# USWBSI Individual Project(s)

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**FY18 Total ARS Award Amount**

$65,905

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* MGMT – FHB Management  
  FST – Food Safety & Toxicology  
  GDER – Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance  
  PBG – Pathogen Biology & Genetics  
  EC-HQ – Executive Committee-Headquarters  
  BAR-CP – Barley Coordinated Project  
  DUR-CP – Durum Coordinated Project  
  HWW-CP – Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project  
  VDHR – Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries – Sub categories are below:  
    SPR – Spring Wheat Region  
    NW – Northern Soft Winter Wheat Region  
    SW – Southern Soft Red Winter Wheat Region
Project 1: A Centralized Wheat Transformation Facility for the Fusarium Community.

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

The major goal of this project was to maintain a wheat plant transformation facility for U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative. The main objective was to generate transgenic plants and provide T1 generation seed stocks to funded Initiative research projects.

2. What was accomplished under these goals? Address items 1-4) below for each goal or objective.

1) major activities

The transformation facility has setup protocols to provide transformation services year round. Cultivars are planted weekly or biweekly to ensure constant supply of immature embryos used as targets for genetic transformations. On a weekly basis several experiments are simultaneously going. After transformation the cultures go through the transformation selection, plant regeneration process, followed by molecular confirmation genetic transformation. Approximately five-six months after initiating transformation seeds representing the T1 generation were and will be harvested and mailed to PIs under the appropriate APHIS movement Permit.

2) specific objectives

PI’s from three Initiative funded projects [FY16-RA-026 (Rawat), FY16-SH004 (Shah) and FY16-TU-011 (Tumer)] have submitted vectors for wheat transformation.

3) significant results

For project FY16-TU-0111 four vectors including a blank cassette were submitted and a total of ten separate bombardments were performed in the reporting timeframe. Three cultivars have been used in these experiments including Bobwhite, Forefront, and RB07. Selection and regeneration is still ongoing for a few of these experiments and have four additional events that need to be shipped to the PI.

For project FY16-RA-026 (Rawat) five vectors were submitted and in this reporting date eight separate bombardments were performed generating 14 additional transgenic lines. Cultivars used for this project were Bobwhite and Fielder as requested by the PI.

For project FY16-SH004 (Shah) two vectors have been submitted. In this reporting timeframe nine additional bombardments have been made for these two vectors and thirteen putative transformed lines have been identified. Selection continues for a few of these experiments.

4) key outcomes or other achievements
The generation of wheat transgenic lines for collaborators and providing them with seeds representing T1 generation.

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

This project, in part, has provided tissue culture and transformation of wheat cultures training for one Post doc (Yueying Chen), two PhD student (Jordan Brungardt and Monica Navia) and two undergraduates (Harley Pag-Letterman and Logan Whetzel).

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

Individuals providing vectors were updated periodically of progress on their requests and at the annual NFHBF meeting.
Training of Next Generation Scientists

Instructions: Please answer the following questions as it pertains to the FY18 award period. The term “support” below includes any level of benefit to the student, ranging from full stipend plus tuition to the situation where the student’s stipend was paid from other funds, but who learned how to rate scab in a misted nursery paid for by the USWBSI, and anything in between.

1. Did any graduate students in your research program supported by funding from your USWBSI grant earn their MS degree during the FY18 award period?
   
   No
   
   If yes, how many?

2. Did any graduate students in your research program supported by funding from your USWBSI grant earn their Ph.D. degree during the FY18 award period?
   
   No
   
   If yes, how many?

3. Have any post docs who worked for you during the FY18 award period and were supported by funding from your USWBSI grant taken faculty positions with universities?
   
   Yes
   
   If yes, how many?
   
   one

4. Have any post docs who worked for you during the FY18 award period and were supported by funding from your USWBSI grant gone on to take positions with private ag-related companies or federal agencies?
   
   No
   
   If yes, how many?
Release of Germplasm/Cultivars

**Instructions:** In the table below, list all germplasm and/or cultivars released with full or partial support through the USWBSI during the FY18 award period. All columns must be completed for each listed germplasm/cultivar. Use the key below the table for Grain Class abbreviations.

**NOTE:** Leave blank if you have nothing to report or if your grant did NOT include any VDHR-related projects.

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<th>Name of Germplasm/Cultivar</th>
<th>Grain Class</th>
<th>FHB Resistance (S, MS, MR, R, where R represents your most resistant check)</th>
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**NOTE:** List the associated release notice or publication under the appropriate sub-section in the ‘Publications’ section of the FPR.

**Abbreviations for Grain Classes**
- Barley - BAR
- Durum - DUR
- Hard Red Winter - HRW
- Hard White Winter - HWW
- Hard Red Spring - HRS
- Soft Red Winter - SRW
- Soft White Winter - SWW
Publications, Conference Papers, and Presentations

Instructions: Refer to the FY18-FPR_Instructions for detailed instructions for listing publications/presentations about your work that resulted from all of the projects included in the FY18 grant. Only include citations for publications submitted or presentations given during your award period (05/23/18 - 05/22/19). If you did not have any publications or presentations, state ‘Nothing to Report’ directly above the Journal publications section.

NOTE: Directly below each reference/citation, you must indicate the Status (i.e. published, submitted, etc.) and whether acknowledgement of Federal support was indicated in publication/presentation. See example below for a poster presentation with an abstract:

Status: Abstract Published and Poster Presented
Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES (poster), NO (abstract)

Journal publications.

Status: Published
Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES

Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications.

none

Other publications, conference papers and presentations.

Chen, Hui; Su Zhenqi; Tian, Bin; Trick, Harold N.; and Bai, Guihua. 2018. CRISPR/Cas9 editing technology for FHB resistance improvement in wheat. Annual meeting of the National Fusarium Head Blight Forum, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. December 2-4, 2018.
Status: Abstract Published and Invited talk Presented
Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES (presentation), Yes (abstract)

Status: Abstract Published and Poster Presented
Acknowledgement of Federal Support: YES (poster), Yes (abstract)

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