA) of 2024. The letter expressed gratitude for the increased investment in the U.S. maritime and inland transportation system.

## **WheatPAC**

The WheatPAC held a silent auction in honor of NAWG's 75th anniversary, which started at NAWG's Fall Meeting and concluded at NAWG's Winter Meeting. This silent auction was seen as a great success and contributed \$14,580.10. This money will be utilized to help candidates who support agriculture and the wheat industry. WheatPAC serves to advance the policy interests of wheat growers before Members of Congress by helping to elect pro-wheat, pro-agriculture candidates. Thank you to everyone for your continual support and attendance at the WheatPAC Auction.

With 2024 being an important election for a multitude of different reasons, WheatPAC made sure to support members of Congress who are friends of the wheat industry and ensure that our allies get reelected this coming fall. The WheatPAC has given to nearly 30 legislators and is hoping to lend a helping hand as some of our biggest trailblazers on Capitol Hill are in a tight race. WheatPAC dollars undoubtedly helped our candidates overcome challengers in tight races, keeping multiple agriculture-friendly members in the office. The WheatPAC only saw two losses from candidates, and the organization contributed funds to them. This was seen as a success, and we are excited to support a multitude of legislators to protect the future of the wheat industry.

# ***National Wheat Foundation Biannual Report***

**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.**

## **2024 National Wheat Yield Contest Interesting Facts**

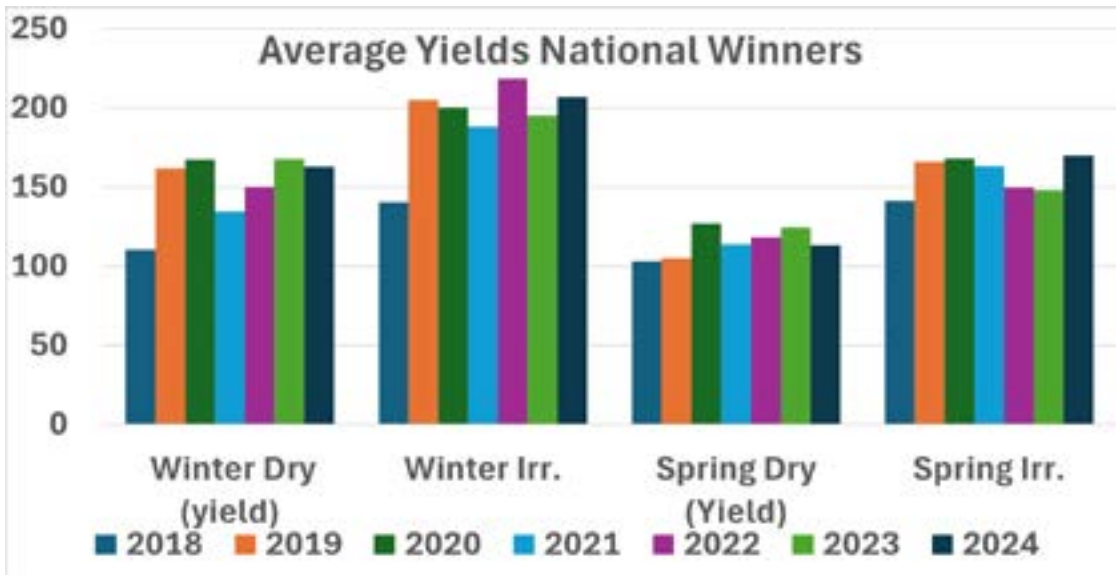
- 26 National Winners-from 11 states- Average yield 145 bpa
- 94 State Winners- from 29 states- Average yield 133 bpa
- 2 entries over 200 bpa
- Winter dryland (yield only) record of 167.58 bpa
- 10 New National Winners, 16 Repeat National Winners
- 12 Top Quality Award Winners
- 29 Partners

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Thank you to our 2024 Contest Partners!



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## National Wheat Yield Contest 2024 Winners

|                                                         |               |             |               |              |             |                        |                   |            |                  | % Increase<br>over County Ave |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| First Name                                              | Last Name     | City        | State (field) | Field County | Variety     | Variety Name           | Wheat Class       | Yield      | County Ave       | Ave                           |
| <b>Winter Wheat-Dryland</b>                             |               |             |               |              |             |                        |                   |            |                  |                               |
| Bin Buster                                              | Steve         | VanGrunsven | Forest Grove  | OR           | Washington  | Limagrain Cereal Se    | Shine             | Soft White | 170.63           |                               |
| 1st                                                     | Jeffery       | Krohn       | Owendale      | MI           | Huron       | DF Seeds               | 271               | Soft White | 170.10           |                               |
| 2nd                                                     | Clint         | Zenner      | Genesee       | ID           | Nez Perce   | Limagrain Cereal Se    | Shine             | Soft White | 167.03           |                               |
| 3rd                                                     | Garrett       | Warren      | Dayton        | WA           | Columbia    | Limagrain Cereal Se    | 50%Shine/50% Jefe | Soft White | 164.68           |                               |
| 4th                                                     | Scott         | Truszkowski | Stewartsville | NJ           | Warrant     | Dyna-Gro               | 9070              | Soft Red   | 152.33           |                               |
| 5th                                                     | Mark          | Deysher     | Bath          | PA           | Northampton | Seedway                | SW65              | Soft Red   | 152.32           |                               |
| 1st-% Over County                                       | David         | Ebers       | Wellston      | OK           | Lincoln     | WestBred               | WB4422            | Hard Red   | 136.42           | 30.28 350.52%                 |
| 2nd-% Over County                                       | Koby          | Dickerson   | Vernon        | TX           | Wilbarger   | Limagrain Cereal Se    | Steel AX          | Hard Red   | 102.80           | 25.34 305.69%                 |
| 3rd-% Over County                                       | Tom           | Hill        | Tonkawa       | OK           | Kay         | Limagrain Cereal Se    | Warbird AX        | Hard Red   | 135.64           | 35.44 282.72%                 |
| 4th-% Over County                                       | Dylan         | Lindsey     | Lamont        | OK           | Grant       | Limagrain Cereal Se    | Atomic AX         | Hard Red   | 130.05           | 35.10 270.51%                 |
| 5th-% Over County                                       | Cheryl        | Lindsey     | Tonkawa       | OK           | Kay         | PlainsGold             | Kivari AX         | Hard Red   | 130.32           | 35.44 267.71%                 |
| <b>Winter Wheat-Irrigated</b>                           |               |             |               |              |             |                        |                   |            |                  |                               |
| Bin Buster                                              | Phillip       | Gross       | Warden        | WA           | Adams       | Limagrain Cereal Seeds | Jet               | Hard Red   | 223.08           |                               |
| 1st                                                     | Oree          | Reynolds    | Castleford    | ID           | Twin Falls  | WestBred               | WB1621            | Soft White | 220.81           |                               |
| 2nd                                                     | Zach          | Balahtsis   | Tonkawa       | OK           | Kay         | Limagrain Cereal Seeds | Warbird AX        | Hard Red   | 177.52           |                               |
| <b>Spring Wheat-Dryland</b>                             |               |             |               |              |             |                        |                   |            |                  |                               |
| Bin Buster                                              | Nick          | Pfaff       | Bismarck      | ND           | McLean      | Croplan                | 3099A             | Hard Red   | 117.60           |                               |
| 1st                                                     | John          | Wesolowski  | Warren        | MN           | Marshall    | WestBred               | WB9590            | Hard Red   | 114.93           |                               |
| 2nd                                                     | Dale          | Flikkema    | Bozeman       | MT           | Gallatin    | WestBred               | WB9668            | Hard Red   | 113.74           |                               |
| 3rd                                                     | Bruce & Helle | Ruddenklau  | Amity         | OR           | Polk        | WestBred               | WB9668            | Hard Red   | 106.95           |                               |
| 1st-% Over County                                       | Greg          | Messer      | Richardton    | ND           | Stark       | WestBred               | WB9590            | Hard Red   | 106.65           | 40.02 166.49%                 |
| 2nd-% Over County                                       | Austin        | Kautzman    | Mott          | ND           | Grant       | WestBred               | WB9606            | Hard Red   | 90.13            | 36.49 147.01%                 |
| 3rd-% Over County                                       | Jordan        | Christman   | Hettinger     | ND           | Adams       | WestBred               | WB9590            | Hard Red   | 87.36            | 36.80 137.40%                 |
| <b>Spring Wheat-Irrigated</b>                           |               |             |               |              |             |                        |                   |            |                  |                               |
| Bin Buster                                              | Jess          | Blatchford  | Baker City    | OR           | Baker       | WestBred               | WB6341            | Soft White | 174.74           |                               |
| 1st                                                     | Dalinn        | Wilcox      | Rexburg       | ID           | Madison     | WestBred               | WB7589            | Hard White | 169.94           |                               |
| 2nd                                                     | Joel          | Zwainz      | Reardan       | WA           | Lincoln     | WSU                    | Tekoa             | Soft White | 165.35           |                               |
| <b>Pilot Digital Yield Category-Spring Dryland Only</b> |               |             |               |              |             |                        |                   |            |                  |                               |
|                                                         |               |             |               |              |             |                        |                   |            | Yield-best 20 ac |                               |
| High Yield                                              | Brad          | Diarud      | Rolla         | ND           | Rolette     | WestBred               | WB9590            | Hard Red   | 102.00           |                               |
| High % Over County                                      | John          | Hofer       | Milnor        | ND           | Ransom      | WestBred               | WB9590            | Hard Red   | 98.00            | 60.50 61.98%                  |

## Education is a key Mission of the National Wheat Foundation

Participation in industry events such as the Wheat Quality Council Spring Wheat Tour, US Wheat Summer Meeting, Coalition for Grain Fiber, Prairie Grains Conference, and GrainChain helps unite the wheat industry and serves as a way for the Foundation to share our projects and learnings with industry stakeholders.

The Bayer Leadership Program is held every year beginning with the phase 1 at the Fall meeting. The group in Phoenix consisted of 12 participants from 7 different states. Growers, state staff, National staff and US Wheat participated in the program. Sincere thanks to Bayer for continuing to support this excellent program.

## The National Wheat Foundation Board

The nine-member board of the Foundation serves for 3 year terms, a maximum of 2 terms. They were led in 2024 by Bernard Peterson, KY, Chairman; Gary Broyles, MT, Vice-Chairman; and Scott Brown, ID, Secretary/Treasurer. All the board participates in many of the activities around the country and are deeply committed to improving the wheat industry. Thank you to all the board for their service and generosity.

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## Swheatstakes Raffle

With the help of Montana Grain Growers Association and the NAWG Membership Task Force, a nation-wide raffle was launched to help support the educational efforts of the National Wheat Foundation. Thank you to everyone for their generous support of the Swheatstakes Raffle!

**BUY NOW! BUY NOW! BUY NOW!**  
**AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE**

Charitable Raffle

**JOIN US & SUPPORT WHEAT GROWERS**

**sWHEATstakes**

All proceeds go to support the National Wheat Foundation's charitable and educational efforts.

-  **2024 Ford F-350 Lariat Pickup**  
Valued at \$90,000.00  
Sponsored by Lithia Ford, Klamath Falls, OR
-  **2024 Polaris Adventure Side by Side**  
Valued at \$40,000.00  
Sponsored by Lewistown Honda, Lewistown, MT
-  **2024 John Deere Zero Turn Mower**  
Valued at \$10,000.00  
Sponsored by Frontline Ag
-  **(2) \$5,000.00 Cash Prizes**

Winner is responsible for all applicable taxes on any prize.

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**Tickets \$100.00 each**  
Cash or check only

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 **DRAWING HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 14TH  
AT PRESIDENT'S BANQUET**

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## **Financial Information**

The spending policy of the Foundation board is to spend annually up to 4.5% of the long-term investment account, thus ensuring a revenue source for future generations of wheat growers. For FY24, this amount was \$292,126 which equals 40% of the total annual budget. The rest of the income is generated through partnerships and donations. Expenses include building rent for the NAWG office, management fee for NAWG employees (including the NWF project manager-Anne Osborne), professional fees, travel, meeting costs and foundation projects.

Interested donors can give through our gifts of grain program or contact Anne Osborne ([aosborne@wheatworld.org](mailto:aosborne@wheatworld.org)) for more information.



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