



SOUTH
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Wheat 

2021
Annual Report

60 years of the South Dakota Wheat Commission



South Dakota Wheat Resources Act

Sixty years ago visionary South Dakota wheat producers and state legislators adopted the *South Dakota Wheat Resources Act*. The act established a Wheat Commission and provided for the deduction of a promotional fee on all wheat produced in South Dakota after July 1, 1961. The commission was charged with the responsibility of formulating policies and programs relating to the promotion and development of markets and industries for the utilization of South Dakota wheat. In the years that have followed the South Dakota Wheat Commission has effectively managed wheat producer contributions through investments in research, market development and consumer education.

1961

The South Dakota State Legislature passed the South Dakota Wheat Resources Act establishing the South Dakota Wheat Commission. Charter members included above:
Back Row (left to right): Charles Tutsch, Executive Director; Commissioner Andrew Brakke of Presho; Commissioner Melvin Borkirchert of Roscoe
Front Row (left to right): Commissioner Bert Mason of Frankfort; Commissioner/Chairman Paul Guiser of Martin; Commissioner Barnest Covey of Hamill

A look back on 2021

reveals an extremely tumultuous year in the wheat industry. Acreage shifts, weather complications, and ongoing COVID impacts on the domestic and global society all impacted wheat inventories, exports, and prices.

In South Dakota **Hard Red Winter Wheat** planting, in fall 2020, increased 27% over the previous year. It was also a year that was challenged by shifting climate cycles. Although 90% of the acres would be harvested in 2021 the increased acres produced 21% fewer bushels. A dry winter and spring coupled with an early hot dry summer significantly reduced wheat yields! Due to extreme forage shortages, many producers were also forced to harvest acres for wheat hay to sustain foundation cow herds. The limited wheat that was harvested was of strong milling quality and remains in demand as evidenced by the positive cash basis that continues into 2022.

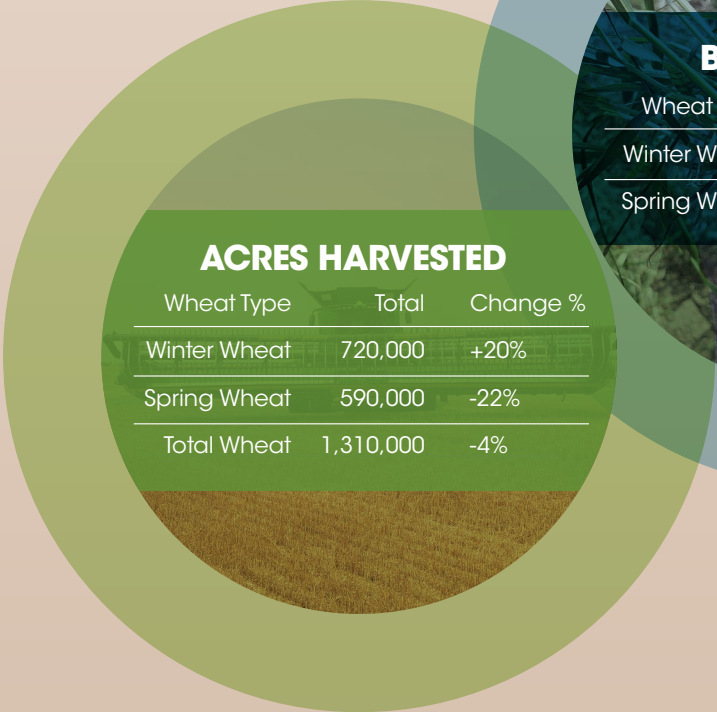
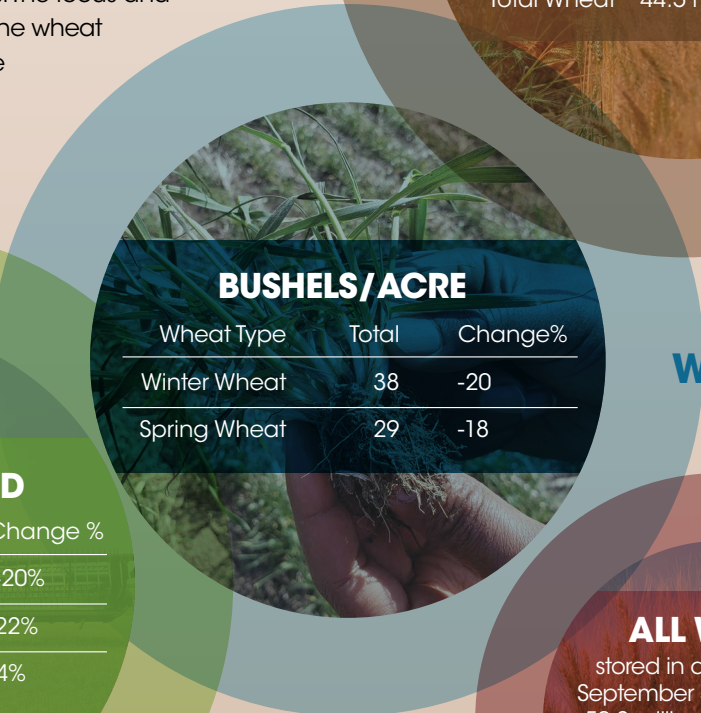
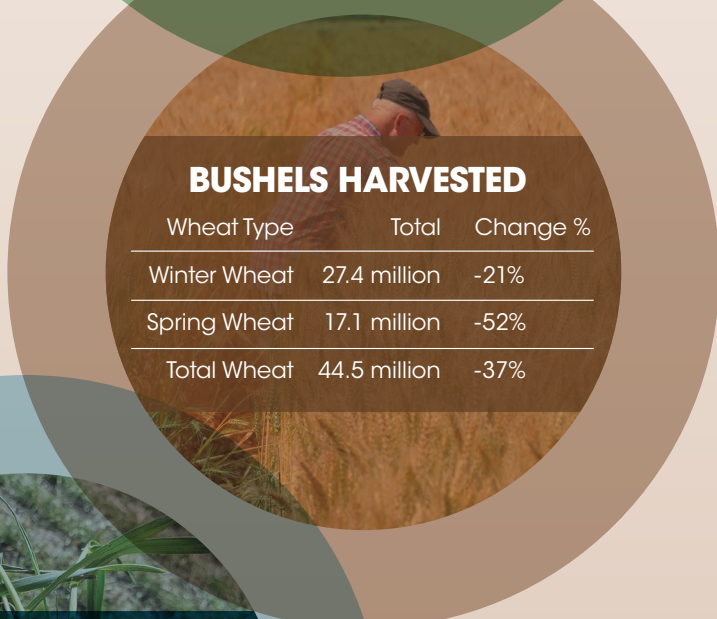
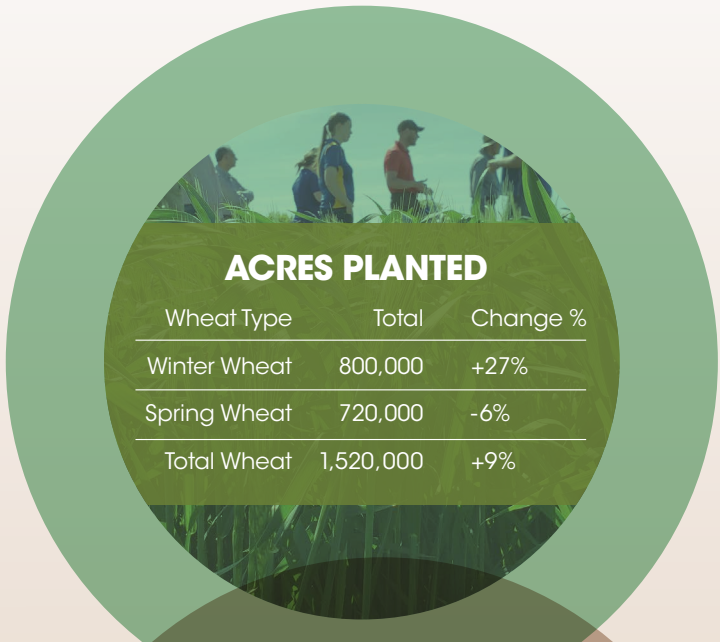
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The dry winter and spring conditions of 2021 resulted in a 6% reduction of **Hard Red Spring Wheat** planting compared to the previous year. Of these limited acres, 22% would be abandoned! Hard Red Spring Wheat bushels harvested in South Dakota in 2021 were reduced 52% from the previous year. Milling quality of the harvested wheat remained strong and desirable.

Several factors combined to provide optimism in the fall of 2021 for the planting of the **2022 Hard Red Winter Wheat** crop including: increased price opportunities, early soybean harvest providing available acres, well-needed Labor Day weekend rains across most of South Dakota, unknown fertilizer costs and availability in 2022, increasing focus upon the merits of a cereal grain in soil health focused rotations, and overall rotation reviews and balancing by many producers.

Sixty years of experience has continuously energized the current members of the South Dakota Wheat Commission to effectively manage and invest the contributions of their fellow producers. The focus and commitment to the improvement of the wheat industry remain strong and true to the original enabling act.



South Dakota Wheat Production Compared to 2020



COMMISSIONERS
Tregg Cronin – Gettysburg
Bryan Jorgensen – Ideal
Julian Roseth – Midland
Leon Koepe – Claire City
Terry Hand – Midland

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Reid Christopherson

ACCOUNTANT
Carolyn Theobald

**South Dakota
 Wheat
 Commission
 Investments**



FY20*

820,771	50%	Research
214,750**	13%	Market Development
122,946	8%	Education/Promotion
117,000	8%	Policy/Government Affairs
51,600	3%	General Operations
53,500	3%	Travel
198,791	12%	Personnel Services
54,400	3%	Employee Benefits
1,633,758	100%	Total

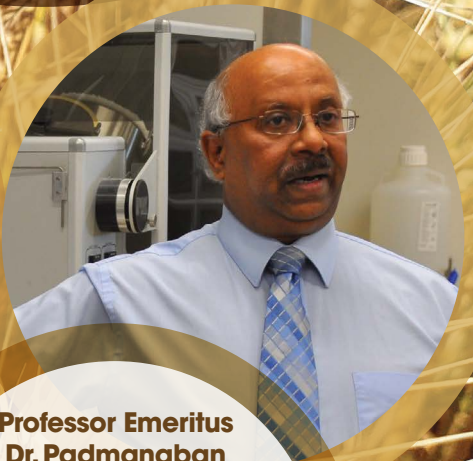
* Fiscal Year is July 1 to June 30 (i.e. FY21 = July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

** Partial membership in U.S. Wheat Associates and National Association of Wheat Growers.

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FY21*

426,052	45%	Research
85,000**	9%	Market Development
70,625	7%	Education/Promotion
70,000**	7%	Policy/Government Affairs
52,280	6%	General Operations
42,000	4%	Travel
147,026	16%	Personnel Services
57,195	6%	Employee Benefits
950,178	100%	Total



**Professor Emeritus
 Dr. Padmanaban
 "Padu" Krishnan**

The South Dakota Wheat Commission salutes the distinguished research commitment and service of Professor Emeritus Dr. Padmanaban "Padu" Krishnan upon his retirement from South Dakota State University in 2021. Padu made significant contributions to the ever-continuing development of Cereal Science chemistry.

