

**USDA-ARS**  
**U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative**  
**FY18 Performance Report**  
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**Cover Page**

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<b>FY18 USDA-ARS Award Amount:</b>	\$ 37,078
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**USWBSI Individual Project(s)**

<b>USWBSI Research Category*</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>ARS Award Amount</b>
MGMT	Continued Deployment of Prediction Models for Fusarium Head Blight.	\$ 37,078
	<b>FY18 Total ARS Award Amount</b>	<b>\$ 37,078</b>



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7/8/19

Date

\* 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

**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 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?** *Address items 1-4) below for each goal or objective.*

1) major activities

A successful daily prediction using various scab risk models have been run throughout the wheat growing season (Mar-Aug, 2018 and 2019) 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

- a. The following objectives were accomplished:
  - i. 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.
  - ii. Maintained a version of the FHB Prediction Center for use with mobile devices (cellular-based mobile/"smart" phones and tablets).

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. Continued work on improving accuracy of meteorological input to the model. 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?**

The target audience of growers and extension personnel that advise grower consortiums receive information through the web interface. Experts provide commentary within the interface that report status of the wheat/barley crops as well as an assessment of disease risk. The interface is located at: <http://www.wheatcab.psu.edu/>.

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## **Training of Next Generation Scientists**

**Instructions:** Please answer the following questions as it pertains to the FY18 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 FY18 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 FY18 award period?**

No

**If yes, how many?**

- 3. Have any post docs who worked for you during the FY18 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 FY18 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 full or partial support through the USWBSI during the FY18 award period. All columns must be completed for each listed germplasm/cultivar. Use the key below the table for Grain Class abbreviations.

*NOTE: 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**

**Instructions:** Refer to the FY18-FPR\_Instructions for detailed instructions for listing publications/presentations about your work that resulted from all of the projects included in the FY18 grant. Only include citations for publications submitted or presentations given during your award period (6/8/18 - 6/7/19). If you did not have any publications or presentations, state 'Nothing to Report' directly above the Journal publications section.

**NOTE:** Directly below each reference/citation, you must indicate the Status (i.e. published, submitted, etc.) and whether acknowledgement of Federal support was indicated in publication/presentation. See example below for a poster presentation with an abstract:

Conley, E.J., and J.A. Anderson. 2018. Accuracy of Genome-Wide Prediction for Fusarium Head Blight Associated Traits in a Spring Wheat Breeding Program. In: Proceedings of the XXIV International Plant & Animal Genome Conference, San Diego, CA.  
Status: Abstract Published and Poster Presented  
Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES (poster), NO (abstract)

### **Journal publications.**

Shah, D.A., Paul, P.A., De Wolf, E.D., and Madden, L.V. 2019. Predicting plant disease epidemics from functionally-represented weather series. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B.* 374:20180273.

Status: Article published

Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES

Shah, D.A., De Wolf, E.D., Paul, P.A. and Madden, L. V. 2019. Functional data analysis of weather variables linked to Fusarium head blight epidemics in the United States. *Phytopathology* 109:96-110.

Status: Article published

Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES

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

N/A

### **Other publications, conference papers and presentations.**

N/A