PROJECT NO: New

TITLE: Small Grains Research Report - Bringing in the grower for Cereal School Attendance

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## JUSTIFICATION:

Idaho is one of the largest cereal producers in the United States. Keeping growers informed of new varieties, agronomic performance, end-use quality, and insect and disease issues is a major part of the Small Grains Programs within the College of Agricultural Sciences (CALS) at the University of Idaho. Providing tools to enhance the economic performance of cereal producers provides economic returns to all sectors that benefit from a healthy wheat and barley economy. In the past, the Small Grains Research Report has been published on-line on the website (<a href="http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/cereals/scseidaho">http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/cereals/scseidaho</a>), on CD-Rom, and in hard copy format. Growers were highly encouraged to utilize the availability of electronic media, yet there are many unused copies of previous reports on CD still sitting in boxes at the Idaho Falls and Aberdeen offices Prior to 2016, over 400 hard copies were printed in January with complete disbursal achieved by August. Every time we hold cereal schools throughout the region, the number one reason given for attendance is to listen to the Extension variety report and to pick up a copy of the newly released SGR.

The physical copy of the SGR should remain free to the grower – this provides a huge incentive for growers to attend the Cereal School. The cereal school platform is a wonderful delivery tool for information transfer for all of our CALS research projects as well as for the public and private breeding programs, IGPA and the commodity commissions.

HYPOTHESIS & OBJECTIVES: The hypothesis is that the SGR draws many growers to attend the UI Cereal Schools. Growers prefer the hard copy of the SGR to peruse at their leisure. The Objective is to continue providing the SGR for free as an incentive to get growers to attend Cereal School and to assist in dissemination of the research findings of all faculty. This sustained attendance at Cereal School benefits all – other researchers trying to disseminate their research results, extension faculty making contacts with stakeholders, industry representatives selling products, as well as the IGPA and commodity commissions that provide updates to growers and can increase their contact hours with producers.

**PROCEDURES:** Copies of the SGR will be made available to producers at all Cereal Schools. 2015 costs to produce 400 black-and-white copies of the SGR for distribution at the Cereal Schools and additional books for miscellaneous distribution were \$6499.30, at \$14 per book for 140 pages. To produce this year's book in-house it would cost \$14.70 a book, about \$5,880 for

400 black and white copies. There is no separate funding for this expense. In 2016, we were going to charge \$15 per copy at the cereal schools, but decided against it due to the difficulty in collecting the charges. Frank Curtis (Limagrain Cereal Seeds) and Jim Rooney (Lansing) volunteered to help sponsor the publication in order to continue providing the books to attendees free of charge. LCS promised \$2000, and I am still waiting for Lansings' proposed contribution. We are asking for additional support from the IBC.

**DURATION:** Indefinite

COOPERATION: LCS, Lansing, IBC

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS/EXPECTED OUTCOMES/INFORMATION TRANSFER:

Idaho wheat producers will receive the most recent wheat variety performance information to improve production efficiency, increase economic returns, and maintain their competitiveness. Information on variety performance is shared with growers and industry personnel through cereal schools, published materials, wheat nurseries, demonstrations, field tours and the Internet.

## LITERATURE REVIEW: none

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## IDAHO WHEAT COMMISSION - BUDGET FORM

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Explanatory Comments: (see FY2018 Guidelines for definition)

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