

**USDA-ARS**  
**U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative**  
**FY20 Annual Performance Progress Report**  
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**Cover Page**

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<b>USDA-ARS Agreement Title:</b>	Continued Deployment of Prediction Models for Fusarium Head Blight
<b>FY20 USDA-ARS Award Amount:</b>	\$ 35,875
<b>Recipient Organization:</b>	The Pennsylvania State University Research Accounting 227 W Beaver Ave, Ste 401 State College, PA 16801-4819
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<b>Reporting Period End Date:</b>	6/7/2021

**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	\$ 35,875
<b>FY20 Total ARS Award Amount</b>		<b>\$ 35,875</b>



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Principal Investigator

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\* MGMT – FHB Management  
FST – Food Safety & Toxicology  
R- Research  
S – Service (DON Testing Labs)  
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 research 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 observational data set (URMA and RTMA), gridded weather 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 or objectives? (For each major goal/objective, address these three items below.)**

**a) What were the major activities?**

A successful daily prediction using various scab risk models have been run throughout the wheat growing season (June 2020-Aug 2020; Mar 2021-Current) 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 accessible on mobile devices due to upgraded mobile-friendly interface and risk in non-growing regions is being masked to prevent misinterpretation of the risk tool.

**b) What were the significant results?**

Growers utilized the interface and modeling technique to assist crucial decisions about the risk of disease growth in their particularly locality or region. When any breaks in data stream or interface occurred, we received immediate response.

**c) List key outcomes or other achievements.**

The user interface for Fusarium Head Blight risk assessment was upgraded to a new user experience that was more mobile-friendly with a background interface that streamlined data processing. At the launch of the 2021 season (Mar 2021), continued improvement of the tool was ongoing with improvements to expert commentary submission and display along with new graphing/plotting functionality at different grid points.

**3. Was this research impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e. university shutdowns and/or restrictions, reduced or lack of support personnel, etc.)? If yes, please explain how this research was impacted or is continuing to be impacted.**

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No significant impacts outside of more delayed progress due to technical issues related to remote work (VPN disconnections, network availability outside of office, etc.).

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

Nothing to report.

**5. 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/>.

## Training of Next Generation Scientists

**Instructions:** Please answer the following questions as it pertains to the FY20 award period (6/8/20 - 6/7/21). 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 FY19 award period?**

Yes     No     Not Applicable

**If yes, how many?** [Click to enter number here.](#)

- 2. Did any graduate students in your research program supported by funding from your USWBSI grant earn their Ph.D. degree during the FY19 award period?**

Yes     No     Not Applicable

**If yes, how many?** [Click to enter number here.](#)

- 3. Have any post docs who worked for you during the FY19 award period and were supported by funding from your USWBSI grant taken faculty positions with universities?**

Yes     No     Not Applicable

**If yes, how many?** [Click to enter number here.](#)

- 4. Have any post docs who worked for you during the FY19 award period and were supported by funding from your USWBSI grant gone on to take positions with private ag-related companies or federal agencies?**

Yes     No     Not Applicable

**If yes, how many?** [Click to enter number here.](#)



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## Publications, Conference Papers, and Presentations

**Instructions:** Refer to the PR\_Instructions for detailed more instructions for listing publications/presentations about your work that resulted from all of the projects included in the FY20 grant award. Only citations for publications published (submitted or accepted) or presentations presented during the **award period (6/8/20 - 6/7/21)** should be included. If you did not publish/submit or present anything, state 'Nothing to Report' directly above the Journal publications section.

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

Z.J. Winn, R. Acharya, J. Lyerly, G. Brown-Guedira, C. Cowger, C. Griffey, J. Fitzgerald, R.E. Mason and J.P. Murphy. 2020. "Mapping of Fusarium Head Blight Resistance in NC13-20076 Soft Red Winter Wheat." In: S. Canty, A. Hoffstetter, and R. Dill-Macky (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 2020 National Fusarium Head Blight Forum* (p. 12.), Virtual; December 7-11. Online: [https://scabusa.org/pdfs/NFHBF20\\_Proceedings.pdf](https://scabusa.org/pdfs/NFHBF20_Proceedings.pdf).  
Status: Abstract Published and Poster Presented  
Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES (Abstract and Poster)

### Journal publications.

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

### Other publications, conference papers and presentations.

Nothing to report.