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National FHB Forum Gathering Experts in Denver, Colorado

September 22, 2025 – Researchers, industry leaders, and stakeholders will meet in Denver, Colorado, December 7–9, 2025, for the [National Fusarium Head Blight Forum](#), hosted by the U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI). The event brings together top experts and stakeholders to address Fusarium Head Blight (FHB, scab), a costly disease impacting wheat and barley crops across the U.S.

The Forum will feature keynote speakers **Richard Horsley**, professor at North Dakota State University, and **Molly Miller**, vice president of regulatory and technical affairs at North American Millers' Association, along with an [impressive lineup of presenters](#) and more than 60 research posters. Sessions will highlight the latest breakthroughs in breeding, crop protection, disease management, and strategies for reducing harmful Fusarium-associated toxins that threaten grain quality.

"The National FHB Forum is where collaboration drives progress," says **Ruth Dill-Macky**, USWBSI Researcher Co-Chair. "It's a unique opportunity for farmers, researchers, and industry partners to exchange ideas and address challenges that shape our collective efforts to reduce the impact of FHB on wheat and barley."

Registration Information

Registration for the National FHB Forum is now open. An early bird rate of \$295 is available until November 3, 2025. For more information on the agenda, speakers, and to register and reserve your hotel accommodations, please visit scabusa.org/forum25.

About the USWBSI National Fusarium Head Blight Forum

The National FHB Forum is an annual event dedicated to fostering dialogue and advancing scientific knowledge to reduce the impact of FHB (scab) on wheat and barley. It attracts a diverse audience of academic and government scientists, industry leaders and stakeholders, offering a platform for exchanging ideas and exploring innovations.

The USWBSI is a national multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional research consortium whose goal is to develop effective control measures that minimize the threat of Fusarium Head Blight (scab), including the production of mycotoxins, for producers, processors and consumers of wheat and barley. The USWBSI's annual budget comes from Federal funds appropriated through the USDA and is distributed to 125 research projects in more than 30 states.

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