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Title: Small Grains Research Report – Bringing in the grower for Cereal School Attendance

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Justification/Rationale:

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OBJECTIVES: The SGR draws many growers to attend the UI Cereal Schools. Growers and consultants prefer the hard copy of the SGR to peruse at their leisure or to reference quickly. The Objective is to continue providing the SGR for free to assist in dissemination of the research findings of all faculty, and as an incentive to get growers to attend Cereal School. This sustained attendance at Cereal School benefits all – 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.

METHODS/PLAN OF WORK: Copies of the SGR will be made available to producers at all Cereal Schools. The 2022 estimate from Caxton Printing in Caldwell was \$6530.00 for 325 copies (\$20 per book without estimates for shipping or sales tax). 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. For 2020 SGR, Frank Curtis (Limagrains Cereal Seeds, \$2000), Scoular (\$500), Thresher (\$500) and Robin English (Andersons \$500) volunteered to help sponsor the publication in order to continue providing the books to attendees free of charge. The Idaho Barley Commission also volunteered to support the 2020 SGR. We will solicit all for their sponsorship in 2023 as well. We currently have commitments for this year's publication from Molson Coors and The Andersons.

✓ **DURATION:** Continuous

COOPERATION/COMPLEMENTATION: Limagrain Cereal Seeds, The Andersons, Idaho Barley Commission, Anheuser-Busch, Coors

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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**FY2025
COMMODITY COMMISSION BUDGET
Principal Investigator: Juliet M Marshall**

Allocated by <u>Idaho</u> Wheat Commission	during FY2023	\$	2,000
(Commission/Organization)			
Allocated by <u>Idaho</u> Wheat Commission	during FY2024	\$	2,000
(Commission/Organization)			

REQUESTED SUPPORT:		<u>Awarded for FY2024</u>	<u>Requested for FY2025</u>
Budget Categories			
(10) Salary (staff, post-docs, et NOTE: Faculty salary/fringe NOT allowed)		\$ -	\$ -
(12) Temporary Help/IH		\$ -	\$ -
(11) Fringe Benefits		\$ -	\$ -
(20) Travel		\$ -	\$ -
(30) Other Expenses		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
(40) Capital Outlay >\$5k		\$ -	\$ -
(45) Capital Outlay <\$5k		\$ -	\$ -
(70) Graduate Student Tuition/Fees		\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500

TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED FOR FY2025:	\$ 2,500
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BREAKDOWN FOR MULTIPLE INDEXES:					
Budget Categories	(Insert Co-PI Name)	(Insert Co-PI Name)	(Insert Co-PI Name)	(Insert Co-PI Name)	
(10) Salary (staff, post-docs, et	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
(12) Temporary Help	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
(11) Fringe Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
(20) Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
(30) Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
(40) Capital Outlay >\$5k	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
(45) Capital Outlay <\$5k	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
(70) Graduate Student Tuition/Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
				Total Sub-budgets	\$ -

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Accomplishments:

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Wheat trials were conducted at thirteen winter and ten spring locations throughout the state for harvest in the summer of 2023. Results for all trials in the southern / southeastern production area were analyzed and presented in the annual Research Bulletin “2023 Small Grains Report”. The report contains agronomic and end-use quality information on varieties and advanced breeding lines from public and private institutions. In addition, the report includes location information for trials produced on University Research Stations and on grower fields (planting dates, seeding rate, fertilizer inputs, harvest dates, etc). The Results and Discussion provides detailed information on growing conditions, disease and insect issues affecting yield and quality, yield to nitrogen ratios and yield performance of varieties. Brief descriptions of named, released varieties are provided to give information on specific characteristics (general performance, disease resistance, or other distinguishing features associated with a specific genotype). The

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relative performance of each line is given in the graphs of "Yield as a Percentage of Average" at the end of each section. While small plots are not always predictive of variety performance on-farm, the ability to examine the performance of new lines against industry standards assists in the advancement of the industry while facilitating technology transfer.

One of the advantages of the integrated Cereals program is the ability to incorporate disease screening results in with the SGR. This year's SGR contains results from a dwarf bunt nursery hosted by Utah State University.

Projections: Growers, consultants, industry representatives, and public and private breeders utilize the SGR report as a tool to advance research, new varieties, and agronomic practices. The SGR report provides an anchor to the Cereal Schools and field days to draw attendance, facilitating technology transfer and communication from the UI, IBC, IWC and Grain Producers organization to the growers that we represent. Results are presented at cereal schools, field days and many other grower meetings.

Publications:

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