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The South Dakota Wheat Commission is funded entirely by South Dakota wheat farmers through a 1.5 cent per bushel checkoff on the initial sale of wheat. This self-help program improves the wheat industry in South Dakota through wheat research, foreign and domestic market development, and utilization. The Wheat Commission Board of Directors is comprised of five wheat farmers representing wheat growing regions and classes of wheat. For more information visit: www.sdwheat.org

U.S. Wheat Associates, headquartered in Washington, D.C. with 16 overseas offices, is the international marketing representative of U.S. wheat growers in over 100 countries. It is funded by wheat producers through their respective state wheat commissions in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming. Your checkoff dollars are matched four to one by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service. For more information visit: www.uswheat.org

South Dakota State University supports S.D. wheat farmers by addressing state wheat production issues. Increased yield and disease resistant varieties for both spring and winter wheat are the main goals in wheat research. (See inside page for listing of current projects.) For more information visit: www.sdstate.edu/ps/

The Northern Crops Institute, located on the campus of North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, is a modern facility for training industry personnel from both domestic companies and foreign companies/countries on how to utilize and purchase wheat and other crops grown in the Northern Great Plains. It is funded by wheat producers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana; the South Dakota Legislature and other state legislatures. For more information visit: www.northern-crops.com

The Wheat Foods Council is the national organization that works to increase the domestic consumption of wheat foods. The Council provides nutritional information about wheat to health professionals, food service personnel, food editors, educators, and the general public. The South Dakota Wheat Commission is a charter member of the Wheat Foods Council. For more information visit: www.wheatfoods.org

South Dakota Wheat Incorporated, a voluntary membership organization, is designed to speak for the wheat producers on governmental policy issues. The elected Board of Directors are wheat producers from across the state who determine the priority policy issues. These issues include farm bill legislation, crop insurance, research and environmental policy, transportation and energy policy, international trade legislation and general farm issues affecting South Dakota wheat farmers with particular emphasis on establishing equitable partnerships with private industry.

South Dakota Wheat Commission

2012-2013 Budget & Activities



Where 2012 \$'s Were Invested



Research - \$751,398 = 40%

South Dakota State University research programs designed to meet S.D. wheat farmers' agronomic needs by development of high quality, high yield, disease and pest resistant hard red and white winter and spring wheat varieties suitable to South Dakota's environment and end user needs. Collaborative research projects with other S.D. commodity groups. Wheat quality surveys with public and private entities.

Market Development - \$399,884 = 21%

U.S. Wheat Associates overseas market development and Northern Crops Institute. Transportation, rail and shipping. Wheat market development and new product development. Foreign trade teams. Provide wheat markets with characteristic/attribute products.

Policy & Government Affairs - \$151,085 = 8%

National Association of Wheat Growers, SD Wheat Inc., and regional wheat producer meetings.

Information, Education & Promotion - \$143,311 = 8%

Producer information programs, Wheat Foods Council, internet website (sdwheat.org), Dakota Farm Talk, consumer education, demonstrations, exhibits, consultants, annual report publication, pamphlets and other publications. Like us on Facebook—Search for South Dakota Wheat Commission. Support: SD State Fair, SD Rural Ag Leadership, Ag in the Classroom, FFA/4-H, and Plant Science Scholarships.

General Operations - \$242,143 = 13%

Rent, utilities, telephone, rental equipment, office supplies, organization memberships and subscriptions. Salaries/benefits for staff; per diem for Commissioners.

Travel - \$53,776 = 3%

Meeting registrations, air-fares, mileage, meals, lodging, taxi and other incidentals.

Refunds - \$123,156 = 7%

Wheat farmers who choose not to support South Dakota market development, wheat research and utilization.

Total Budget for 2012, \$1,864,753

Special Projects: High Priority

International and Domestic Market Development

Commissioner Darrell Davis, Ipswich, SD was elected to the officer rotation of U.S. Wheat Associates (USW). His duties as an officer of USW include representation in the international wheat markets as well as the domestic market on behalf of SD and all U.S. wheat farmers. He will serve as Chairman during the 2012-2013 marketing year.

Commissioner Halverson participated in a USW sponsored Africa Board Team visit. He was in Algiers and Annaba to get a sense of the challenges and opportunities facing U.S. exports in those countries. Discussions centered on how U.S. can increase market share and in what way has USW added value to the investment made by U.S. farmers. Personal contacts, along with efforts to increase blended wheats in Africa, are paving the way for future projects and trade agreements. These relation-building visits are vital as USW works to promote our high quality wheat.

International markets were greatly enhanced by completion of the Free Trade Agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea. Domestic promotion has stepped up its public presence with emphasis on educating those in the electronic media about the importance of wheat in a healthy diet.

Transportation

Transportation issues and infrastructure are an ongoing concern for S.D. wheat farmers and the Wheat Commission continues to look toward potential solutions and promote discussion and a unified agriculture front. Expanding rail-transportation and other avenues of commodity delivery systems are being pursued along with maintaining competitive rates.

Valuable Tools

Producers and consumers have the most recent information on the wheat industry on their desktop and at their fingertips. The Commission's website (www.sdwheat.org) has been revamped and Facebook has been added (search for South Dakota Wheat Commission) to make it easy to find the latest information. The Commission has completed its work with SDSU on a "Wheat Best Management Practices Manual" that is available to producers in both hard copy and on-line at www.igrow.org. The popular Diagnosing Wheat Production Problems booklet continues to provide additional information and is on the website and in hard copy at the South Dakota Wheat Commission office.

Wheat Varieties Developed by Your Check-off Dollars!!

The Commission is committed to funding the development of improved wheat varieties that are adaptable to South Dakota's climatic conditions. Ideal (HRW), Forefront (HRS) and Advance (HRS) are the newest wheat varieties released by SDSU with good yields and protein. The criteria for releasing wheat varieties are high yields, disease and insect resistance along with excellent milling and baking characteristics. The Commission is funding projects in doubled haploid research that has the potential of cutting out several years in the development of new varieties.

Research

The SDSU Seed Technology Laboratory provides timely research information that will enable wheat breeders, and other cereal grain growers to develop varieties to meet the needs of the U.S. and export markets. This state-of-the-art lab has been funded by commodity checkoffs, and donations from private individuals and businesses. Wheat checkoff dollars are being used to purchase modern equipment for the Crop Quality Laboratory (CQL) that will investigate the quality of food crops in relation to health, nutrition, disease prevention, and economic development.

Investing in Your Future FY 2013 Research Funding

BREEDING AND GENETICS

Spring Wheat Breeding	\$100,000
Accelerated Breeding for Head Scab	\$29,000
Winter Wheat Breeding	\$93,518
Germplasm Resistance to Biotic Stress	\$25,713
DNA Markers for Breeding FHB Resistance	\$34,219
Developing WW Varieties with Resistance to Pest/Pathogens	\$30,792

PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

Enhanced End-Use Wheat Quality	\$38,100
Optimizing Winter Wheat Management	\$26,000
Increasing Cost Effect Production by Phosphate Cultivars	\$30,000

PEST MANAGEMENT

Weed Management	\$6,500
Integrated Mgmt. of Wheat Diseases	\$111,880
Seeding Rates and Fungicide Treatment	\$15,647
Wheat Education Day	<u>\$1,500</u>
	\$542,869