

RESEARCH & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SUBSECTIONS:

R=Research

Rmgmt=Risk Management

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RESEARCH

Research Policy Statement

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports

- research to improve and upgrade nutrient management, soil amendment recommendations, and end use quality,
- research on weeds, pests, and diseases that threaten the cereal crops system,
- research on new food and nonfood uses for cereal grains and straw,
- the continued multi-state research effort to attract new funds and pool existing funds for small grains research projects,
- identifying and recommending strategic priorities for research faculty, extension faculty, and staff positions at the University of Idaho College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs),
- continued funding of cereal rust research to address the threat posed to cereal production in the U.S.,
- cropping systems approaches to Best Management Practices (BMP),
- the involvement in and efforts of the National Wheat Improvement Committee and the National Barley Improvement Committee,
- the Idaho Wheat Commission in the continued development and implementation of a strategic wheat research and education initiative,
- the Idaho Barley Commission in the continued development and implementation of a strategic barley research and education initiative,
- maintaining TCK smut research and variety testing,
- a sustainable increase in investment of state and federal funding of small grains research, education, extension, and infrastructure and full, stable funding for the University of Idaho Agriculture Research and Extension System,
- the Idaho Wheat and Barley Commissions collaborating with their counterparts in wheat and barley producing states to maximize the research and education programs among public and private institutions, as well as private companies,
- enhanced funding for federal barley research at the USDA Agriculture Research Service (ARS) Small Grains Research Program in Aberdeen, Idaho,
- the University of Idaho seeking opportunities with public/private partnerships providing long term benefits to producers,
- the Idaho Wheat Commission and the Idaho Barley Commission continue funding a varietal program with priority towards developing widely adaptable, high yielding quality wheat and barley varieties and the release of public varieties developed with public dollars that ensures access to said varieties to all Idaho producers,
- the Center for Agriculture Food and the Environment (CAFE) initiative moving forward for Idaho agriculture and the University of Idaho,
- supports research and outreach that addresses economic and agronomic questions regarding long term residue management in small grain systems.

Resolution No R1 – Managing Invasive and Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Cereal Grains (2025)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) supports research and education programs that develop control practices for invasive and herbicide-resistant weeds. IGPA supports the PNW Herbicide Resistance Initiative and encourages continued federal support and funding to control invasive and herbicide resistant weeds.

Resolution No R2 – Development of Varieties and Marketing of Hard White Wheat (2025)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports the continued research and development of Hard White Wheat (HWW) varieties that meet the needs of Pacific Northwest producers and end users.

Resolution No R3 – Plant Breeding Innovations (2025)

Idaho Grain Producers Association supports educating our legislators and consumers about the value of new plant breeding innovations to ensure a plentiful and safe food supply. IGPA supports the goals of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and the "Wheat Industry Biotechnology Principles of Commercialization" joint position paper.

Resolution No R4 – Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement (2025)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports the protection of intellectual property in wheat and barley research and development. This includes education about the importance of complying with the Plant Variety Protection Act (PVP) and Title V of the Federal Seed Trade law. The Idaho Grain Producers Association also supports the enforcement of these provisions.

Resolution No R5 – Emerging Technologies (2023)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association encourages utilization of new and emerging technologies and plant breeding innovations through interdisciplinary, integrated and collaborative programs aimed at solving some of Idaho’s most difficult issues.

Resolution No R6 – Fusarium Head Blight (Scab) Management (2024)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports funding and continued research to minimize or prevent the impact of Fusarium head blight in wheat and barley.

Supporting Statement

The IGPA recognizes that Fusarium head blight is becoming a significant threat to wheat and barley production in Idaho. This research will help maintain high quality, toxin free cereal production.

Resolution No R7 – Wheat Fertility (2025)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports updating the Wheat Production Guide for Idaho which includes nutrient management, cropping systems, crop protection, and new technology recommendations.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Management Policy Statement

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports

- the continuation and improvements of federal risk management programs including crop insurance,
- funding for producers’ risk management education,
- risk management programs that are available to all growers in Idaho, and the Pacific Northwest, on an equitable basis,
- the Malting Barley Revenue Endorsement and specialty barley crop insurance programs

- administered by the USDA Risk Management Agency,
- the Whole Farm Revenue Policy administered by the USDA Risk Management Agency,
- the use of the 508(h) private product submission process to develop new risk management tools.

The Idaho Grain Producers Association opposes

- further cuts to the federal crop insurance program,
- legislative or rulemaking efforts to restrict eligibility for federal crop insurance participation.

Resolution No Rmgmt 1 – Integration of Market Discounts with Wheat Crop Insurance (2024)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports working with USDA’s Risk Management Agency and USDA’s Farm Service Agency to annually review the quality triggers under loss adjustment procedures to ensure these triggers and discount tables more closely reflect marketplace discounts for damaged grain.

Supporting Statement

Quality Factors on wheat crop insurance policies for low falling numbers do not accurately reflect market discounts. Currently, there is not a discount factor for protein for any class of wheat. IGPA supports USDA's RMA providing a quality factor that aligns with the market discount.

Resolution No Rmgmt 2 – Common Crop Reporting Dates and System (2023)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports the implementation of a streamlined system that allows the producer to report planting dates and yield data one time only, then have that information available to both USDA Risk Management Agency and USDA Farm Service Agency.

Resolution No Rmgmt 3 – Allocation of Replant Payments (2024)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports USDA’s Risk Management Agency providing an insurance option that allows the lessee to receive all the replant payments if they are incurring all the replant costs.

Resolution No Rmgmt 4 – Malting Barley Endorsement Standards (2024)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports changing the Malting Barley Endorsement Standards to allow quality deficiencies to be determined and production to be adjusted up until the delivery of the crop of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the insured malting barley is normally harvested.

Resolution No Rmgmt 5 – Wheat Sales Closing Date(s) (2024)

The Idaho Grain Producers Association supports changing the singular Wheat Sales Closing Date to a dual sales closing.

Supporting Statement

Currently the sales closing date for all wheat is September 30. A dual sales closing would be September 30 and March 15.