

USWBSI Steering Committee

Area	Representative 1	Representative 2	Representative 3	Representative 4	Representative 5
Wheat Millers (soft and hard)	Reuben McLean (Grain Craft, ID) - <i>2026 (EC)</i>	North American Millers' Association (Molly Miller, VA)			
Wheat Growers	Bryan Jorgenson (South Dakota Wheat Commission, SD) - <i>2025</i>	Co-Chair: Richard Magnusson (MN) - <i>2024 (EC)</i>	National Association of Wheat Growers (Jake Westlin)		
Barley Growers	Minnesota Barley Council (Marv Zutz, MN)	North Dakota Barley Council (Scott Nelson, ND)			
Durum Growers	Dustin Johnsrud (North Dakota Wheat Commission) - <i>2025</i>	U.S. Durum Growers Association (Louis Kuster, ND)			
Seed Industry	Grant Mehring (Monsanto, KS) - <i>2023</i>				
Crop Protection	Kevin Thorsness (Bayer CropScience, ND) - <i>2025</i>				
Malting & Brewing Industry	Scott Heisel (American Malting Barley Association, WI) - <i>2025 (EC)</i>	Xiang Yin (Rahr Corp., MN) - <i>2023</i>	Paul Sadosky (MillerCoors, WI) - <i>2024</i>		
Other	Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota) - <i>2023 (EC)</i>				
Plant Breeder Public - Wheat	Esten Mason (Colorado State University) - <i>2026 (EC)</i>				
Plant Breeder Public - Barley	Rich Horsley (North Dakota State Univ.) - <i>2023 (EC)</i>	Kevin Smith (Univ. of Minnesota) - <i>2023</i>			
Pathology - Barley	Austin Case (ABInBev, CO) - <i>2023</i>	Allysa Collins (Pennsylvania State Univ.) - <i>2023</i>	Frankie Crutcher (Montana State University) - <i>2023</i>		
Pathology - Wheat	Co-Chair: Ruth Dill-Macky (Univ. of Minnesota) - <i>2025 (EC)</i>	Carl Bradley (Univ. of Kentucky) - <i>2025 (EC)</i>	Pravin Gautam (BASF, NE) - <i>2025</i>	Steven Xu (USDA-ARS, CA) - <i>2026 (EC)</i>	
Food Safety/Toxicology	Vacant				
Pasta Industry	Alexis "Lexi" Freier-Johnson (Dakota Growers Pasta Co., MN) - <i>2025</i>				
Ag. Experiment Station Directors	Joleen Hadrich (Univ. of Minnesota- NCRA) - <i>2025</i>	Jeff Edwards (Univ. of Arkansas - SAAESD) - <i>2024</i>			
Research Area Committee (RAC) Chairs	MGMT - Kaitlyn Bissonnette, Cotton Inc. (<i>2023</i>); FST - Dave Kendra, Cibus, CA (<i>2023</i>); GDER - Jyoti Shah, Univ. of North Texas (<i>2024</i>); and PBG - Lisa Vaillancourt (<i>2023</i>)				
Coordinated Project Committee (CPC) Chairs	Barley CP - Tom Baldwin, North Dakota State Univ. (<i>2024</i>); Durum CP - Andrew Friskop, North Dakota State Univ. (<i>2023</i>); Hard Winter Wheat CP - Jessica Rupp, Kansas State Univ. (<i>2023</i>); VDHR-Spring Wheat Region - Andrew Green, North Dakota State Univ. (<i>2023</i>); VDHR-Northern Winter Wheat Region - Clay Sneller, The Ohio State Univ. (<i>2024</i>); and VDHR-Southern Winter Wheat Region - Rick Boyles, Clemson Univ. (<i>2024</i>)				
USDA-ARS National Program Leader overseeing the USWBSI	Tim Widmer, National Program Leader-Plant Health, USDA-ARS, MD (<i>EC</i>)				

Year term expires is indicated in red font.

SC terms for EC members and RA/CP Committee chairs are superseded by the terms of their home committee.

Northern and Southern Associations of Ag Experiment Station Directors appoint their reps to the steering committee for four year terms.

Organizational Representation - no set term limit

USWBSI Executive Committee	
Representative Commodity	Name (Organization)
Winter Wheat	Carl Bradley (Univ. of Kentucky, KY) - 2025
Spring Wheat	Ruth Dill-Macky (Co-Chair , Univ. of Minnesota, MN) - 2025
Malting Industry	Scott Heisel (American Malting Barley Assoc., WI) - 2025
Barley	Rich Horsley (North Dakota State Univ., ND) - 2023
All	Richard Magnusson (Co-Chair , Private Grower, MN) - 2024
Winter Wheat	Esten Mason (Colorado State Univ., CO) - 2026
Spring Wheat	Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota, MN) - 2023
Milling Industry	Reuben McLean (Grain Craft, ID) - 2026
Durum	Steven Xu (USDA-ARS, CA) - 2026
USDA-ARS	Tim Widmer (USDA-ARS, MD) - non-voting
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USWBSI Research Area Committees		
FHB Management (MGMT)	Kaitlyn Bissonnette (Cotton Inc.) - 2023	Chair - 2023
	Alyssa Koehler (Univ. of Delaware) - 2023	Vice-Chair - 2024
	Briana Whitaker (USDA-ARS, IL) - 2026	
	Christina Cowger (USDA-ARS, NC) - 2023	
	Erick DeWolf (Kansas State Univ.) - 2026	
MGMT's Integrated Management Coordinated Project (IM-CP)	Pierce Paul (The Ohio State Univ.)	Chair
	Nathan Kleczewski (Growmark, Inc)	
	Kiersten Wise (Univ. of Kentucky)	
Food Safety and Toxicology (FST)	David Kendra (Cibus, CA) - 2023	Chair - 2023
	Mark Busman (USDA-ARS,IL) - 2026	Vice-Chair - 2024
	Chris Maragos (USDA-ARS, IL) - 2026	
	Dojin Ryu (Univ. of Idaho) - 2023	
Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance (GDER)	Jyoti Shah (Univ. of North Texas) - 2024	Chair - 2024
	Harold Trick (Kansas State Univ.) - 2026	Vice-Chair - 2024
	William Hay (USDA-ARS, IL) - 2024	
	Nidhi Rawat (Univ. of Maryland) - 2023	
Pathogen Biology & Genetics (PBG)	Lisa Vaillancourt (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2023	Chair - 2023
	Guixia Hao (USDA-ARS, IL) - 2024	Vice-Chair - 2024
	Santiago Mideros (Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) - 2026	
	Milton Drott (USDA-ARS, MN) - 2026	
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USWBSI Commodity-based Coordinated Project (CP) Committees		
Barley Coordinated Project (BAR-CP)	Tom Baldwin (North Dakota State Univ) - 2024	Chair - 2024
	Ashley McFarland (American Malting Barley Assoc.) - 2026	
	Austin Case (Anheuser-Busch, CO) - 2026	
Durum Coordinated Project (DUR-CP)	Andrew Friskop (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2024	Chair - 2023
	Elias Elias (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2026	
	Greg Viers (Barilla America, Inc.) - 2024	
Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project (HWW- CP)	Jessica Rupp (Kansas State Univ) - 2023	Chair - 2023
	Shaukat Ali (South Dakota State Univ.) - 2026	
	Sunish Sehgal (South Dakota State Univ.) - 2025	
Variety Development - Spring Wheat (SPR)	Andrew Green (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2025	Chair - 2023
	Jason Cook (Montana State Univ.) - 2023	
	Jason Fiedler (USDA-ARS, ND) - 2026	
Variety Development - Northern Soft Winter Wheat (NWW)	Clay Sneller (The Ohio State Univ.) - 2026	Chair - 2024
	Jessica Rutkoski (Univ. of Illinois) - 2024	
	Dave Van Sanford (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2024	
Variety Development - Southern Soft Winter Wheat (SWW)	Rick Boyles (Clemson Univ.) - 2023	Chair - 2024
	Steve Harrison (Louisiana State Univ. Ag Center) - 2024	
	Allen Becker (GrowPro Genetics, LLC) - 2023	
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