

2026 USWBSI Steering Committee

| Area | Representative 1 | Representative 2 | Representative 3 | Representative 4 | Representative 5 | |
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| Wheat Millers (soft and hard) | Reuben McLean (Grain Craft, ID) - 2026 (EC) | North American Millers' Association (Molly Miller, VA) | | | | |
| Wheat Growers | Bryan Jorgenson (South Dakota Wheat Commission, SD) - 2029 | Co-Chair: Richard Magnusson (MN) - 2028 (EC) | National Association of Wheat Growers (Anthony Peña) | | | |
| Barley Growers | National Barley Growers Association (Mitch Konen, MT) | North Dakota Barley Council (Scott Nelson, ND) | | | | |
| Durum Growers | Dustin Johnsrud (North Dakota Wheat Commission) - 2029 | U.S. Durum Growers Association (Jordan Hawbaker, ND) | | | | |
| Seed Industry | Ken Davis (Grow Pro Genetics, IL) - 2027 | | | | | |
| Crop Protection | Terra Hartman (Bayer CropScience, MN) - 2028 | | | | | |
| Malting & Brewing Industry | Ashley McFarland (American Malting Barley Association, MN) - 2029 (EC) | Paul Sadosky (MillerCoors, WI) - 2028 | Jason McCann (Rahr Malting Co., MN) - 2027 | | | |
| Plant Breeder Public - Wheat | Eric Olson (Michigan State Univ.) - 2029 (EC) | Steven Xu (USDA-ARS, CA) - 2026 (EC) | National Wheat Improvement Committee (Christina Hagerty, OR) | | | |
| Plant Breeder Public - Barley | Rich Horsley (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2027 (EC) | Kevin Smith (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2027 | | | | |
| Pathology - Barley | Alyssa Collins (Pennsylvania State Univ.) - 2027 | Frankie Crutcher (Montana State University) - 2027 | | | | |
| Pathology - Wheat | Co-Chair: Andrew Friskop (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2029 (EC) | Carl Bradley (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2029 (EC) | | | | |
| Food Safety/Toxicology | Yanhong Dong (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2027 | | | | | |
| Pre-breeding and Germplasm Development | Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2027 (EC) | | | | | |
| Pathogen Biology and Genetics | Lisa Vaillancourt (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2029 | | | | | |
| Pasta Industry | Alexis "Lexi" Freier-Johnson (Richardson International, MN) - 2029 | | | | | |
| Ag. Experiment Station Directors | Joleen Hadrich (Univ. of Minnesota-agInnovation North Central) - 2029 | Meriem Aoun (Oklahoma State Univ. - agInnovation Southern) - 2028 | | | | |
| Research Area Committee (RAC) Chairs | MGMT Chair | FST Chair | GDER Chair | PBG Chair | | |
| | Alyssa Koehler Betts (Univ. of Delaware) | Mark Busman (USDA-ARS, IL) | Harold Trick (Kansas State Univ.) | Guixia Hao (USDA-ARS, IL) | | |
| Coordinated Project Committee (CPC) Chairs | Barley CP Chair | Durum CP Chair | Hard Winter Wheat CP Chair | VDHR-SPR Chair | VDHR-NWW Chair | VDHR-SWW Chair |
| | Mitch Elmore (USDA-ARS, MN) | Elias Elias (North Dakota State Univ.) | Sue Mondal (Montana State Univ.) | Jason Fiedler (USDA-ARS, ND) | Jessica Rutkoski (Univ. of Illinois) | Rick Boyles (Clemson Univ.) |
| USDA-ARS National Program Leader overseeing the USWBSI | Oswald Crasta, National Program Leader-Small Grains, USDA-ARS, MD (EC) | | | | | |

Year term expires is indicated in red font.

SC terms for EC members and RA/CP Committee chairs are based on their committee terms.

Organizational Representation - Org appoints their reps - four year term

Organizational Representation - Org appoints their reps - no set term limit, determined by Org

| 2026 USWBSI Executive Committee | |
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| Representative Commodity | Name (Organization) |
| Winter Wheat | Carl Bradley (Univ. of Kentucky, KY) - 2029 |
| Spring Wheat | Andrew Friskop (Co-Chair , North Dakota State Univ., ND) - 2029 |
| Malting Industry | Ashley McFarland (American Malting Barley Assoc., MN) - 2029 |
| Barley | Rich Horsley (North Dakota State Univ., ND) - 2027 |
| All | Richard Magnusson (Co-Chair , Private Grower, MN) - 2028 |
| Winter Wheat | Eric Olson (Michigan State Univ., MI) - 2029 |
| Spring Wheat | Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota, MN) - 2027 |
| Milling Industry | Reuben McLean (Grain Craft, ID) - 2026 |
| Durum | Steven Xu (USDA-ARS, CA) - 2026 |
| USDA-ARS | Oswald Crasta (USDA-ARS, MD) - non-voting |
| Year term expires is indicated in red font. | |

2026 USWBSI Research Area Committees

| | Position | | Term Ending (December 31 of year indicated) |
|---|------------|--|---|
| FHB Management (MGMT) | Chair | Alyssa Koehler Betts (Univ. of Delaware) | 2027 |
| | Vice Chair | Briana Whitaker (USDA-ARS, IL) | 2027 |
| | Member | Christina Cowger (USDA-ARS, NC) | 2027 |
| | Member | Erick DeWolf (Kansas State Univ.) | 2026 |
| MGMT's Integrated Management Coordinated Project (IM-CP) | Chair | Pierce Paul (The Ohio State Univ.) | No term |
| | Member | Alyssa Koehler Betts (Univ. of Delaware) | No term |
| | Member | Kiersten Wise (Univ. of Kentucky) | No term |
| Food Safety and Toxicology (FST) | Chair | Mark Busman (USDA-ARS, IL) | 2027 |
| | Vice Chair | Zhao Jin (North Dakota State Univ.) | 2027 |
| | Member | Dave Kendra (Cibus, CA) | 2026 |
| | Member | Sarah Whitcomb (USDA-ARS, WI) | 2027 |
| Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance (GDER) | Chair | Harold Trick (Kansas State Univ.) | 2026 |
| | Vice Chair | Nidhi Rawat (Univ. of Maryland) | 2026 |
| | Member | William Hay (USDA-ARS, IL) | 2028 |
| | Member | Matthew Helm (USDA-ARS, IN) | 2028 |
| Pathogen Biology & Genetics (PBG) | Chair | Guixia Hao (USDA-ARS, IL) | 2026 |
| | Vice Chair | Christopher Toomajian (Kansas State Univ., KS) | 2026 |
| | Member | Santiago Mideros (Univ. of Illinois) | 2026 |
| | Member | Milton Drott (USDA-ARS, MN) | 2026 |
| | Member | Gazala Ameen (South Dakota State Univ., SD) | 2027 |

2026 USWBSI Commodity-based Coordinated Project (CP) Committees

| | Position | | Term Ending (December 31 of year indicated) |
|--|------------|--|---|
| Barley Coordinated Project (BAR-CP) | Chair | Mitch Elmore (USDA-ARS, MN) | 2026 |
| | Vice Chair | Belay Yimer (USDA-ARS, ID) | 2026 |
| | Member | Max Fraser (Anheuser-Busch InBev) | 2028 |
| | Member | Rong Di (Rutgers Univ., NJ) | 2029 |
| | Member | Andy Read (USDA-ARS, MN) | 2029 |
| Durum Coordinated Project (DUR-CP) | Chair | Elias Elias (North Dakota State Univ.) | 2027 |
| | Vice Chair | Shaobin Zhong (USDA-ARS, MN) | 2027 |
| | Member | Greg Miller (Winland Foods) | 2028 |
| | Member | Xuehui Li (North Dakota State Univ.) | 2029 |
| Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project (HWW-CP) | Chair | Sue Mondal (Montana State Univ.) | 2027 |
| | Vice Chair | Sunish Sehgal (South Dakota State Univ.) | 2027 |
| | Member | Shaukat Ali (South Dakota State Univ.) | 2026 |
| | Member | Shuyu Liu (Texas A&M Univ.) | 2029 |
| Variety Development - Spring Wheat (SPR) | Chair | Jason Fiedler (USDA-ARS, ND) | 2027 |
| | Vice Chair | Karl Glover (South Dakota State Univ.) | 2027 |
| | Member | Jim Anderson (Univ. of Minnesota) | 2029 |
| | Member | Vikas Belamkar (Corteva) | 2029 |
| Variety Development - Northern Soft Winter Wheat (NWW) | Chair | Jessica Rutkoski (Univ. of Illinois) | 2028 |
| | Vice Chair | Clay Sneller (Ohio State Univ.) | 2026 |