

WSCIA

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Seed Buzz

SPRING 2011

THANK YOU VENDORS, SPONSORS and SPEAKERS

Thank you to all the vendors and sponsors who helped make our annual meeting successful. We especially want to thank the speakers who made the trip and thank you to the participants. The 17th annual joint meeting of WSCIA and WNISA was held in Walla Walla on November 15-16 with an average of 153 attendees over the two days making it the best attended meeting for the tri-city area. Breeder sessions were held on Monday with regular sessions on Tuesday. The ladies participated in a local wine tour and the Jerry Longmeier TV raffle was won by Kirk Jungers of Firstline Seeds.



ADVANCE AGREEMENTS SPRING 2012

The WSCIA Foundation Seed Service accepts year-in-advance (YIA) agreements for all varieties. The YIA agreements are firm commitments to purchase seed at an agreed upon price. These agreements are offered so that you can reserve specific varieties for future planting. A discount of \$.05 per pound is also a benefit in signing a YIA agreement, offered on all varieties except those within two years of release. In the case of newly released varieties, such as "DIVA", the YIA agreement document will look and read differently than our standard YIA form, to comply with the WSU system of variety release, as well as the legal and technical aspects of PVP law regarding the timing of sale of new varieties. WSCIA reserves the right to charge a penalty or restocking fee up to the full

amount of the purchase price if the available seed is not purchased under the YIA agreement. Under the Non-YIA sales will be at the price in effect at the time of delivery. Please note in the Spring 2011 Foundation Seed Order Form that some items are "crossed-out" for 2011, but can be made available to you in 2012 by use of the YIA agreement. Simply enter the pounds you want in the "2012 YIA POUNDS" column, fax or mail it to us, and an agreement document will be mailed to you!

For pricing on seed please contact:

WSCIA Foundation Seed Services
(509) 335-4365
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SPRING 2011 SEED ORDER FORM/LIST

Please note the Foundation Seed Spring 2011 order form enclosed in this Seed Buzz. Pricing has been lowered since last spring season, especially when considering the addition of GAUCHO insecticide is now a part of our standard seed treatment. If you wish to order Foundation Seed please complete the form and mail, e-mail, fax, or phone your completed order. See enclosed order form for more details.

SEED TREATMENT AND BAGS—SPRING 2011

The new BAYER fungicide PROCEED along with the well-tested GAUCHO (0.5 fl. Oz. rate) insecticide will be used as our standard seed treatment on all spring planted grain seed sold by the WSCIA, with CruiserMax Cereal Custom Blend .50 (Div. Xtrm, Rancona, Cruiser & Apron XL) to be used for fall planted crops. This combination of seed treatments for fall and spring planting will provide customers with the best available seed protection for their crops. The addition of insecticide as part of our standard pricing saves you as the customer several dollars per acre.

Don't forget we now offer 1-ton tote bags as well as the normal 60 pound (1 bushel) bags. If this is an option you would like, call the WSCIA-FSS office and let us know as soon as possible since we try to bag ahead of time to prevent any delays in shipping.

UNTREATED SEED

WSCIA-FSS's standard practice is to treat most species of seed to reduce the risk of loss or failure caused by insect and pathogen attack during germination and stand establishment. While we will provide customers with untreated seed at their request, FSS does not accept liability for failure to establish a stand in any case and even more so when untreated seed is used. In order to clearly communicate the affects of untreated seed on stand establishment, customers requesting untreated seed of species normally treated will be required to sign a waiver or release, prior to shipment.

NEW VARIETY: SAWYER CHICKPEA

SAWYER is medium sized chickpea with yields of greater than other previously released cultivars including 'Dwelley', 'Troy', 'Dylan' and 'Sierra' when compared over all site years. **SAWYER** has good resistance to Ascochyta blight.

Plants of **SAWYER** averaged 17 inches tall and have an upright growth habit with simple type leaves. Flowering begins at about 8 inches above the soil surface and commences about 60 days after planting depending on climatic conditions compared to 67 & 62 days for Dwelley and Sierra, respectively. **SAWYER** has good resistance to lodging and remains upright at maturity. Crop maturity of **SAWYER** is earlier than Dwelley and Sierra and about 104 days after planting.

For more information:

<http://www.washingtoncrop.com/documents/Chickpeas/Sawyer.pdf>

NEW VARIETY: DIVA SOFT WHITE SPRING WHEAT

DIVA is a semi-dwarf, soft white spring wheat with mid-season maturity, common head type, white straw and white glumes. It has several remarkable features including: (1) outstanding grain yield potential across a broad range of production environments; (2) high test weight; (3) outstanding end-use quality; (4) high levels of resistance to the Hessian fly; and (5) high levels of HTAP resistance to stripe rust from the same source as Louise. **DIVA** provides an excellent SWS option in the low rainfall zone.

For more information:

<http://www.washingtoncrop.com/documents/Wheat/Spring/Soft%20White/Diva.pdf>

FARMERS YIELD INITIATIVE

At the November 17, Board meeting the decision to join FYI was made but with the dollar level decision to be left to the Association manager. After further communications with Mark Henry of FYI and WSCIA board members it was decided to join at the \$5,000 level. With this level of membership WSCIA would have input with both content and direction in which the PNW program for FYI would proceed. The membership to FYI will be revisited next year at the annual meeting and determine benefits derived from the level contributions.

After several years and several attempts at putting together both a vision statement and Mission Statement for WSCIA we have been successful. These are just two simple statements but they create the basis and create the tools for all of Washington State Crop Improvement members and employees to fulfill our visions and goals for the organization.

Vision Statement

The vision of Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc. (WSCIA) is to broaden our educational reach, further promote the use of certified seed, expand field services, and include traditional, accredited, or other customized quality assurance systems.

Mission Statement

Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc. (WSCIA) is dedicated to improving productivity, profitability and the competitive position of WSCIA members by providing education, integrity-based certification services and stock seed to producers, conditioners, and distributors, enabling them to produce high quality plant products in Washington State, the United States, and the world.

CEREL GRAIN SEED VARIETIES

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▲ CEREL GRAIN SEED VARIETY POSTER ▲

As most of you know Marilyn Laughlin passed away in 2009. She was near and dear to all of our hearts for many reasons and one of them was for the Cereals Grain Seed Variety poster that she created and maintained. We have missed this poster so this year WSCIA recreated it.

The new poster has over 300 varieties and will be updated as needed. We welcome you to stop into our office and pick up the poster(s) for FREE or you can send a check for \$5.00 to cover the cost of the mailing tube and postage. We also take Visa and Mastercard if you call the office at 509-335-8250.

State Bird: Willow Goldfinch
State Flower: Coast Rhododendron
State Fruit: Apple
State Tree: Western Hemlock
State Grass: Bluebunch Wheatgrass
State Fish: Steelhead Trout
State Vegetable: Walla Walla Sweet Onion



Founded: November 11, 1889 (42nd State)
Population: 6,724,540
Nickname: Evergreen State
Number Counties: 39
Number Farms: 39,500 (35% of total WA acreage)
Size: 71,303 square miles, 18th largest State
Mean Elevation: 1,700 feet above sea level

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Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc., is a non-profit organization working with Washington State University, Washington State Department of Agriculture and Washington seed growers and conditioners to develop, produce and distribute certified seed in order to improve crop yields in the state of Washington. WSCIA was incorporated in 1953. It is governed by a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee. Directors are elected by their county crop improvement associations.

The Association has an active membership of over 500 members. Anyone (person or organization) interested in quality seed in general is encouraged to become a member of the Association. Membership in the Association provides the member information relative to the seed industry such as new developments, technical information, and sources and availability of seed, etcetera.

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