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U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative
FY15 Final Performance Report
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USWBSI Individual Project(s)

USWBSI Research Category*	Project Title	ARS Award Amount
MGMT	Continued Deployment of Prediction Models for Fusarium Head Blight.	$ 30,709
	FY15 Total ARS Award Amount	**$ 30,709**

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* MGMT – FHB Management
  FST – Food Safety & Toxicology
  GDER – Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance
  PBG – Pathogen Biology & Genetics
  EC-HQ – Executive Committee-Headquarters
  BAR-CP – Barley Coordinated Project
  DUR-CP – Durum Coordinated Project
  HWW-CP – Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project
  VDHR – Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries – Sub categories are below:
    SPR – Spring Wheat Region
    NWW – Northern Soft Winter Wheat Region
    SWW – Southern Soft Red Winter Wheat Region

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Project 1: *Continued Deployment of Prediction Models for Fusarium Head Blight.*

1. What are the major goals and objectives of the project?

We are addressing the risk of scab development during the critical flowering stage when the growers can ameliorate the risk with treatment. This project leverages various atmospheric data networks, including the finest scale and most accurate gridded data set (URMA and RTMA), gridded model data and a host of regression based epidemiological models on a user-friendly graphic interface to assist growers in decision making in protecting their fields from scab. Using hourly reports of temperature and moisture from standard networks, agricultural networks, proxy agricultural networks (CWOP) and finely gridded data, each day the risk is assessed anew with the most recent observations and is available by mid-morning.

2. What was accomplished under these goals?
1) major activities
- A successful daily prediction using various scab risk models have been run throughout the wheat growing season (Mar-Aug, 2014) from winter wheat in the southern Plains to late spring wheat in the Dakotas. Additional expert commentary is included from plant pathologists in most states to augment the utility of the interface. The tools are also available on mobile apps and risk in non-growing regions is being masked to prevent misinterpretation of the risk tool.

2) specific objectives
- The following objectives were accomplished:
  - Continued deployment of the disease prediction models in 30 states including the support of the state commentary tools, FHB Alerts and the web-page information explaining the models.
  - Continued support of the new backup system for improved system stability.
  - Maintained a version of the FHB Prediction Center for use with mobile devices (cellular-based mobile/"smart" phones and tablets).
  - Verify model inputs and improved capacity for site-specific predictions.

3) significant results
- See outcomes/achievements

4) key outcomes or other achievements
- Growers are using the interface and models to assist in crucial decisions about the risk of scab in their region. When there are any breaks in the data stream that produces the risk assessment tool, we receive immediate response. In late 2015, the use of Unrestricted Real-time Mesoscale Analysis gridded data with the tool was discussed and implemented in the 2016 season. URMA utilizes additional data and quality control to improve on the base RTMA data set that has been used in the risk tool. The tool continues to utilize 17 independent agricultural (or proxy agricultural) networks, covering 25 states, in addition to FAA sites and the background gridded RTMA weather datasets.   Work will continue on improving the user interface functionality and the expert site tools.

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3. **What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?**

Nothing to Report

4. **How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest?**

Nothing to Report

Training of Next Generation Scientists

Instructions: Please answer the following questions as it pertains to the FY15 award period. The term "support" below includes any level of benefit to the student, ranging from full stipend plus tuition to the situation where the student's stipend was paid from other funds, but who learned how to rate scab in a misted nursery paid for by the USWBSI, and anything in between.

1. **Did any graduate students in your research program supported by funding from your USWBSI grant earn their MS degree during the FY15 award period?** No

   If yes, how many?

2. **Did any graduate students in your research program supported by funding from your USWBSI grant earn their Ph.D. degree during the FY15 award period?** No

   If yes, how many?

3. **Have any post docs who worked for you during the FY15 award period and were supported by funding from your USWBSI grant taken faculty positions with universities?** No

   If yes, how many?

4. **Have any post docs who worked for you during the FY15 award period and were supported by funding from your USWBSI grant gone on to take positions with private ag-related companies or federal agencies?** No

   If yes, how many?

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Release of Germplasm/Cultivars

Instructions: In the table below, list all germplasm and/or cultivars released with <u>full or partial</u> support through the USWBSI during the <u>FY15 award period</u>. All columns must be completed for each listed germplasm/cultivar. Use the key below the table for Grain Class abbreviations. *Leave blank if you have nothing to report or if your grant did NOT include any VDHR-related projects.*

Name of Germplasm/Cultivar	Grain Class	FHB Resistance (S, MS, MR, R, where R represents your most resistant check)	FHB Rating (0-9)	Year Released

Add rows if needed.

NOTE: List the associated release notice or publication under the appropriate sub-section in the 'Publications' section of the FPR.

Abbreviations for Grain Classes
   Barley - BAR
   Durum - DUR
   Hard Red Winter - HRW
   Hard White Winter - HWW
   Hard Red Spring - HRS
   Soft Red Winter - SRW
   Soft White Winter - SWW

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Publications, Conference Papers, and Presentations

Refer to the FY15-FPR_Instructions for listing publications/presentations about your work that resulted from all of the projects included in the FY15 grant. If you did not have any publications or presentations, state 'Nothing to Report' directly above the Journal publications section.

Nothing to Report

Journal publications.

Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications.

Other publications, conference papers and presentations.