



Wheat Producers **Advantage**

South Dakota Wheat, Inc.

January 2022

Association Name Change: South Dakota Wheat Growers Association

At our annual meeting, held on November 30, 2021, during Ag Horizons, the members voted for a name change of SD Wheat Incorporated.

It all started when the elevator chain named SD Wheat Growers merged and became Agtegra. That change left the old name available. After some work with the Secretary of State and a vote from our members at SD Wheat Inc., the members changed the Association name.

Now the work begins to rebrand the Association. Social media, web sites, letter head and much more. Over the next few months, we will put our “action” plan in motion, which includes seven district meeting and membership recruitment advantages and a media campaign.

We will also be working on our policy for the upcoming Farm Bill. We will be reaching out to our members and non-members for input into what works with the Farm Bill and what changes we should lobby for.

In January two Board of Directors will be traveling to Washington, DC to meet with our SD Congressmen. We have included a survey on page 4 & 5 and its link, so that we can here from wheat producers across South Dakota. Your input is significant to the message we take to DC. Whether we are advocating the continuation of a program or fighting for a change, it starts with input from our members and the wheat producers of SD. So please take time to fill out the survey, contact a SDWGA Director or email the office at wheatinc@midco.net.



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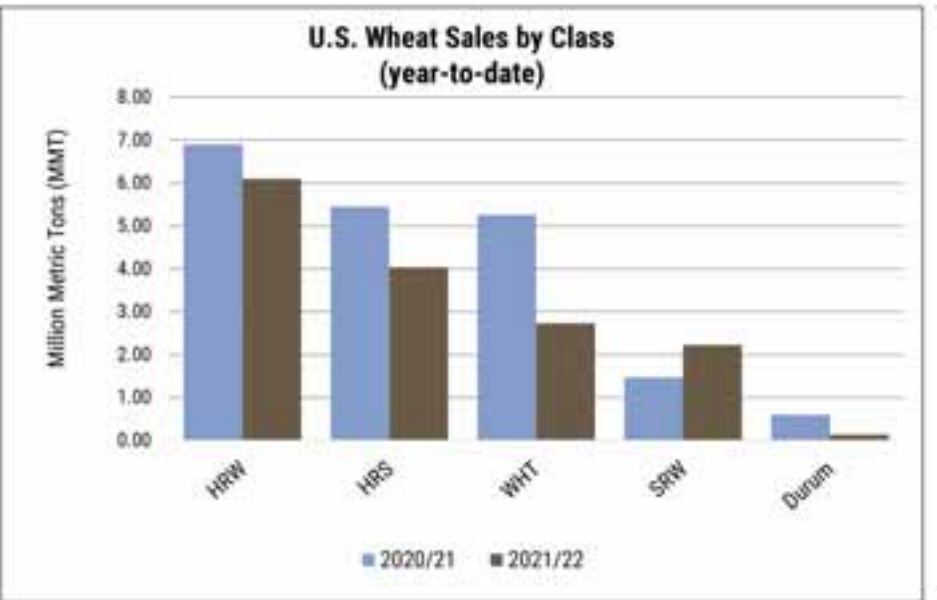


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U.S. WHEAT ASSOCIATES

U.S. WHEAT ASSOCIATES <i>Dependable People. Reliable Wheat.</i>		Commercial Sales Report		
Current market year sales to date as of December 09, 2021				
CMY top 20 markets	For delivery in		Change from last year	Change from last week
	2021/22	2020/21		
All Wheat				
Mexico	2,752,264	2,390,136	6%	170,042
Philippines	2,278,437	2,500,641	-9%	72,100
Japan	1,740,171	1,879,697	-7%	162,483
Nigeria	1,572,947	907,342	73%	5,429
South Korea	940,064	1,352,720	-31%	75,000
China	848,050	2,195,218	-61%	0
Taiwan	601,856	855,882	-30%	1,358
Colombia	489,729	291,671	68%	16,702
Thailand	435,488	692,750	-37%	0
Peru	310,402	133,476	102%	105,000
Guatemala	284,900	396,540	-29%	2,336
Honduras	268,200	207,965	29%	6,000
Venezuela	227,067	151,135	50%	24,270
European Union	200,983	634,218	-68%	10,000
El Salvador	190,827	177,513	8%	2,000
Dominican Republic	169,669	101,934	66%	14,416
Vietnam	129,904	389,652	-67%	3,000
Ecuador	121,598	160,796	-24%	0
Jamaica	113,341	132,822	-15%	0
Malaysia	101,745	206,905	-51%	0
Total Unknown	645,027	1,182,140	-45%	-22,072
All Wheat Total Sales	15,210,899	19,648,875	-23%	650,587



Upcoming Organization's Policy Priorities

The South Dakota Wheat Inc., and NAWG Board of Directors set the organization's policy priorities during its annual meeting. The organization's priorities fall primarily into three buckets: farm support programs; trade and market access; and climate, sustainability, and regulatory issues. The items below are the specific priorities adopted by NAWG.

Farm support programs

- Be a spokesperson for wheat growers with members of the Agriculture Committees and USDA officials.
- Protect farm programs and crop insurance during the annual budget and appropriations process.
- Continue working on improvements to quality adjustments in the crop insurance program.
- Engage USDA in improving FSA and NRCS staffing and program delivery.
- Identify improvements that need to be made to the farm safety net for consideration in the 2023 Farm Bill process.
- Analyze and advocate for beneficial conservation programs and policies in the next Farm Bill.
- Engage and message on the state of the farm economy, including ensuring that wheat growers' needs are addressed in COVID-19 relief programs and through disaster programs.

Trade and Market Access

- Work with US Wheat Associates on advocating before Congress for enforcement of existing trade agreements and on the importance of building new markets.
- Preserve and enhance funding levels for export promotion programs (MAP/FMD/ATP).
- Engage on infrastructure/transportation policy

action that would affect our ability to get the crop to market and U.S competitiveness in international markets.

- Collaborate with wheat value chain stakeholders towards implementation of a breadbasket checkoff.

Climate/Sustainability/Regulatory Issues

- Engage in climate discussions in a constructive manner to represent wheat growers' interests.
- Engage with the USDA, EPA, and FDA to ensure that regulation of new technology is science-based and increases profitability for growers.
- Fight against regulatory issues which place undue burden on wheat producers.
- Work collaboratively with industry to protect and secure use of crop protection products.
- Protect wheat growers' use of EPA approved crop protection tools and defend against unscientific attacks on that ability.
- Protect improvements made under the Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of Waters of the United States.
- Lead wheat research advocacy on Capitol Hill.



SD Wheat Inc., Board of Directors sharing their message with Senator John Thune.

This survey will be available at wheatworld.org very shortly. Your comments are important to our policies for the next farm bill. Please take time to participate on-line.

1. What type of risk is the most important to cover in Title 1? Provisions of Title 1, the "Commodity Title," of the 2018 farm bill authorize current commodity revenue support programs like marketing assistance loan (MAL) program and the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) programs

- a. Price
- b. Revenue
- c. Yield
- d. [Include text field for any comments]

2. Rate each of the following Title 1 programs in terms of effectiveness relative to wheat.

- a. Price Loss Coverage (PLC)
 - i. N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]
- b. Agriculture Risk Coverage-County (ARC-CO)
 - i. N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]
- c. Agriculture Risk Coverage-Individual (ARC-IC)
 - i. N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]
- d. Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL)
 - i. N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]
- e. Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)
 - i. N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]

f. Do you have any suggestions to make Title 1 programs more effective?

- i. [Include text field for any comments – "]

3. How effective is your crop insurance policy for wheat at covering losses? In the comments, please elaborate on which additional crop insurance policies provided value to you in managing risk.

- a. N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]
- b. [Include text field for any comments]

4. What challenges or hurdles do you face when purchasing or making crop insurance claims?

- a. [Include text field for any comments]

5. What is your biggest concern about in the future of crop insurance?

- a. [Include text field for any comments]

6. What would you like to see improved or changed in the crop insurance program?

- a. [Include text field for any comments]

7. Do you think that the following ad-hoc programs were effective and necessary to cover disasters? If yes, rate them on their effectiveness?

- a. Market Facilitation Program (MFP)
 - i. Yes or No
If-Yes, N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]
- a. Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)
 - i. Yes or No
If-Yes, N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]

b. Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+)

i. Yes or No

If-Yes, N/A + 1-5 [Unsatisfactory, less than Satisfactory, Satisfactory, Above Average, and Excellent]

[Include text field for any comments]

7. Are you supportive of reestablishing a permanent disaster aid program, like WHIP+, if it meant reduced funding for some Title I or Crop Insurance programs?

a. Yes or No

[Include text field for any comments]

8. If farm bill programs were condensed or eliminated, which of the following would you prefer to use as your main risk management too?

a. Title I

b. Crop Insurance

c. Disaster/ Ad-Hoc Payments

9. Does the current wheat PLC reference price of \$5.50 per bushel cover cost of production?

Yes/No

10. What do you think is the highest level at which the PLC target price could be set without affecting your planting decision?

a. Less than \$5.00 per bushel

b. \$5.01-\$5.25 per bushel

c. \$5.26-\$5.50 per bushel

d. \$5.51-\$5.75 per bushel

e. \$5.76-\$6.00 per bushel

f. More than \$6.00 per bushel

11. If you could make any change to Title I or Crop Insurance without worrying about off-sets, funding, the debt, or any other repercussions, what would you like to see?

12. When working with FSA, NRCS or your conservation district, what type of conservation assistance are you seeking to address?

a. Water quality

b. Water quantity/drought

c. Nutrient management

d. Soil health

e. Assistance to comply with regulations

f. Endangered species habitat-related issues

g. Other write in

13. What type of conservation assistance is most important to you?

a. Land retirement – payments for taking portions of the field/farm out of production

b. Working lands – payments for adopting practices/technology in-field

c. Easements (protect land from development)

d. Other – write in

14. Are there sufficient conservation options/practices/enhancements available in the USDA conservation programs for wheat growers?

15. If you could make any change to conservation programs, what would you like to see?

16. Are cover crops used in your area?

17. Are you aware of local recommendations on the use of cover crops?

18. Do you participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) guaranteed or direct loan programs?

19. If yes, what program(s)?

a. Guaranteed ownership

b. Guaranteed operating

c. Direct ownership

d. Direct operating

20. Did loan rates trigger the availability of Marketing Assistance Loans/Loan Deficiency Payments in your area this year?

21. If yes, did you find this option helpful?

22. How valuable do you consider local FSA office services to be? (1 = not valuable; 5 = very valuable)

23. How useful do you find online services like aerial photography, Farm+, the Common Land Unit system, and ACRSI to be? (1 = not useful; 5 = very useful)

2022 Legislative Session Issues

Session will start on January 11. SD Wheat Inc. will be watching the following issues:

STATE

- Preliminary numbers of one-time money are over \$60 Million in state general fund dollars and \$1.25 Billion in federal money.

- Water projects \$660,000,000.
- Workforce housing \$50,000,000.
- Broadband \$50,000,000.

DEPARTMENT OF AG AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Results for department merger of Dept of Ag & DENR.
- Update on the DEX complex on State Fair Grounds PUC.
- Grain Broker oversight — increase penalties for buying grain without a license.

AG LAND TASK FORCE

- No legislation from the task force introduced at this time and soil table is on hold.
- An actual use bill maybe introduced by a House member.

SDSU FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Cottonwood Research Farm and a Meat Lab Upgrade.

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

- Request \$3 million of one-time funds to the Conservation District Special Revenue Fund.
- Request \$100,000 increase for the Coordinated Natural Resources Conservation Fund for resilient forest projects.



South Dakota Pest Management Guides

The South Dakota Pest Management guides are now available for free. The guides offer recommendations for controlling weeds, insects, and diseases in a variety of South Dakota crops.

*Use this link to access the guides:
2022 South Dakota Pest Management Guide - Wheat*

If you have comments or concerns on any of the legislative issues please contact the SD Wheat, Inc. office at 1-605-224-4418 or email us at wheatinc@midco.net. You can watch any of the legislative committee's on-line at <https://sdlegislature.gov/>

AG HORIZONS CONFERENCE

Save the Date:

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