# USDA-ARS | U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative

# **FY21 Performance Progress Report**

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# **USWBSI Individual Project(s)**

| USWBSI Research<br>Category* | Project Title                                      | ARS Award Amount |
|------------------------------|--|------------------|
| BAR-CP                       | Fusarium Head Blight Resistance for Montana Barley | \$45,879         |
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|                              | FY21 Total ARS Award Amount                        | \$45,879         |

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I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.

**Principal Investigator Signature** 

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<sup>‡</sup> BAR-CP – Barley Coordinated Project DUR-CP – Durum Coordinated Project EC-HQ – Executive Committee-Headquarters FST-R – Food Safety & Toxicology (Research) FST-S – Food Safety & Toxicology (Service) GDER – Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance HWW-CP – Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project MGMT – FHB Management MGMT-IM – FHB Management – Integrated Management Coordinated Project PBG – Pathogen Biology & Genetics TSCI – Transformational Science

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VDHR – Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries NWW –Northern Soft Winter Wheat Region SPR – Spring Wheat Region

SWW - Southern Soft Red Winter Wheat Region

**Project 1:** Fusarium Head Blight Resistance for Montana Barley

### 1. What are the major goals and objectives of the research project?

Objective 1: Continue crossing resistant material into Montana lines; field screen resulting progeny in three different environments.

Objective 2: Continue to pyramid resistant lines and screen for resistance in the field for future genotype mapping.

Objective 3: Collect and identify Fusarium isolates from FHB infected barley.

**2.** What was accomplished under these goals or objectives? (For each major goal/objective, address these three items below.)

# a) What were the major activities?

Objective 1: We grew lines that have shown promise in previous screenings in four locations: Sidney, Langdon, Fargo, and Minnesota for disease. We also grew a subset of these lines and evaluated them for agronomic characteristics in Bozeman last year.

Objective 2: We screened 1014 lines produced from pyramiding different sources of resistance in small hill plots in our nursery. We sent in seed for DON analysis for 932 of these lines.

Objective 3: We have identified 350 isolates collected in 2019 from two regions in Montana and have almost completed identifying the chemotype for the *F. graminearum* isolates. We are also evaluating *F. sporotrichioides* isolates collected from two malt barley fields in south central Montana for temperature effects on growth, fungicide sensitivity, and virulence on barley.

# b) What were the significant results?

Objective 1: We have evaluated our results from 2021 and believe that several of the lines tested show promise as either a new variety or a line that can be used for crosses to develop a new variety (Table 1 and 2).

The lines that showed the best agronomic characteristics (2017-42-3, 2017-47-6, 2019-21-12, 2019-26-24, and 2019-27-46) had above average DON amounts in Langdon but performed well in Sidney and Fargo where disease pressure was lower. The line 2017-59-2 had both good disease and agronomic characteristics at all locations. We have submitted these lines to Langdon and Fargo again this year for evaluations.

Table 1: 2021 Disease screening for MT barley breeding lines

| Table 1. 2021 Di | Sidney   |           |     | Lang     |      | Fargo    |     | Minnesota |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-----|----------|------|----------|-----|-----------|
| Line             | Severity | Incidence | DON | Severity | DON  | Severity | DON | DON       |
| 2017-39-11       | 2.3      | 33.3      | 0.4 | 23.3     | 47.1 | 3.0      | 2.2 | 9.4       |
| 2017-39-13       | 3.1      | 41.1      | 0.9 | 30.0     | 23.4 | 5.3      | 4.1 |           |
| 2017-39-7        | 5.0      | 15.0      | 0.2 | 16.7     | 49.4 | 2.0      | 1.6 | 4.3       |
| 2017-40-10       | 2.2      | 28.4      | 2.5 | 21.0     | 31.1 | 3.0      | 1.8 | 7.3       |
| 2017-40-17       | 2.7      | 36.7      | 0.2 | 16.7     | 35.5 | 5.3      | 1.4 | 12.8      |
| 2017-41-10       | 1.2      | 22.2      | 0.3 | 23.3     | 43.9 | 3.0      | 1.1 | 2.6       |
| 2017-41-16       | 2.3      | 30.0      | 1.3 | 30.0     | 62.7 | 3.0      | 1.3 | 2.7       |
| 2017-41-6        | 1.7      | 25.5      | 0.4 | 10.0     | 32.3 | 5.3      | 1.2 | 3.0       |
| 2017-42-12       | 2.7      | 33.4      | 0.4 | 14.3     | 27.7 | 5.3      | 2.2 | 1.7       |
| 2017-42-18       | 1.4      | 22.2      | 1.0 | 14.3     | 36.3 | 3.0      | 1.0 | 1.4       |
| 2017-42-2        | 1.0      | 16.7      | 0.8 | 36.7     | 50.4 | 7.7      | 3.7 | 0.8       |
| 2017-42-3        | 1.0      | 16.7      | 0.4 | 16.7     | 54.3 | 3.0      | 2.5 |           |
| 2017-42-6        | 1.3      | 23.3      | 0.1 | 30.0     | 38.2 | 5.3      | 3.6 | 2.0       |
| 2017-43-11       | 2.1      | 30.0      | 0.3 | 10.0     | 38.2 | 5.3      | 1.2 | 4.9       |
| 2017-43-18       | 2.8      | 41.1      | 0.6 | 14.3     | 22.7 | 3.0      | 1.0 | 3.2       |
| 2017-43-19       | 2.2      | 36.7      | 0.1 | 30.0     | 56.0 | 7.7      | 0.7 | 2.3       |
| 2017-43-20       | 2.3      | 31.1      | 0.2 | 10.0     | 44.8 | 5.3      | 0.7 | 3.1       |
| 2017-43-22       | 1.3      | 18.9      | 0.4 | 23.3     | 37.7 | 3.0      | 1.4 | 0.9       |
| 2017-43-8        | 2.1      | 33.4      | 0.9 | 23.3     | 21.6 | 3.0      | 1.3 | 3.0       |
| 2017-44-15       | 2.4      | 44.4      | 0.8 | 30.0     | 64.5 | 2.0      | 1.0 | 2.2       |
| 2017-44-18       | 1.5      | 26.7      | 1.0 | 23.3     | 61.7 | 3.0      | 1.0 | 0.7       |
| 2017-44-2        | 2.8      | 40.0      | 0.7 | 30.0     | 43.8 | 3.0      | 2.8 | 0.7       |
| 2017-44-21       | 1.4      | 18.4      | 0.9 | 21.0     | 41.9 | 2.0      | 1.6 | 3.1       |
| 2017-44-23       | 1.1      | 16.7      | 0.3 | 43.3     | 49.4 | 3.0      | 0.7 | 3.9       |
| 2017-45-12       | 2.1      | 33.4      | 0.8 | 16.7     | 50.7 | 3.0      | 2.3 |           |
| 2017-45-13       | 1.4      | 25.0      | 0.1 | 23.3     | 44.1 | 3.0      | 0.5 | 3.6       |
| 2017-45-16       | 1.0      | 20.0      | 0.2 | 7.7      | 34.7 | 6.5      | 0.3 | 5.0       |
| 2017-45-7        | 1.5      | 23.3      | 0.5 | 23.3     | 52.2 | 3.0      | 0.2 | 2.1       |
| 2017-46-10       | 0.9      | 16.7      | 0.2 | 7.7      | 33.4 | 3.0      | 1.7 | 3.2       |
| 2017-46-19       | 2.3      | 36.7      | 0.5 | 7.7      | 33.6 | 2.0      | 1.0 | 3.5       |
| 2017-46-5        | 2.0      | 26.7      | 0.8 | 23.3     | 44.1 | 3.0      | 1.4 | 2.8       |
| 2017-47-3        | 1.2      | 21.1      | 0.5 | 30.0     | 50.1 | 5.3      | 2.1 | 5.3       |
| 2017-47-6        | 1.2      | 16.7      | 0.6 | 23.3     | 40.5 | 5.3      | 2.1 | 2.2       |
| 2017-59-2        | 1.8      | 28.3      | 0.7 | 16.7     | 27.5 | 11.0     | 2.0 | 3.2       |
| 2017-60-6        | 1.9      | 25.6      | 0.4 | 27.7     | 30.2 | 6.5      | 1.1 | 2.0       |
| 2017-69-13       | 1.9      | 31.1      | 0.7 | 36.7     | 54.8 | 3.0      | 5.2 | 4.5       |
| 2017-69-15       | 1.6      | 24.4      | 0.2 | 30.0     | 70.2 | 3.0      | 2.1 | 2.3       |
| 2019-21-12       | 0.8      | 15.0      | 0.5 | 16.7     | 57.6 | 3.0      | 0.8 |           |
| 2019-23-31       |          |           |     | 16.7     | 64.9 | 5.3      | 2.6 |           |

| 2019-24-13  | 7.7 | 40.0 | 0.1 | 23.3 | 52.6 | 5.3  | 0.8 |      |
|-------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|
| 2019-25-100 | 1.5 | 27.8 | 0.1 | 30.0 | 46.8 | 5.3  | 0.8 |      |
| 2019-25-29  | 2.1 | 33.3 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 38.7 | 6.5  | 3.1 |      |
| 2019-25-75  | 1.5 | 26.7 | 0.1 | 30.0 | 68.7 | 7.7  | 1.7 |      |
| 2019-26-24  | 2.2 | 30.0 | 0.2 | 23.3 | 55.4 | 5.3  | 1.1 |      |
| 2019-26-26  | 1.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 23.3 | 58.0 | 3.0  | 2.6 |      |
| 2019-26-73  | 1.1 | 21.7 | 0.2 | 30.0 | 36.5 | 3.0  | 1.9 |      |
| 2019-26-76  | 1.5 | 25.0 | 0.1 | 23.3 | 52.6 | 5.3  | 0.9 |      |
| 2019-26-8   | 1.8 | 28.3 | 0.1 | 30.0 | 47.5 | 6.5  | 2.5 |      |
| 2019-27-16  | 1.9 | 35.5 | 1.0 | 43.3 | 64.6 | 7.7  | 1.3 |      |
| 2019-27-25  | 1.6 | 23.3 | 1.2 | 23.3 | 59.5 | 3.0  | 1.0 |      |
| 2019-27-46  | 2.3 | 35.0 | 0.7 | 30.0 | 44.3 | 5.3  | 2.1 |      |
| 2019-27-71  | 1.0 | 18.3 | 0.3 | 10.0 | 52.6 | 3.0  | 1.1 |      |
| 2019-27-74  | 1.4 | 23.3 | 0.2 | 21.0 | 51.3 | 5.3  | 1.3 |      |
| 2019-28-36  | 4.4 | 50.0 | 1.8 | 7.7  | 39.4 | 7.7  | 3.2 |      |
| 2019-28-48  | 1.6 | 25.0 | 0.7 | 23.3 | 33.4 | 5.3  | 2.0 |      |
| 2019-28-60  | 2.7 | 33.3 | 1.6 | 30.0 | 59.8 | 7.7  | 4.1 |      |
| Bearpaw     | 2.7 | 43.3 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 31.3 | 3.0  | 2.3 |      |
| Buzz        | 1.7 | 18.4 | 0.5 |      |      |      |     |      |
| Chevron     | 3.2 | 32.2 | 0.1 | 36.7 | 53.2 | 5.3  | 0.4 |      |
| Haybet      | 1.3 | 23.4 | 0.1 |      |      |      |     |      |
| Hockett     | 1.8 | 26.7 | 0.2 | 23.3 | 42.2 | 10.0 | 0.9 |      |
| Lavina      | 4.5 | 58.4 | 0.4 |      |      |      |     |      |
| Stander     | 3.4 | 30.0 | 0.8 | 55.0 | 62.0 | 16.7 | 8.9 | 13.1 |
| Pinnacle    | 1.9 | 23.4 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 36.2 | 3.0  | 2.0 | 1.9  |

<sup>\*</sup>Due to planting/harvesting errors data from Sidney and Minnesota may represent less than three replicates.

Table 2: Agronomic data for MT barley breeding lines

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|----------------|---|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Line           |   |       |         |         | Bozeman | 1        |        |        |        |
| Line           | Yield                                   | Plump | Protein | Test Wt | Heading | Maturity | Height | Awns   | Rachis |
| 2017-39-11     | 75.6                                    | 93.2  | 12.6    | 51.8    | 165.0   | 203.0    | 68.7   | Medium |        |
| 2017-39-13     |   |       |         |         |         |          |        |        |        |
| 2017-39-7      | 76.2                                    | 85.1  | 13.7    | 50.1    | 174.0   | 200.3    | 78.7   |        |        |
| 2017-40-10     | 89.4                                    | 92.0  | 11.1    | 51.3    | 170.3   | 207.0    | 65.7   | Medium |        |
| 2017-40-17     | 87.9                                    | 96.2  | 11.6    | 51.0    | 170.0   | 199.7    | 69.3   |        |        |
| 2017-41-10     | 83.9                                    | 96.0  | 14.8    | 53.7    | 174.0   | 200.3    | 77.3   |        |        |
| 2017-41-16     | 77.5                                    | 87.3  | 16.1    | 52.0    | 166.7   | 197.0    | 70.3   | Strong |        |
| 2017-41-6      | 77.3                                    | 90.4  | 15.3    | 51.2    | 171.0   | 198.7    | 72.3   |        |        |
| 2017-42-12     | 76.8                                    | 88.9  | 13.3    | 51.3    | 178.0   | 208.7    | 69.3   |        | Strong |
| 2017-42-18     | 90.9                                    | 95.0  | 14.0    | 52.6    | 179.0   | 207.0    | 77.0   | Strong |        |
| 2017-42-2      | 86.8                                    | 86.3  | 14.2    | 53.6    | 177.0   | 207.0    | 79.3   |        |        |
| 2017-42-3      | 102.2                                   | 91.1  | 12.1    | 53.9    | 177.0   | 204.7    | 75.3   | Medium |        |

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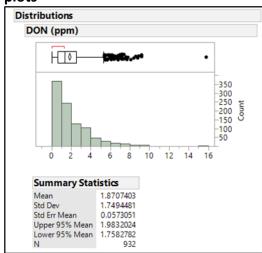
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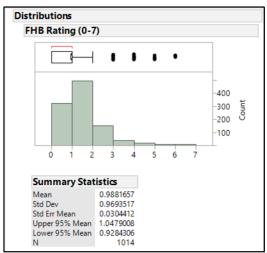
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Objective 2: Because of hill plot screening in 2019 and 2020, we were able to include lines in 2021 for screening in larger plots and at multiple locations (these are lines that begin with 2019-). Some of these lines show DON accumulation at levels similar to Bearpaw and Pinnacle and show promise for future screening. We have planted more than 1000 hill plots this year including new crosses.

Figure 1: Distributions of FHB ratings (0-7 scale) and DON concentration for 2021 barley hill plots





Objective 3: We have identified the isolates collected in 2019 down to species level (Figure 2). We found that *F. graminearum* is the predominant species in 2019 however there were two fields of malt barley that had high levels of *F. sporotrichioides*. Our graduate student has moved forward with these findings and is evaluating these isolates for growth temperature sensitivity, fungicide sensitivity, and virulence on Bearpaw and Hockett.

Additionally, we have identified the *F. graminearum* 3-ADON chemotype for the first time in Montana. These were found in large proportion in two durum fields in the far northeast corner of the state bordering Canada and North Dakota (Figure 3). These fields had a very high incidence of FHB in 2019 but DON records are unavailable because the field was not harvested due to very excessive rainfall amounts that year. We have included two of these isolates into our pathogen mix for the screening nursery in 2022.

F. poae

F redolens

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Figure 2: Proportion of Fusarium species in Montana fields sampled in 2019

Figure 3: Proportion of different chemotypes of F. graminearum in Montana fields sampled in 2019

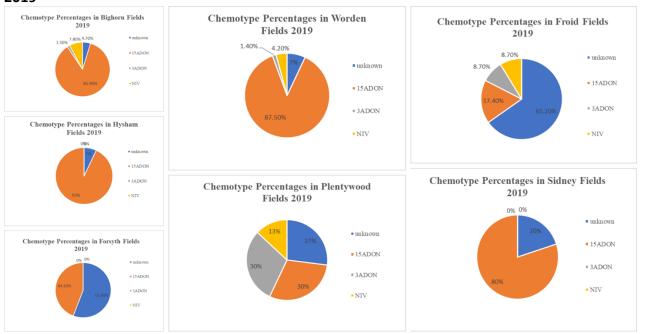
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c) List key outcomes or other achievements.

Objective 1: We have identified potential candidates for the breeding program that we will continue to evaluate.

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Objective 2: We have been moving potential lines forward and are still performing crosses in the greenhouse.

*Objective 3*: We have identified the *F. graminearum* 3-ADON chemotype for the first time in Montana. We will be using these isolates for resistant varietal development.

# 3. What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

The *Fusarium* species objective of the project is being led by a MS level graduate student.

## 4. How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest?

Results of the screening have been presented at field days and included in the regional MonDak research report that reaches approximately 2500 people in Montana and North Dakota annually.

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# **Publications, Conference Papers, and Presentations**

Please include a listing of all your publications/presentations about your <u>FHB work</u> that were a result of funding from your FY21 grant award. Only citations for publications <u>published</u> (submitted or accepted) or presentations <u>presented</u> during the **award period** should be included.

# Did you publish/submit or present anything during this award period? ☐ Yes, I've included the citation reference in listing(s) below. ☐ No, I have nothing to report. Journal publications as a result of FY21 grant award List peer-reviewed articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals. Include any peer-reviewed publication in the periodically published proceedings of a scientific society, a conference, or the like. Identify for each publication: Author(s); title; journal; volume: year; page numbers; status of publication (published [include DOI#];

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