

WSCIA

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Absolutely new web site designed.**
- **FSS Seed Availability**

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The long wait has ended and we have our new web site... **www.washingtoncrop.com** and it is absolutely new, not a modification of the old web site. We would like your input, good or bad. Let us know what information we could add to make it more useful to you ('Contact Us' tab).

We solicited input that would be helpful to the crop industry and tried to arrange it in a

logical and user friendly manner. The most useful tag will be 'Seed Information'. It contains information such as the 2010 Spring Seed Buying Guide, Seed Source Listing, variety descriptions, seed availability list, and more.

The 'Resources' tab will give you quick and easy access to other web sources. Forms are located under the 'Forms' tab including the 2010 Membership form,

Application for Field Certification, and the NEW sample bag label form.

If you would like to advertise on the home page, please call or use the 'Contact Us' tab. If you have items to sell, such as a tractor or seed, please call or contact us through the 'Classifieds' tab.

Also, this edition of Seed Buzz, as well as previous issues, can be found on the home page.



2009 Joint Annual Meeting

The 2009 WSCIA/WNISA Annual Joint meeting was a huge success. This year's meeting held at the University Inn Best Western in Moscow, Idaho was one of the best attended meetings even surpassing last years large attendance. This years meeting format was changed around from past meetings. 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!!!



Congratulations to Jim Peterson, winner of the Jerry Longmeier Memorial scholarship TV raffle sponsored by WSCIA.



Karen Olstad, Program Manager, Certification Services



As you all probably know, Karen has been with WSCIA for over three years but what you may not know is that she was recently promoted to Program Manager, Certification Services. Her new position allows her the flexibility to be in the 'field' more, possibly even visiting your sites.

Over the past 3 years she has carried out the certification process in Pullman as well as performed all of the office duties and now with a little help on the office duties, she will be more visible to you.

Karen has a background in banking, making her a numbers person (great in certifying seed.) She is also no stranger to the industry having been 'in the fields' driving tractors for her family farm in North Dakota. Besides holding down this full-time position, she is married to Randy and is a full-time mother of two teenage sons.

Please help us welcome Karen to her new position with WSCIA.

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New Public Release Varieties Available this Spring

BABE (WA8039) (SWS)

Semi-dwarf, soft white spring wheat with mid-season maturity and common head type. Babe is targeted to the intermediate (15-18 inch average annual precipitation) to high rainfall production zone as a replacement for Alpowa (moderate HTAP) and Nick (susceptible to stripe rust) based on its high levels of HTAP resistance to stripe rust. Screening evaluations rated Babe with 30% resistance to Hessian fly; re-selection efforts should increase this to 65%. Babe also may supplant a portion of Louise acreage in high rainfall areas because it is shorter in height than Louise. The cultivar has outstanding grain yield potential across a broad range of production conditions, high test weight and excellent end-use quality. It does not appear to have the split coleoptiles problem that often plagues Alpowa. Babe was 1 to 6 inches shorter than Louise depending on location and similar in height to Alturas and Alpowa across locations. Average heading dates of Babe were similar to those of Louise and Alpowa, and 2 to 4 days later than those of Nick.

WHIT (WA8008)SWS)

Also released in 2009 FSS has a good supply of this outstanding cultivar for higher rainfall areas. Semi-dwarf, soft white spring wheat with early season maturity, common head type. Whit is targeted to the high (>18 inch 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 its shorter stature. Whit has better HTAP and Hessian fly resistance than both Alpowa and Nick.

JD (WA8047) (SWS, Club)

Semi-dwarf, soft white spring club wheat with mid-season maturity, club head type, white straw and white glumes. JD is broadly adapted with the potential to be grown successfully in all production zones in eastern Washington. It has much improved stripe rust resistance in comparison to current varieties including Eden, a real plus for the high rainfall regions where stripe rust is a major concern. JD was 1 to 5 and 2 to 7 inches taller than Eden and Calorwa, respectively, depending on location; slightly taller than Alpowa and slightly shorter than Louise. The heading date of JD was 1 to 3 days later than Eden depending on location, and similar to Louise and Alpowa across locations. Based on evaluation results from the 2009 PNW Quality Council, JD was better than Eden for nearly every end-use quality parameter tested.

KELSE (WA7954) (HRS)

Released in 2009, FSS still has availability of Foundation certified Kelse. This Semi-Dwarf, hard red spring wheat with mid-season maturity and a common head type, performed well this past season. Test weight and protein levels both remained high, not always a successful balance with hard red wheat in this area. Kelse is targeted to the intermediate (15-18 inches 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.

WSCIA Certification & FSS Stats

WSCIA Foundation Seed Service Facts:

	2007/08	2008/09
Breeder Lots Grown	14	6
Single Heads Snapped	30,200	22,500
Foundation Small Grains Produced	1,973,329#	1,274,315#
Foundation Peas, Lentils, Garbs Produced	36,000#	57,433#
Foundation Dry Bean Varieties Produced	3	6
Grass Seed Distributed	11,279#	4,956#
Foundation Seed Distributed	1,227,087#	678,303#
Number of Varieties Planted (Fall)	25	22

Acreage Applied For Certification For The Past 32 Years:

1978—31,163	1989—53,274	2000—51,904
1979—40,123	1990—54,123	2001—45,867
1980—40,638	1991—43,628	2002—52,408
1981—37,500	1992—60,543	2003—53,785
1982—45,129	1993—54,913	2004—55,895
1983—46,496	1994—47,375	2005—49,465
1984—58,747	1995—47,931	2006—47,859
1985—64,409	1996—53,075	2007—45,106
1986—61,879	1997—53,847	2008—61,111
1987—54,788	1998—55,018	2009—59,021
1988—50,606	1999—48,784	

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Advance Agreements Spring 2011

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 \$0.05 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 "BABE", the YIA agreement document will look & read differently. This was necessary in order to conform to the WSU system of variety release, and 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. Non-YIA sales will be at the price in ef-

fect at the time of delivery. Please note in the Spring 2010 Foundation Seed Order Form that some items are "crossed-out" for 2010, but can be made available to you in 2011 by use of the YIA agreement. Simply enter the pounds you want in the "2011 YIA POUNDS" column, fax or mail it to us and an agreement document will be mailed to you!

For pricing on seed please contact the WSCIA Foundation Seed Services at (509) 335-4365, fax: (509) 335-7007.



Incoming WSCIA President Jason Echelbarger presents outgoing president Michelle Ward a plaque expressing the appreciation of the industry and WSCIA for her past two years as president of WSCIA



L-R: Mike Miller, Matt Erwin, Craig Teel, Paul Carter, Barry Tee, Fawad Shah, Bill Michaelsen, Lee VonBorstel, Jason Echelbarger, Steve Ullrich, Paul Porter, Stephen Guy and Michelle Ward.

New WSCIA Board of Directors Elected

Current Board of Directors:

President: Jason Echelbarger
Vice President: Bill Michaelsen
Secretary: Paul Porter
Ex-Officio Member: Steve Ullrich
Past President: Michelle Ward
Columbia: Paul Carter

Douglas: Shirley McLean
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Kittitas: Craig George
Spokane: Dean Browning

Walla Walla: Matt Erwin
Whitman: Barry Tee
Yakima/Benton: Craig Teel
WSDA: Fawad Shah
WSU: Stephen Guy
Oregon: Lee VonBorstel

Positions that remain open, **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

In 2009 the Pacific NW experienced the 14th coldest December since 1895 and the 11th driest December for Washington State.

Seed Treatment and Bags

Raxil XT will be used again this spring to treat all spring planted grain 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. The new Proceed™ seed treatment offered by Bayer CropScience will be carefully studied this crop year and may be adopted by Foundation Seed Services in another year. Gaucho seed applied insecticide will also be available if requested early enough by the customer. A Standard application rate of .33 fl.oz./cwt will be adhered to, at an additional cost of \$0.02/lb.

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. Thank you.

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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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