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Idaho Grain Producers Honor Three at Annual Convention

Idaho researcher, media, and lifetime achiever recipients announced

(Coeur d'Alene, ID) The Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) recognized three individuals for their contributions to the Idaho grain industry as part of a bi-state annual convention held December 10-12 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The Oregon-Idaho Grains Conference featured three days of keynote speakers, educational workshops, and an exhibit hall of agribusinesses before culminating with individual state awards programs. Honored by Idaho's wheat and barley farmers were University of Idaho grains researcher Dr. Juliet Windes of Idaho Falls, Capital Press agriculture reporter Pat McCoy of Boise, and grain farmer Robert Brown of Ririe.

Windes, Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Cereals Cropping Systems at the University of Idaho – Idaho Falls, received the IGPA's "*Outstanding Extension Educator/Research*" award for her work in the development of cereal varieties in southern and southeastern Idaho. Dr. Windes was recognized for her work addressing problems with drought, soil diseases, and other production challenges faced by Idaho wheat and barley farmers.

Receiving the award for "*Outstanding Agriculture Journalist*" was Pat McCoy of the Idaho Bureau of the Capital Press. McCoy, a twenty-five year employee of the weekly agriculture newspaper, was lauded for her diligence and exemplary work in her field.

Third generation Ririe grain farmer Robert Brown was honored with the "*Lifetime Achievement*" honor for nearly three decades of volunteer service to the IGPA. Now mostly retired from his farming operation, Robert served over fifteen years on the Bonneville County IGPA board before stepping down from the post in early 2008.