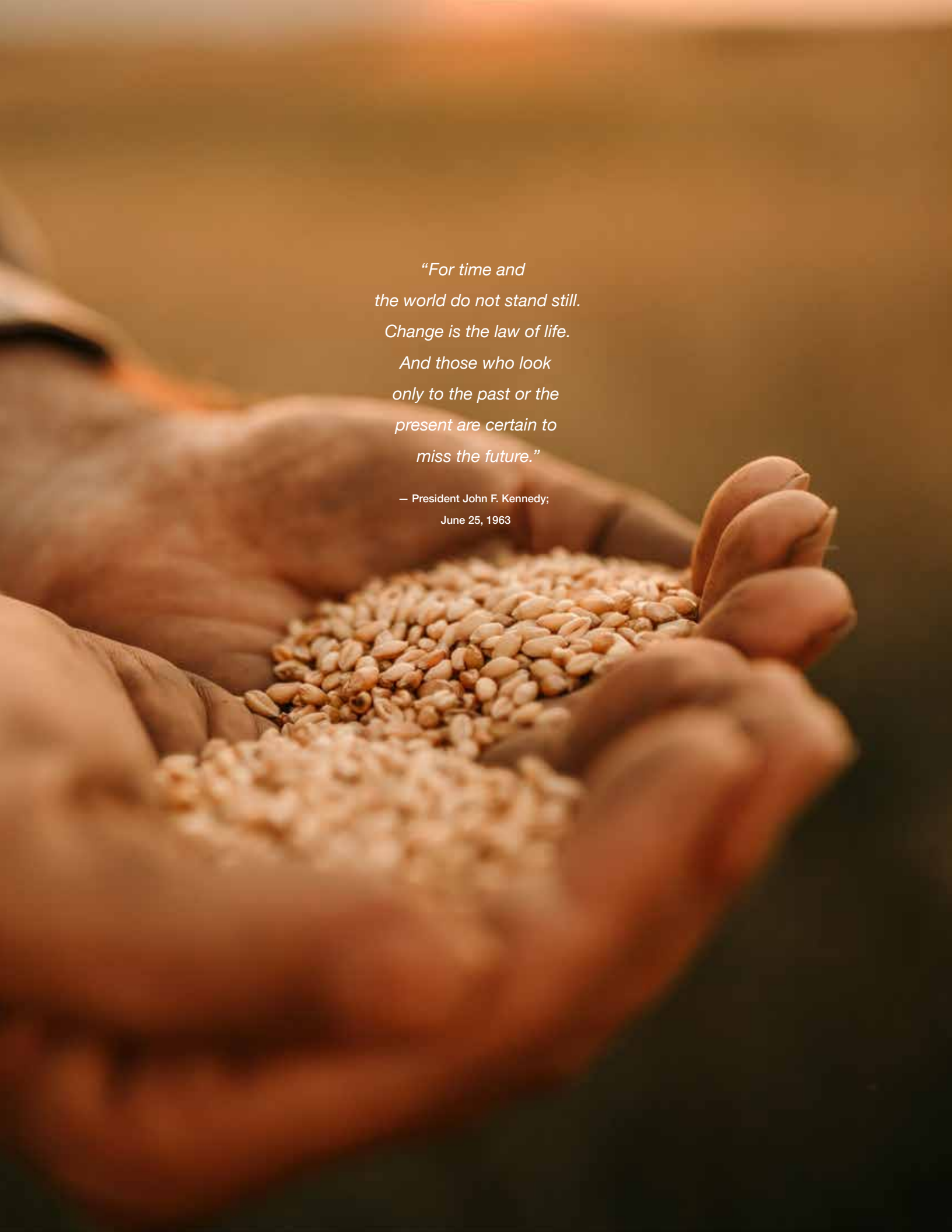


SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION

# 2023

ANNUAL REPORT





*“For time and  
the world do not stand still.  
Change is the law of life.  
And those who look  
only to the past or the  
present are certain to  
miss the future.”*

— President John F. Kennedy;  
June 25, 1963

# 2023 Year in Review

## South Dakota Wheat Commission – A Season of Change

It is in the spirit of this great vision that the South Dakota Wheat Commission (SDWC) has embarked upon a serious and deliberate strategic plan. A plan that certainly recognizes the changing world around us and the need of the Commission to change with a focus upon the future. The most noticeable of these changes to our wheat producers might be staff and location.

After an outstanding period of service as the SDWC Accountant/Office Manager Carolyn Theobald resigned in 2023 to pursue another challenging and rewarding career opportunity. We are very appreciative of the legacy that she has left within the organization of the SDWC financial and administrative records. After an evaluation of the current employment environment the Commissioners have elected to outsource the SDWC accounting functions to a CPA firm.

In similar fashion the Commissioners evaluated our office location in Pierre since the organization of the SDWC in 1961. The capitol city of Pierre certainly provides a natural location for proximity to state legislative activity. That, however, is not the purpose of the Commission. By state statute the Commission was created to deliver on specific purposes: *“There is hereby established a wheat commission for the utilization, research, and market development of wheat grown in South Dakota. [SDCL 38-10-3]”*

As the agricultural landscape of South Dakota changes, one-half of the traditional wheat acres have shifted to other grains. Once traditional wheat-fallow farmers, our producers now include wheat in diverse crop rotations. Within these rotations wheat continues to provide exceptional value in diversification and soil health. The South Dakota Wheat Commission is proud to continue our partnership with South Dakota State University and the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition in these soil health initiatives.

As a result of this refined focus the SDWC Commissioners have moved their office to the Development Park adjacent to South Dakota State University in Brookings.

*Our new mailing address is:*

**South Dakota Wheat Commission  
2301 Research Park Way, Suite 253  
Brookings, SD 57006**

Julian Roseth completed his term as Commissioner in early 2023. He provided many years of leadership to both the Commission and South Dakota Wheat, Inc. (now South Dakota Wheat Growers Association).

The South Dakota Wheat Commission is pleased to announce the appointment, by Governor Kristi Noem, of Jamie Johnson to a three-year term as Commissioner. Jamie, together with her husband Brian, farm near Frankfort, SD. In a very diversified operation they raise wheat, oats, hay, cover crops, corn, and soybeans in addition to a commercial Angus cow/calf operation. In 2019 the Johnson family received the South Dakota Leopold Award.

Reid Christopherson will retire as SDWC Executive Director in early June 2024. Reid was appointed to the position in 2014 following the retirement of Randy Englund. Next in the lineup of strong leaders is Dr Jon Kleinjan. Jon previously served as the Extension Crop Agronomist for South Dakota State University. This experience, along with being a Brookings County farmer, will provide exceptional talent to support the Commissioners in the opportunities ahead. Collectively, all these changes place the South Dakota Wheat Commission in an operational environment of increased efficiency and collaboration as we continually face the future!



**Reid Christopherson**



**Dr Jon Kleinjan**

## South Dakota Wheat Production in 2023

### Acres Planted

| Wheat Type   | Total     | % Change from 2022 |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Winter Wheat | 920,000   | 11                 |
| Spring Wheat | 740,000   | 1                  |
| Total Wheat  | 1,660,000 | 6                  |

### Acres Harvested

| Wheat Type   | Total     | % Change from 2022 |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Winter Wheat | 700,000   | -4                 |
| Spring Wheat | 700,000   | 0                  |
| Total Wheat  | 1,400,000 | -2                 |

### Bushels Harvested

| Wheat Type   | Total        | % Change from 2022 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Winter Wheat | 32.9 million | -13                |
| Spring Wheat | 28.0 million | -18                |
| Total Wheat  | 60.9 million | -15                |

### Bushels/Acre

| Wheat Type   | Total | % Change from 2022 |
|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| Winter Wheat | 47    | -5                 |
| Spring Wheat | 43    | -5                 |

ALL WHEAT stored in all positions on December 1, 2023 totaled 43.8 million bushels down slightly from the previous year.

Hard Red Winter Wheat planted in 2023 totaled 870,000 acres, -5% from 2022.



# South Dakota Wheat Commission Investments

|                           | FY22*     |     | FY23*     |     |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
|                           | \$        | %   | \$        | %   |
| RESEARCH                  | 930,041   | 64  | 714,619   | 51  |
| MARKET DEVELOPMENT        | 90,000    | 6   | 168,675   | 12  |
| EDUCATION/PROMOTION       | 84,765    | 6   | 99,135    | 7   |
| POLICY/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS | 79,000    | 5   | 100,861   | 7   |
| GENERAL OPERATIONS        | 48,562    | 3   | 39,985    | 3   |
| TRAVEL                    | 40,308    | 3   | 63,599    | 5   |
| PERSONNEL SERVICES        | 149,061   | 10  | 161,374   | 12  |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS         | 38,192    | 3   | 39,775    | 3   |
| TOTAL                     | 1,459,929 | 100 | 1,388,023 | 100 |

\* Note: Fiscal Year is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.



## Commissioners

### BACK ROW (L to R):

Reid Christopherson (Executive Director) - *Garretson*,  
Terry Hand - *Midland*, Tregg Cronin - *Gettysburg*

### FRONT ROW (L to R):

Bryan Jorgensen - *Ideal*, Jamie Johnson - *Frankfort*,  
Leon Koeppel - *Claire City*



## We've Moved!

After intense evaluation, the South Dakota Wheat Commission has made the decision to relocate our office from Pierre to Brookings, SD. The new location, on the campus of the SDSU Research Park, allows for increased dialog and collaboration with the South Dakota State University research team.