



# Wheat Producers Advantage

South Dakota Wheat, Inc.

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## Washington DC is a Priority for SD Wheat, Inc.

Once again, South Dakota Wheat Inc., officers traveled to Washington DC to participate in the winter meeting with the National Association of Wheat Growers and lobby our Congressmen at the Capitol. We worked with our Congressional leadership on issues affecting wheat producers. With the farm bill complete many of the issues stemmed from farm bill implementation as well as progress on trade issues.

Wheat farmers are facing continued years of low prices and need access to the improvements and stability created in the Farm Bill. US farm sector working capital has

declined more than \$100 billion dollars in just 5 years. As farmers income drops, liquid cash reserves have depleted. The rapid decline in farm sector working capital illustrates how important it is for the 2018 Farm Bill to be implemented swiftly

“We express our concerns, to the congressmen, about low prices and the need for international trade agreements”, said Todd Mangin, SDWI President. “Other issues highlighted, pointed out the differences between crop insurance and local wheat quality adjustments. We did discover that there may be some help through local FSA office through the newly announce WHIP+ program and we are anxious to hear the details”.

The National Association of Wheat Growers is working diligently with Congress to ensure SD wheat producers receive the needed benefits from trade deals. The recent trade agreement with Japan was a significant victory for US wheat farmers by putting us on a level playing field with Canada and Australia, which are major competitors. Moving forward, NAWG supports new Free Trade Agreement that create market access for US wheat.

“China and other nations have not played by the rules for a long time, and President Trump challenged that,” said Doug Simons, VP for SDWI “and I’m glad that the United States will no longer tolerate unfair trade practices,” “It has been helpful to receive MFP payments during the negotiations and while tariffs were in place. Without MFP payments and the support of the prevent plant through crop insurance, it would be difficult to deal with the bank as we renew operating lines”. Traveling to DC to express this to our Congressional delegation for all SD wheat producers is the priority for SD Wheat Inc.



South Dakota Wheat, Inc. officers working in Washington, DC



At the Senate Whip office in the Capitol at Washington DC. Left to right: Caren Assman, Julian Roeth, Doug Simons, Sentator Thune, Paul Hetland, Terry Hand, and Todd Mangin.



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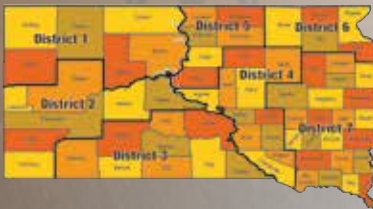
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# Bake and Take Day

South Dakota Wheat is again holding its annual “Bake and Take Day!” This year’s event occurs on Saturday March 21, and we invite home bakers of all ages to slow down, relax and embrace community spirit by baking home-made goodies and sharing them with friends, neighbors or folks who may not be able to bake themselves.

And if you participate in Bake and Take Day, you just might win a prize. Contestants who write in to share their Bake and Take activity will be entered into a random drawing for \$50 cash in one of four categories. Participants need to indicate a category — youth individual (4-17), youth group, adult individual (18 plus), or adult group — on the entry form. If no category is indicated, the entry will be placed in the category that most fits the information provided. All eligible entries collected via e-mail and U.S. mail by April 15, 2020 will be included in the drawing.

“Bake and Take Day has a long tradition in South Dakota as an activity designed to educate consumers in the importance of home baking and wheat foods consumption,” says Caren Assman, for South Dakota Wheat. “The personal visit to members of the community is as rewarding and important as the baked goods you take them.”

Send a summary of the activity, recipe and picture to the South Dakota Wheat, Box 667, Pierre, SD 57501 or e-mail the information to the SDWI at [wheatinc@midco.net](mailto:wheatinc@midco.net). Or information and applications can be found at [www.sdwheat.org](http://www.sdwheat.org). Include any community service aspects, and comments regarding how the activity strengthened the bonds between individuals. Any one that bakes and takes a wheat product is eligible for the contest.



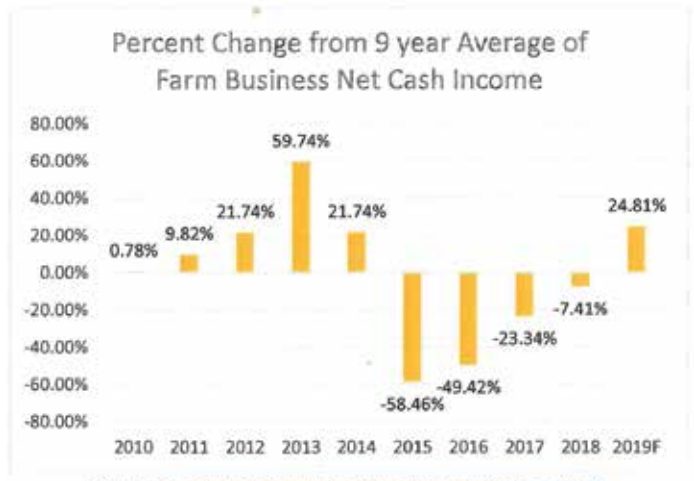
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## 2018 Farm Bill Provides Needed Certainty:

- The 2018 Farm Bill passed with historic bipartisan support in both the House and Senate and implementation is underway; wheat farmers are facing continued years of low prices and need access to the improvements and stability created in the Farm Bill.
- The 2019 Crop Year was particularly challenging for farmers across America who experienced weather related hardships during planting and harvest.
- Wheat growers look forward to working with you in opposing efforts to undermine the Farm Bill through other legislative vehicles and as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) continues its implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill.



Source: <https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>, \*(P)= projected value by USDA



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Variety	3-Yr Avg.		Economic Return <sup>1</sup>	
	Yield Bu/a	Protein %	\$/Bu	Gross \$/a
Surpass	46.1	16.4	6.53	300.96
SY Rustler	47.7	16.1	6.29	299.70
SY Ingmar	46	16.2	6.37	292.86
Prevail	51.4	15.2	5.58	286.79
Boost	46.2	16	6.21	286.7
Focus	45.9	16	6.21	284.97
SY Valda	49.5	15.2	5.58	276.16
HRS 3504	50.5	15	5.42	273.85
LCS Trigger	53.6	14.1	4.71	252.39

2017 Location—Selby, SD;  
2018 Locations—Agar, Selby,  
Northville, SD and Hettinger,  
ND; 2019 Locations Selby  
and Northville, SD

<sup>1</sup> Economic return calculated  
using Sept. local cash grain  
price of \$4.63 for 14%  
protein and 10-year average  
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