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Seed Buzz

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Longtime WSCIA Field Inspector

Jerry R. Longmeier passes December 13, 2008

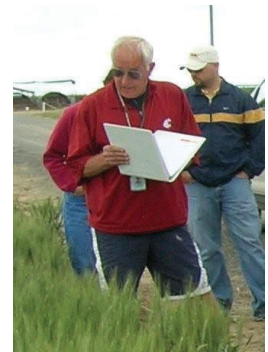
I regret having to deliver the sad news of the passing of longtime WSCIA field inspector Jerry R. Longmeier. Jerry passed away at home on December 13, 2008 with his family by his side. Jerry had worked for WSCIA for 32 years inspecting fields for seed certification. His enthusiasm, endless energy, and willingness to do any job set in front of him will be sorely missed.

Jerry attended WSU and received his Bachelor's Degree in Vocational Agriculture. He taught agriculture and metals at Kiona-Benton High School

for 33 years and was also involved with the Jr. Achievement program. Jerry had two passions in life with the first being his two children whom he was always proud of and secondly the students he taught.

A memorial service was held on December 20, 2008 at the Kiona-Benton High School to remember and celebrate Jerry's life.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the Jerry Longmeier Memorial Scholarship Fund at US Bank.



Please feel free to donate to this scholarship fund as it is a worthy cause. If WSCIA can be of any assistance or answer any question regarding this fund please do not hesitate to ask.



2008's Annual Meeting

The 2008 WSCIA/WNISA Annual Joint meeting was a huge success.

This year's meeting held at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley, Washington was one of the best attended meetings in years. There were a total of 173 registered participants for the Tuesday Meeting and 140 registered for the Wednesday meeting.

Topics that were included were varied, covering items that were of interest to all attendees.

I would like to personally express our thanks to all the attendees, speakers, and especially the vendors who contributed both their time and substantial financial support. Without your support for our industry this convention would not be possible.

The WNISA auction for their scholarship fund was a HUGE success with almost \$5000 being raised!!!

Five certified seed growers were sponsored this year by the WSCIA Promotion Committee and Syngenta Seed Care.



Seed Treatment and Bags

Raxil XT will be used again this spring to treat all spring planted seed sold by the WSCIA, with Dividend Extreme continuing 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. Gaucho seed applied

insecticide will also be available if requested early enough by the customer. Please call for a current quote.

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.

To prevent any scheduling delays please give the Foundation Seed Program at least 24 Hours notice before pickup of your seed.



New Public Release Varieties Available This Spring

WA007954 (HRS) KELSE

Semi-Dwarf, hard red spring wheat with mid-season maturity, common head type. Kelse is targeted to the intermediate (15-18 inch rainfall areas) to high rainfall zones as a replacement for WestBred 926, Hank and Scarlet due to their susceptibility to current races of stripe rust.. Kelse is 1 to 2 inches shorter than Scarlet 1-4 inches taller than WestBred 926 and Hank. Kelse has shown that it has 100% resistance to biotypes E,F, and GP of hessian fly.

WA008008 (SWS) WHIT

Semi-Dwarf, soft white spring wheat with early season maturity, common head type. Whit is targeted to the high (>18 inches average annual precipitation) as a potential replacement for Alpowa. Whit may also supplant a portion of the Louise acreage in the high production area because of it's shorter stature. Whit has better HTAP and Hessian Fly resistance than both Alpowa and Nick.



WSCIA Certification & Foundation Seed Updates

WSCIA Foundation Seed Program

The 2007-08 crop year included 337 acres of Foundation and Breeder Seed Production producing 2,018,681 pounds of Foundation and 33,905 pounds of Breeder seed.

There were 486,000 pounds of Foundation Xerpha (SWV) produced in 2008 with approximately 400,000 pounds planted in WA, OR, and ID.

Foundation Seed Service Facts

	2006/07	2007/08
Breeder Lots Grown	17	14
Single Heads Snapped	29,000	30,200
Foundation Small Grains Produced	769,253 #	1,973,329 #
Foundation Peas, Lentils, Garbs Produced	137,477 #	36,000 #
Foundation Dry Bean Varieties Produced	0	3
Grass Seed Distributed	20,261 #	11,279 #
Foundation Seed Distributed	852,742 #	1,227,087 #
Number of Varieties Planted (Fall)	23	25

WSCIA Certification Update

WSCIA experienced a 35% increase in total acres applied for certification in 2008. This made 2008 the third highest total for acres applied for certification in WSCIA history at a total of 61,111 acres.

ACREAGE APPLIED FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS

1978 -- 31,163	1989 -- 53,274	1999 -- 48,784
1979 -- 40,123	1990 -- 54,123	2000 -- 51,904
1980 -- 40,638	1991 -- 43,828	2001 -- 45,867
1981 -- 37,500	1992 -- 60,543	2002 -- 52,408
1982 -- 45,129	1993 -- 54,913	2003 -- 53,785
1983 -- 46,496	1994 -- 47,375	2004 -- 55,895
1984 -- 58,747	1995 -- 47,931	2005 -- 49,465
1985 -- 64,409	1996 -- 53,075	2006 -- 47,859
1986 -- 61,879	1997 -- 53,847	2007 -- 45,106
1987 -- 54,788	1998 -- 55,018	2008 -- 61,111
1988 -- 50,606		

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The WSCIA would like to thank Bayer Crop Science for their support and Sponsorship of the Spring 2009 Seed Buzz!



Summer 2008 Activities



Another successful Seed Academy was held this June. Attendees spent 3 days gaining insight into the genetics of plant breeding, basic seed increases, quality lab testing & agronomy facets of wheat.

Ron Whittum, Foundation Seed Program Manager, working his way through one of many Head Row breeder seed increases at the WSU Othello farm.



Darlene Hilkin, Foundation Seed Office, tries her hand at setting 1st water on a crop of foundation Othello Pinto Beans.



Advance Agreements Spring 2010

The WSCIA Foundation Seed Service accepts year-in-advance agreements for all varieties. The year-in-advance 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. WSCIA reserves the right

to charge a penalty or re-stocking fee up to the full amount of the purchase price if the available seed is not purchased under the year-in-advance agreement. Non-YIA sales will be at the price in effect at the time of delivery. Please note in the Spring 2009 Foundation Seed Order Form that some items are “black-

out” for 2009, but can be made available to you in 2010 by use of the YIA agreement. Simply enter the pounds you want in the “2010 YIA POUNDS” column and an agreement document will be mailed to you!

For pricing on seed please contact the WSCIA Foundation Seed Services at (509) 335-4365.

Positions Remain Open On WSCIA Board Of Directors

Current Board of Directors:

President: Michelle Ward
 Vice President: Jason Echelbarger
 Secretary: Bill Michaelsen
 Ex-Officio Member: Steve Ullrich
 Past President: Mike Klicker

Columbia: Bruce Abbey
 Douglas: Shirley McLean
 Franklin: Keith Callaway
 Lincoln/ Adams: Paul Porter
 Garfield/Asotin: Ken Beal
 Grant: Dave Stevens
 Kittitas: Craig George

Spokane: Dean Browning
 Walla Walla: Matt Erwin
 Whitman: Royce Taylor
 Yakima/Benton: Craig Teel
 WSDA: Fawad Shah
 WSU: Stephen Guy
 Oregon: Lee VonBorstel

Positions that remain open: **Columbia, Garfield/Asotin, Klickitat**

We are looking for any interested person from each of the aforementioned counties that would like to serve on the Board Of Directors. If you are interested please contact Jerry Robinson at the WSCIA Home office. (509) 335-8250

An inch of snow falling evenly on 1 acre of ground is equivalent to about 2,715 gallons of water

Washington-North Idaho Seed Association Membership:

Washington State Crop Improvement Association and Washington-North Idaho Seed Association have combined membership mailings for the first time this year. This joint mailing was done to help keep costs down and to make more people aware of the important role that WNISA plays in our state's seed industry. Please take a few minutes and read the enclosed letter from Bob Johnston, President of WNISA. If you wish to join WNISA you can send your application with payment directly to the WNISA office in Ritzville, WA. A second option if you wish to become a member of both WNISA and WSCIA, **complete and return both applications**, with one check payable to Washington State Crop Improvement Association. Return the completed applications and check to:

**Washington State Crop Improvement Association
1610 NE Eastgate Blvd
Suite 610
Pullman, WA 99163**

*Washington State Crop
Improvement Association
Since 1953*

Helping Bring the Best in Quality:

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. Funding of Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc. is provided by fees for services rendered.



**Washington State Crop Improvement Assn.
RENEWAL OF 2009 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP**

Dues payments are deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses for Federal Income tax purposes under section 162 of the I.R.S.

Please choose a membership category:

Active Member (\$25.00)

Individual seed growers, seed users, landlords, and others interested in certified seed—**VOTING MEMBER**-

Associate Member (\$50.00)

Agricultural suppliers, crop advisors, agronomists, and other professionals associated with the seed industry-**NON VOTING MEMBER**-

Approved Conditioning Plant Member(\$75.00)

Approved conditioning plants and portable cleaners that process certified small grain and pulses—**VOTING MEMBER**-

COUNTY: _____

NAME: _____

CORP or FARM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

MOBIL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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And Return With
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