

# Breeding Spring Wheat for Disease Resistance

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## **Research Summary:**

The general objective of this research program is to generate new hard red spring wheat germplasm with improved levels of resistance to regionally prominent diseases; primarily Fusarium head blight (FHB) and Bacterial leaf streak (BLS). The germplasm is used specifically to increase the frequency of more resistant types for use as parents in the breeding program. Demonstration that the objective has been successfully accomplished with respect to FHB resistance can be illustrated by noting levels among Uniform Regional Scab Nursery entries submitted in 2015, as an example. Among the five experimental lines tested (i.e., those designated as 'SDXXXX'), were among the top ten most resistant when average Disease Index, FDK, and DON concentration ranks were simultaneously considered (Table 1). Additionally, increasing levels, and documentation of, resistance to BLS has been accomplished through continual germplasm screening activities.

## **Introduction:**

Specific objectives of this program are to 1). continuously create and evaluate hard red spring wheat germplasm populations for resistance to FHB and BLS, and 2). utilize line selections as parents to increase the frequency of resistant materials in the breeding program.

## **Description of Accomplishments:**

During the 2016 reporting period, thousands of experimental breeding lines were evaluated for resistance to FHB and/or BLS. Roughly 3,000 lines were evaluated only for FHB and were derived from the breeding program, other cooperating breeding programs, or as evaluations of released cultivars included in the SD Crop Performance Testing program. Additional lines were tested for both FHB and BLS resistance which allows for identification of desirable breeding program parents as well as accumulation of data with which to make cultivar recommendations to growers.

**Data:**

TABLE 1. 2015 UNIFORM REGIONAL SCAB NURSERY FOR SPRING WHEAT PARENTS. MEANS AND RANKS OVER FIVE LOCATIONS.

ENTRY	DISEASE INDEX		FDK		DON		OVERALL
	%	Rank	%	RANK	ppm	RANK	
SD4582	18.6	1	9.1	1	2.5	1	1
MN12423-5	27.9	5	12.6	3	4.3	5	2
14-13-135 'S"	31.6	9	12.4	2	2.8	2	3
MN11326-3	28.1	6	14.9	5	4.5	6	4
ND2710	20.2	2	16.9	9	4.6	7	5
SD4559	27.5	4	14.3	4	6.1	10	6
MN12545-3	27.3	3	21.2	14	3.5	3	7
14-13-21 'S"	32.5	11	19.4	13	3.7	4	8
08S0339-23	34.5	14	16.8	7	5.3	8	9
MN12307-3	29.9	8	16.9	8	8.1	16	10
SD4607	34.2	13	17.7	10	6.7	12	11
SD4595	31.8	10	16.2	6	9.9	21	12
14-13-106 'S"	36.0	16	19.2	12	7.7	13	13
MN12265-1	37.0	17	22.8	17	5.3	9	14
SD4605	34.9	15	18.3	11	8.8	18	15
Bacup	34.1	12	32.8	22	6.7	11	16
14-13-97 'S"	38.5	20	21.8	15	8.0	15	17
07S0068-11	38.4	19	24.4	19	7.9	14	18
08S0303-16	38.6	21	27.9	21	8.2	17	19
14-13-14 'S"	42.9	24	22.6	16	9.8	20	20
2375	45.3	26	23.4	18	9.7	19	21
08S0347-23	45.0	25	27.6	20	12.9	22	22
08S0341-15	45.8	27	34.7	23	17.8	23	23
Oslo	59.6	30	46.9	27	23.5	24	24
Wheaton	66.8	33	68.9	32	40.3	25	25
Mean	36.3		23.2		9.1		