

USWBSI VDHR-NWW Mid-Year Planning Meeting Report
Met Via Zoom
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ATTENDEES

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Three USWBSI items discussed

1. We discussed the VDHR action plan goals and measurables as drafted by the leads of each VDHR CP. No objections were raised, and all members felt that items were sufficient and covered everything we currently do and/or are likely to do in the next 2-4 years. Thus, no changes were forwarded.
2. There was a discussion of the logistics of the new format of the USWBSI grants, primarily going from 2 to 4 years. It was decided that we would no longer have the “Coordinated Phenotyping” cooperative project. That project funded the phenotyping of lines entered in uniform trials and in each state’s trial for commercial lines. Those activities will continue, but each state will now simply include them and their budget’s into their individual project. Ohio State will continue to coordinate the two USWBSI specific trials (manage entries, distribute seed, data summaries, and the final report).
3. The members of the NWW-CP endorsed continuing the Coordinate Genomic Selection project as a 4-year project. The budget covers genotyping lines from all projects and funding a coordinator. The funding for those will all be included in one budget awarded to the PIs (Ohio State) institution.

There was additional discussion on the logistics of the current coordinated genomic selection project. Specifically, the curation of data from past trials, formatting of data from 2021 trials to ease rapid submission to T3, managing the genotyping data, activities each breeder will request from the coordinator, and training populations for each breeder.