

South Dakota Wheat Commission is funded entirely by South Dakota wheat farmers through a 1.5 cent per bushel check off on in initial sale of wheat. This self-help program improves the wheat industry in SD 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 check off dollars are matched four to one by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service.

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South Dakota State University supports SD 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/

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.

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 SD Wheat Commission is a charter member of the Wheat Foods Council. For more information visit: www.wheatfoods.org.

South Dakota Wheat Incorporated, is a voluntary membership organization, designed to represent the wheat producers on government 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 SD wheat farmers with particular emphasis on establishing equitable partnerships with private industry.

Mission Statement

To stabilize and improve South Dakota's wheat industry through research, market development and education.

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South Dakota Wheat Commission's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

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. The receipts received each year by the SDWC is dependent upon the size of the state's wheat crop.

For FY 2014, the crop is projected to be 61 million bushels of wheat (1.7 million acres), down from the previous year of 102 million bushels (2.2 million acres). Estimated income for FY 2014 is \$927,000, down from the previous year of \$1,372,450.

Investment Area	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2013 Actual
Research: Breeding & Genetics; Production Management; and Pest Management at South Dakota State University; Hard Red Spring/Winter Wheat Surveys; Wheat Quality Council.	\$338,780	\$567,060
Policy & Government Affairs: Transportation; National Association of Wheat Growers; SD Wheat Inc.; Regional Wheat Meetings.	\$107,500	\$95,675
Market Development: U.S. Wheat Associates; Northern Crops Institute; Foreign and Domestic Trade Teams.	\$260,000	\$264,120
Education, Information & Promotion: Wheat Foods Council; Website; Printing & Publications; Dakota Farm Talk; FFA & 4-H; Scholarships; MTI Farm Management; Home Baking Association.	\$73,550	\$87,845
General Operations: Rent; Utilities; Telephone; Supplies; Audit & State Expenses; Subscriptions; Staff Salaries/Benefits & Commissioner Per Diem.	\$256,170	\$260,420
Travel: Mileage & Air Fare; Meals; Lodging; Registrations; Incidentals.	\$26,500	\$37,015
Refunds: Wheat Farmers Assessment Refunds.	\$65,625	\$72,510
TOTAL INVESTMENTS:	\$1,128,125	\$1,384,645

Research Funding - What has been accomplished.

- More than \$3.6 million has been invested over the past 5 years.
- SD wheat yields have increased over 240% since 1961, the year the Commission was established to fund wheat research.
- 70% of wheat varieties seeded annually in SD are publicly developed.
- \$150,000 was invested to reconfigure a Research and Market Development wheat mill at Northern Crops Institute.
- SDSU varieties Briggs, Brick, Select and Traverse accounted for 47% of SD's hard red spring acres in the last 3 years. Wesley (joint release with Nebraska), SDSU varieties Expedition and Lyman accounted for 45% of SD's winter wheat acres since 2011.
- SD has the highest rate of adaption of no-till and conservation tillage farming practices in the nation, resulting from research supported by the wheat checkoff.

Research:

Research and its funding are an integral part of success in agriculture. Growing wheat efficiently and economically is as important to the profitability equation for wheat farmers as is marketing. Wheat checkoff dollars provide for continuing and new research in the areas of: Wheat Variety Development; Wheat Production and Management; Disease, Weed and Pest Control; New Technology; Crop Quality Evaluation; and Market Research.

Market Development:

South Dakota annually exports approximately 20-30 percent of its wheat internationally. Funding is used to support International Marketing through the U.S. Wheat Associates and the Northern Crops Institute in Fargo, ND. Domestic Marketing includes support to Wheat Foods Council, Wheat Quality Council and Plains Grains, Inc.

Policy & Government Affairs:

The competitive position of wheat and wheat production can be directly altered by changes in political climate, government laws, rules and regulations, and national policy. Funding supports National Association of Wheat Growers, South Dakota Wheat, Inc., and Whiteside and Associates.

Education, Information and Communication:

Reaching producers, students, and the general public is essential. The SDWC maintains a webpage at www.sdwheat.org along with a Facebook page. Check-off dollars provide a communication link between the farm and non-farm sectors through education and the media. Scholarships, awards and premiums provided through the SDWC include: SDSU Plant Science Scholarships, SD Ag-in-the-Classroom, FFA, FFA Foundation and 4-H Agriculture Education programs.