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Wheat Crop Status

The final harvest statistics are in. Nebraska had a net harvest of 65,250,000 bushels. This puts production up slightly from 2010 but down more than 10 million bushels from 2009.

More than half the wheat across Nebraska has been seeded so far. Adequate moisture and good soil conditions have helped planting progress.

A few areas of the state have experienced some weather issues, however. In select areas of western Nebraska, heavy rains resulted in fields needing to be replanted. A few light frosts have also been reported in the Panhandle.

Large grasshopper populations have been reported in some parts of the state, causing some concern for producers about their potential impact on the wheat crop.

Total winter wheat production for the US is estimated at 1,493,677,000 bushels with an average yield of 46.2 bushels per acre according to the USDA's September 30 release.

Of that estimated production, 780,089,000 bushels will be hard red and 256,053,000 bushels will to be hard white.

These numbers put HRW production down 23 percent and HWW up 12 percent from 2010.

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Thank you for your continued positive response to *Newswheat* – a quarterly newsletter for and about the Nebraska wheat producer. As a current member of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association (NWGA) you are receiving this issue, and all current members will continue to receive upcoming issues. A membership renewal form can be found on our website.

If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please send an email with your request to newheatgrowers@gmail.com. Topic suggestions and comments are also welcome.

In this edition you will find articles relating to association activities at recent trade shows, state and national issues affecting agriculture in Nebraska and valuable crop information.

Calls to action and items regarding federal budget cuts and Farm Bill discussions have been sent directly to members who have submitted email addresses. These updates allow members to take timely action by contacting state and/or national elected officials. Make sure you have shared your email address with us so you can be included in these updates.

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Fall is here and many of us are finishing seeding our fields. Hopefully you've received some moisture and will be able to get a good stand as we head into winter.

We are going to hold our annual meeting in December at Sidney. I hope that bringing our annual meeting back into wheat country will let more producers have an opportunity to attend. I look forward to visiting with all of the growers who manage to make the meeting. We have a lot to do at this meeting as we will be developing our policies to follow for the next year. At the national level, we are working on the new farm bill. Your officers always welcome an email or phone call and would like to know your thoughts.

In December I will be stepping down as president after serving for two consecutive years. I took a moment the other day to reflect on what all has happened since I became an officer in 2006. NWGA has made huge steps and helped make wheat a talked about commodity in the state.

The end of last year was, what I consider, the biggest highlight of my tenure. An agreement between UNL and Bayer CropScience was signed creating a $2 million endowed professorship that is named the Nebraska Wheat Growers Presidential Chair. Other highlights include the creation of what is now a very recognized and prestigious mobile baking lab to promote the use of wheat and to help educate the public on where food comes from. We have joined the other commodities in the same building at Husker Harvest Days. This last year we put together our own newsletter and started a golf tournament. The list could go on with many other little things.

Most importantly, I want to thank the past and present officers of the association for being willing to try new concepts and for generating ideas to further the association and get Nebraska Wheat out there. None of the successes of my term would have been possible without groud work laid by former officers. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president. I look forward to still being an active member of NWGA.

Shawn Sullivan

Wheat planting is almost complete in the southern panhandle. We had adequate moisture making for better planting conditions this year than last year. However, grasshoppers could be of concern, especially if it stays warm.

As I write this watching the sun come up after we had a crash in both the stock market and commodities, I wonder what lays ahead for all of us wheat growers. We have had a drop of almost $1.50 in the wheat market with no real reason. Some try to blame it on the global economy, and that may be part of it, but a $1.50 drop? I don't think so.

Basis levels are back to the same old thing, $1.25 or higher. We have the highest basis in the nation here in the southern panhandle of Nebraska. The reason elevators are giving is low protein in the 11 - 12 range. It used to be that 11 protein or higher was acceptable and desirable. It just seems that now there can be many reasons pulled out of thin air to justify high basis or drops in markets. We all know we're price takers, and that is a problem. We have no leverage against outside factors that supposedly drive the markets or basis. It seems a lot of market risk is being passed down to the wheat producer, and that's not right. As I stated in the last newsletter, there very little competition amongst elevators in the wheat business; it's like they all have breakfast each morning to figure out how the day is going to go. We need to voice our opinions as wheat growers — strength in numbers!

Mark Daum

Biotech wheat has been in the news since my last update. The Australian chapter of Greenpeace published an article criticizing biotech wheat titled "Australia's Wheat Scandal: the Takeover of Our Daily Bread." There was also an incident where a biotech wheat research plot was destroyed in western Australia.

There is considerable opposition to biotech wheat, including import bans in many countries. A comprehensive public information campaign, including testing to prove biotech wheat is safe to eat, needs to be done before biotech wheat becomes commercially available to prevent issues when we export it.

I would encourage members to read the Greenpeace article, as well as a 2009 article called "The Cast for Biotech Wheat" so they may better understand the challenges we face in making biotech wheat a reality.

Michael Thomas

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to pursue regulations on farm dust. Senator Johanns has introduced three bills to halt excessive regulation. One of these bills, "Farm Dust Regulations Prevention Act," would prevent the EPA from regulating farm dust in rural America while maintaining the protections to the public under the Clean Air Act. EPA would still be allowed to regulate dust, but only after scientific evidence of substantial adverse health effects of farm dust has been presented.

I hope you will contact your senators and voice your concerns on this and other new EPA regulations that may go into effect. Your voice is important. There isn't very much common sense in a lot of these issues.

If you have comments on an environmental issue, please feel free to email me at jdchristensen@atcjet.net.

Dayton Christensen

Nebraska Wheat at the State Fair

Nebraska Wheat returned to the state fair this year with a 1500 square foot interactive display. Board members and staff along with volunteers educated fair goers and served fresh-baked wheat food samples.

A miniature field including green and ripened wheat raised by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln breeding program illustrated the growing process for visitors as soon as they entered the display.

A six-foot cutout of a combine allowed board members to explain the harvest process while engaging visitors and letting them participate in hand-threshing demonstrations.

A brand new hand mill let visitors take the wheat they'd produced from their hand threshing demonstrations and grind it into flour. The mill was a highlight of the display, with many kids and adults returning to turn the mill wheel a second and third time.

Visitors line up for fresh cinnamon roll samples. At times the line for samples was two people wide and more than fifty feet long. *Photo: Caroline Brauer.*

Once fair goers knew where flour came from, they continued on toward the part of the exhibit they'd been smelling since they walked in the doors of the Exhibition Building — the Nebraska Wheat Mobile Baking Lab. Here, depending on the day Nebraska Wheat produced either fresh-baked cinnamon rolls, bread or chocolate chip cookies.

"The idea was to take visitors through the entire process of raising wheat in the field to its use in food," said Royce Schaneman, executive director of the Nebraska Wheat Board.

Bread and cinnamon rolls, being a more labor-intensive endeavor, were baked during the weekends when more volunteers were available. At any given time, a minimum of five volunteers could be seen working the baking lab: one running the mixer, one rolling the dough, one running the oven and proofer, one cutting samples and one serving samples. It's a streamlined system developed from four years of experience baking at the Nebraska State Fair. It's a system that allowed volunteers to bake dozens of loaves of bread and hundreds of cinnamon rolls per day. Over the course of both weekends, Nebraska Wheat served more than 23,500 bread and cinnamon roll samples.

State Fair Fun Facts

- *It takes 12 lbs. of flour to make one batch of bread or cinnamon rolls*
- *UNL's breeding department raised more than 300 pots of wheat for the miniature fields*
- *It took more than 175 lbs. of wheat seed to fill the play bin*
- *Visitors milled nearly 65 lbs. of wheat seed with the hand mill*
- *27 board members, staff and volunteers worked a combined 682 hours at the state fair*

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House Passes FY2012 Spending Bill With Cuts, Harmful Changes

NAWG Update – The Senate on Thursday, Sept. 22, approved a bill 70 to 27 that should clear the way for the Obama Administration to send legislative language for three long-pending free trade agreements to Congress for approval.

The bill passes extends the generalized system of preferences (GSP) and provides assistance for U.S. workers who are hurt economically by trade agreements, known as trade adjustment assistance (TAA).

The Obama Administration has required TAA approval before submission of the three agreements, with Colombia, Panama and South Korea, which were negotiated during the last Bush Administration.

This position has been supported by some Congressional Democrats but was a non-starter for many Congressional Republicans.

To overcome the impasse, lawmakers have worked out a complex but seemingly workable compromise, in which the House passed GSP; the Senate took up the House bill with a TAA amendment, and now the entire measure is set to be sent back to the House.

It is expected to meet approval there, but will not be enrolled (made ready for President Obama's signature) until the FTAs are in play. So both pieces will move simultaneously, but not attached together.

Despite different priorities for trade policy and the compromise's complexity, Senators seem willing to hew to it, giving hope it will soon lead to submission of the FTAs.

A vote early in the week on a motion to end debate on the GSP measure passed 82 to 8, showing strong bipartisan support for the established process.

It's most likely the FTAs will be sent to the Hill sometime after returning from recess next week. Once on the Hill, Members will have 90 days to hold up-or-down votes on them.

The U.S. wheat industry is strongly supportive of all three FTAs, and particularly interested in quick movement on that with Colombia, where U.S. wheat has been losing market share to competitors who benefit from more favorable trade preferences.

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After many phone calls and DC visits we are seeing the end is near. Although the senate has paved the road for FTA passage, we need all growers and industry members to make phone calls and send letters urging congressional delegates to act swiftly. The sooner we get all three FTAs signed by the president, the sooner the U.S. can become a more competitive player in commodity exports.

We are looking at poor economic numbers and passage of these FTAs can aid our economic recovery. Agriculture has lost too much of the market, and it's time to regain that market. So please make those phone calls and write those letters today!

Shawn Sullivan
NWGA President

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NWGA NEXT MEETING

December 2012, Day TBD
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Bipartisan Bill Would Establish Charitable Ag Research Groups

NAWG Update – Bipartisan bills introduced in the House and Senate on Thursday would establish the legal structure for tax-exempt organizations focusing on agricultural research.

The senate version was introduced by Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbe Stabenow (D-Mich.) and committee Member John Thune (R-S.D.).

The legislation has seven other original co-sponsors in the Senate, who span nearly the breadth of the ideological spectrum in that body. They include Sens. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.); Roy Blunt (R-Mo.); Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio); Thad Cochran (R-Miss.); Chris Coons (D-Del.); Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.); and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.).

In the House, the bill was introduced by Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), with 15 original cosponsors, including House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.).

The new legislation would amend federal tax code to allow for the establishment of public charities focused specifically on agricultural research, called agriculture research organizations (AROs).

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Modeled after similarly-structured medical research organizations (MROs), AROs would be required to be engaged in research with a land-grant university or other college of agriculture.

There would be no tax differences between AROs and regular charitable organizations, which would allow donors – individuals or families – to commit funds to agricultural research with tax advantages.

Supporters of the bills believe their provisions could draw significant new funds to important work that is receiving fewer and fewer public dollars.

According to the USDA's Economic Research Service, farm productivity has risen 158 percent since 1948, though agricultural research funding has become stagnant and has fallen far behind other federal agencies since the 1970s.

Private analysis done as the bill was being drafted showed the ARO concept would cost around $12 million over 10 years, practically nothing in federal budget terms.

NAWG strongly supports the proposed legislation as one effort to attract needed research funds to programs around the country, and NAWG will continue to encourage quick action on the bill.

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Grasshopper Management In Emergent Winter Wheat

Guest supplied article
By Jeff Bradshaw, Extension Entomologist, Panhandle REC, Scottsbluff
Bob Wright, Extension Entomologist, Lincoln

In western Nebraska corn is pollinating, sunflowers are in early flowering, and dry beans are setting pods. Most of our grasshoppers have now matured to adults, just in time to create problems for areas bordering crops in several parts of the state.

Although the spring rains reduced many of our early grasshopper species, the summer-emerging species were much less affected. Grasshoppers that are now surrounding this year's wheat planting beds may threaten seedlings as they emerge. Emerging winter wheat has very limited foliage; therefore, large grasshopper numbers can easily keep the wheat clipped back completely, causing stand losses in field margins.

Grasshopper populations decline through the late summer and fall, but they can remain in significant densities until after the first hard freeze. Growers need to monitor grasshopper densities in areas surrounding wheat fields both before and after planting.

Normal threshold densities in areas surrounding cropland need to be lowered because of the damage potential. Densities of 11-20 grasshoppers per square yard in non-crop borders surrounding newly planted wheat fields may be enough to cause significant loss.

Several cultural practices also can limit the grasshopper threat:

- Avoid early planting in areas of high grasshopper activity. Planting higher risk fields near the end of the optimum planting window will reduce the time that a field will need to be protected from grasshoppers in the fall.

- Increase the seeding density of wheat in field margins. This may compensate for partial stand loss and allow for a reasonable stand after grasshopper damage has run its course.
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Insecticide Treatments — Seed and Field

Gaucho and Cruiser seed treatments provide protection at emergence and treatment can be easily limited to treating only the field margins to reduce costs. These treatments will be effective for moderate grasshopper densities, but they will likely not hold up under severe grasshopper pressure. These seed treatments are only available through a certified seed applicator so advanced planning is necessary when ordering seed. Also, to be most effective the highest registered rate of product must be applied to the seed.

Several foliar insecticides can be used to treat wheat for grasshopper control; however, treatment of the emerging wheat crop will result in little residual activity because of the restricted leaf area for insecticide deposition. The best option is to treat the borders around wheat fields to prevent the grasshoppers from moving into the wheat fields.

If the surrounding area is a non-crop area, the best treatments would be Warrior (or other lambda-cyhalothrin products) and Asana (or other esfenvalerate products). If the area surrounding the field is pasture, the best products would be Warrior or Mustang MAX. Warrior is the only product that can be used in non-crop areas, pasture, and wheat. To make the most of your residual control when treating borders surrounding wheat fields, apply the border control one to two days before the wheat will emerge.

Grasshopper control around wheat fields can be challenging and the level of effectiveness for any control option will depend largely on the density of grasshoppers. Under very heavy pressure none of the control options will be completely effective, and the loss of some stand on the field margins may be inevitable.

If grasshopper damage reduces stand in the field margins, these areas can be replanted later in the fall after the first hard freeze and grasshopper populations have declined. Grasshopper control in winter wheat will likely be a compromise between effective control and affordability.

Husker Harvest Days

Nebraska Wheat attended Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island. The event, geared mostly toward producers, took place just one week following the end of the Nebraska State Fair. Nebraska Wheat went out armed with information about seed varieties, research and legislative issues.

NWGA president Shawn Sullivan offers his take on the event below.

Husker Harvest Days has come and gone so it must be fall. The event kept staff busy since it followed right after state fair.

We had a decent attendance during Husker Harvest Days. The weather went from being a beautiful on the first day to miserably cold and wet by the final day.

We did get the opportunity to visit with many producers about topics ranging from wheat varieties and planting practices to legislative concerns.

We enjoyed hearing from these producers since they are the grass roots of our association.

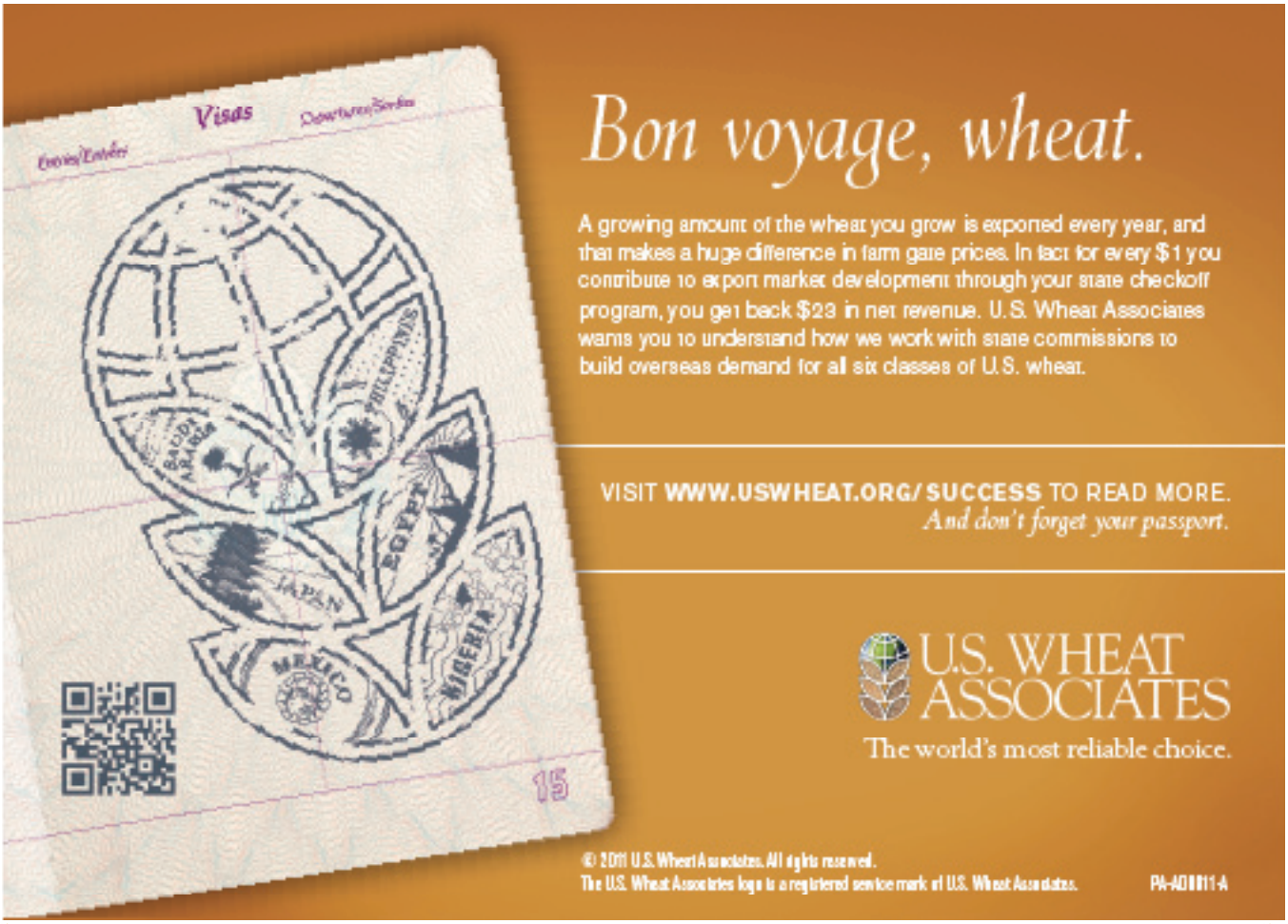
River City Rodeo

Nebraska Wheat also attended Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Rodeo in Omaha. This event offered Nebraska Wheat an opportunity to communicate with consumers in the city. As a result, much of the information provided focused on the nutritional aspects of wheat.

Visitors to the Nebraska Wheat booth could find cards detailing facts about whole grains and the new MyPlate information. Recipe cards and small cookbooks were available along with information about both wheat organizations.

An estimated 2,200 students also went through the display between Thursday, Sept. 22 and Friday, Sept. 23.

"There's a greater divide between the farm and consumers," said Royce Schaneman, executive director of the Nebraska Wheat Board. "This event lets us explain to consumers where some of their food comes from and the nutritional benefits of wheat."



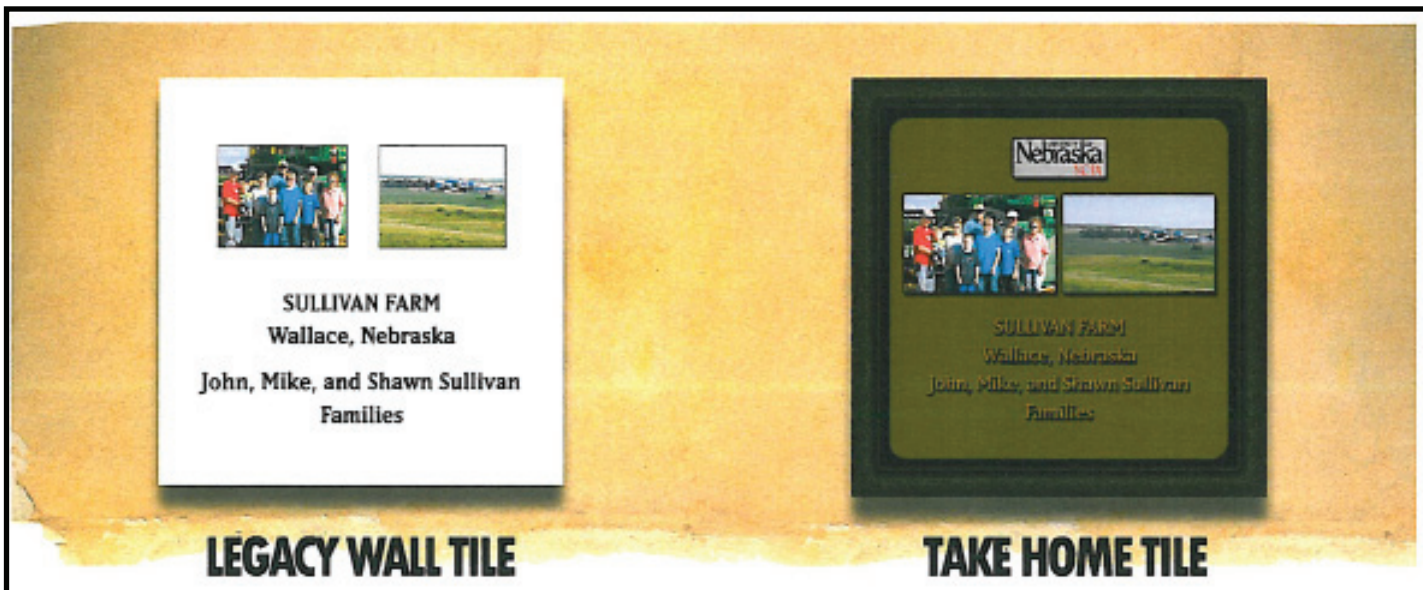
The NCTA Legacy Wall

The Nebraska wheat harvest signifies another completed cropping year and hopefully a good one for all producers. The University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is now in full swing with its new crop of students who will be the first to use a new Education Center dedicated to the agronomy and horticulture programs, that will be important to preparing the next generation of wheat producers through the 100 Acre Farm Program. NCTA is also completing a new residence hall, large addition to the Veterinary Hospital and a biomass project designed to burn red cedar that infests our ranges.

The NCTA faculty expresses its gratitude to the Nebraska Wheat Board and the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association for its contribution to the funding needed to build the new Education Center and encourages NWGA members to visit once the building is completed in November. This wonderful Center will be available to all agricultural organizations to hold meetings. When you enter the building, you will see a special lobby area dedicated to the Nebraska Wheat Board and Association. Another attraction will be a Donor Legacy Wall that will celebrate the dedication of Nebraska families who built Nebraska farms, ranches and agribusiness.

The photo below shows a sample of the 12 inch glass tiles that will be displayed in the Education Center. A $1,000 donation will help NCTA complete the Education Center and give each family a tile to display in the Center and one to take home. The gift to NCTA is critical to this building project and will create a family keepsake for generations to come.

"It's exciting to see all the new buildings being completed at NCTA to ensure that the next generations of farmers and ranchers have the most up-to-date education possible," said Shawn Sullivan, president of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association. "I am equally excited about remembering parents and grandparents that made it possible for us to become part of the great Nebraska agricultural heritage. This Legacy Wall in the new Education Center represents the past and the present generations of farmers and ranchers."



The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture's wonderful new education center is well on its way to completion, but the college still needs your assistance. NCTA is asking for additional contributions to help complete the building and make it the best learning environment it can be for students.

When you give, your generosity won't go unnoticed. Contribute $1,000 or more and your logo/photo will appear on a 12" x 12" glass tile adorning a Legacy Wall in the atrium. In addition to the tile that will hang in the building, you will receive a copy to display in your business or home.

As a valued supporter, this is a wonderful way to add a visual legacy of your business, career and family. It also helps NCTA complete this project critical to the future generations of students and rural Nebraska communities. And your support of NCTA will be visible for generations to come.

For questions, please contact Ann Bruntz with the University of Nebraska Foundation at abruntz@nufoundation.org or call 402-458-1176. To donate or complete the tile photo submission process, contact Traci Bradney at 308-367-5200 or visit ncta.unl.edu/giving.

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During the week, Nebraska Wheat served more than 11,000 chocolate chip cookies. In addition, more than 2,000 animal crackers were served to students participating in the fair's school days event.

"We've only been doing this for four years now, but we already have people coming up and telling us that stopping at our booth is a fair tradition for them," Schaneman said.

After receiving their samples, visitors to the booth turned around and came face to face with a tower of pizza – 54 boxes in all. The tower was part of a display illustrating how much one bushel of wheat will make. The display also included 64 loaves of whole wheat bread, 45 pounds of all-purpose flour and 210 servings of spaghetti. Volunteers used the display to help explain to visitors that the $7 bushel of wheat produced more than $200 worth of bread.

The table just across from the bushel of wheat display contained items made from wheat that people wouldn't necessarily associate with the crop. Examples included fiber board, beer, Twizzlers and shampoo.

This year Nebraska Wheat's booth included an expanded play area for kids. In the play area kids could color new wheat farm coloring sheets, run through an eight foot playhouse shaped like a loaf of bread or dig in the wheat play bin.

A TV viewing area ran short videos about wheat producers in the state, the wheat breeding process and a virtual tour of the UNL wheat greenhouses. A documentary about wheat harvest and interactive quizzes to test visitors' wheat knowledge were also run.

Other items available at the display included maps about wheat production and industries in the Midwest, information about the Nebraska Wheat Board and Nebraska Wheat Growers Association, information about the differences between Hard Red Winter and Hard White wheat, seed variety information and recipes.

"State fair is always an exciting event because we get the opportunity to communicate with consumers and producers of all ages as well as students," Schaneman said. "I think this year's fair went really well. We got to share wheat's message with a large number of people."

Many kids enjoyed burying sandbox toys and moving seeds with combines in the wheat play bin. *Photo: Caroline Brauer*

Josie Hughes and Becky Johnson prepare cinnamon roll samples in the mobile baking lab. *Photo: Caroline Brauer*

NWGA President Shawn Sullivan explains how a combine works to a groups of students with a hand threshing demonstration. *Photo: Caroline Brauer*

Travel to Portland with Nebraska Wheat

In January, the Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB) sponsors a team of wheat industry representatives on a trip to the Wheat Marketing Center's Wheat Export and Marketing Workshop in Portland, Oregon. The team, comprised of producers, elevators and breeders, learns about current wheat food research, testing, wheat shipment and wheat grading.

This annual workshop combines discussion forums with tours and hands-on activities. Previous workshop highlights have included tours of area wheat food production plants, hand-stretched noodle demonstrations and visits to a local ocean port.

NWB provides a $150 scholarship to all wheat producers who participate in the workshop to help cover travel costs. In addition, once participants reach Portland, all expenses are covered by NWB.

Space on the trip is limited to 14 participants. Persons interested in participating in the 2012 workshop should contact the NWB office at (402) 471-2358 or by e-mail at wheat.board@nebraska.gov.

Once dates and agendas are finalized with WMC, letters with detailed workshop information will be sent out to all interested parties. At that point, NWB will choose the first 14 people who respond to participate in the trip.

Participants on the 2011 Wheat Export and Marketing Workshop watch a production demonstration for ramen noodles. *Photo: courtesy of the Wheat Marketing Center*

Testimonial from 2011 participant Tyler Hughes

The Wheat Export and Marketing Workshop has been providing insight and perspective to many in agriculturally-driven professions for several years. Its tours demonstrate the pathway wheat takes from the producer and grain merchandiser to the various finished food products. This workshop explains the macroeconomics it takes to sell and ship massive barges of wheat across oceans as well as the microeconomics involved in food processing. There are also many hands-on activities such as grain inspection and flat bread baking that give the participant a chance to learn more about wheat than just the grain production aspect.

There is no comparison to the immersion you receive during the Wheat Export and Marketing Workshop. You will find a profound respect for this simple grain's impact on our world economy and its significance to an ever-growing world population. Portland's Wheat Marketing Center gives foreign buyers great confidence in the quality of U.S. grown wheat through their extensive testing, expertise and hospitality. You will return to your community able to educate others on the extensive processes wheat undergoes from producer to consumer. I highly recommend participating on this tour as a means of further education about wheat's significance in Nebraska and the world.

Potential Dates for the 2012 WMC Wheat Export and Marketing Tour

January 9 - 12, 2010

Tentative Itinerary includes:

Tour of Portland port, Tour Pasco Frozen Dough Production Plant, Tour Columbia Grain International, Tour Shin Shin Noodle Co., Hand-stretched noodle demonstration, Tour Grand Central Baking, FGIS presentation, Wheat quality workshop, Wheat grading workshop

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Annual NWGA Golf Tournament

The Nebraska Wheat Growers Association held its annual golf tournament on Aug. 8, 2011 at Bayside Golf course in Ogallala.

The tournament got off to a rough start with uncooperative weather. Storms with hail and heavy winds rolled through the area all morning and kept many people away.

However, five teams weathered the storms and played. Mark Daum, Dix; Colton Daum, Dix; and Henry Heegan, Kimball, took first place. David Erlewin, Ogallala; Dan Zwickl, Grant; and Trent Patrick, Grant, placed second. Third place went to Troy Space, Imperial; and Shawn Sullivan, Wallace; and Marvin Nelson, Juelsburg, Col.

The teams prepare to move on to the next hole at the NWGA annual golf tournament in Ogallala. *Photo: Kim Sullivan*

"I feel like everyone who made it had a good time," said Shawn Sullivan, NWGA president. "I'd like to thank all our sponsors for helping make the tournament possible and a success."

Tournament sponsors included: Schmidt Motors, WestCo, Eagle Trading, West Bred, Frenchman Valley Coop, Coors Light, Adams Bank & Trust, 21st Century, Farmers Cooperative Association, Hi-Line Coop, Harchelroad Motors, BNSF, Hudson Insurance Group, Curly Olney's Inc., Midwest Electric, Pinnacle Bank, Western Insurors and Machinery Link.

To be added to a contact list for updates about future NWGA events and meetings, contact the association at newheatgrowers@gmail.com or call (402) 471-2358.