

**FY22 Performance Progress Report**

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<b>USDA-ARS Agreement ID:</b>	59-0206-2-154
<b>USDA-ARS Agreement Title:</b>	Mycotoxin Testing Services at Virginia Tech
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<b>Fiscal Year:</b>	2022
<b>FY22 USDA-ARS Award Amount:</b>	\$96,739
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<b>Reporting Period End Date:</b>	April 30, 2023

## USWBSI Individual Project(s)

USWBSI Research Category*	Project Title	ARS Award Amount
FST-S	Diagnostic Testing Services for Deoxynivalenol in the Eastern U.S.	\$96,739
<b>FY22 Total ARS Award Amount</b>		<b>\$96,739</b>

I am submitting this report as an:  Annual Report

*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.*



July 24, 2023

Principal Investigator Signature

Date Report Submitted

† 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  
 VDHR – Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries  
 NWW – Northern Soft Winter Wheat Region  
 SPR – Spring Wheat Region  
 SWW – Southern Soft Red Winter Wheat Region

**Project 1:** Diagnostic Testing Services for Deoxynivalenol in the Eastern U.S.

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

The overall goals of our project were to (1) provide diagnostic testing services for DON for wheat and barley samples associated with USWBSI-supported research projects in the eastern U.S. and (2) reduce DON contamination in wheat and 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?**

In FY22, DON data was delivered for 4,929 wheat and barley samples from the following USWBSI investigators: Bowen (80 samples), Boyles (522 samples), Darby (110 samples), Glover (1,520 samples), Koehler (245 samples), Santantonio (1,400 samples), Toomajian (752) and Wegulo (300 samples). The testing number does NOT include controls, checks, and re-runs. Most of the samples tested in FY22 were 100g kernel lots from FHB field trials, but some were smaller lots from laboratory experiments. Extraction, clean-up, and quantification of DON were conducted following standard protocols using a GC/MS. Research associate Niki McMaster and PI David Schmale attended the 2022 USWBSI meeting in Florida.

**b) What were the significant results?**

The proposed project provided essential DON testing services for the USWBSI, and supported the only USWBSI-associated DON testing lab in the eastern U.S. Many of the wheat and barley lines had not been tested previously for mycotoxins.

**c) List key outcomes or other achievements.**

The research has contributed to the development and release of new FHB-resistant wheat and barley varieties and has ensured rigorous testing of both new and historical wheat and barley varieties for mycotoxin contamination. The Schmale Lab at Virginia Tech continues to be committed to the long-term management of a successful and productive mycotoxin testing lab for the USWBSI. DON testing services were coordinated, supported, and managed by research associate Niki McMaster.

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

Research associate Niki McMaster continued to improve her analytical skills in mycotoxin detection and quantification.

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

Schmale gave a series of lectures on mycotoxins for about 100 undergraduate students and 3 graduate students at Virginia Tech. McMaster communicated with USWBSI stakeholders via phone and email to coordinate sample collection, processing, and testing. Results were disseminated to stakeholders at the 2022 USWBSI meeting in Florida.

## Publications, Conference Papers, and Presentations

Please include a listing of all your publications/presentations about your FHB work that were a result of funding from your FY22 grant award. Only citations for publications published (submitted or accepted) or presentations presented during the **award period** should be included.

**Did you publish/submit or present anything during this award period May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023?**

Yes, I've included the citation reference in listing(s) below.

No, I have nothing to report.

### Journal publications as a result of FY22 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#]; accepted, awaiting publication; submitted, under review; other); acknowledgement of federal support (yes/no).

Machado, F. J., de Barros, A. V., McMaster, N., Schmale, D. G., Del Ponte, E. M., & Vaillancourt, L. J. 2023. A multivariate analysis of phenotypic traits of strains of *Fusarium graminearum* and *F. meridionale* supports structure by species. *Plant Pathology*, 13720.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/ppa.13720>

Status: Published

Acknowledgement of Federal Support: Yes

### Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications as a result of FY22 award

*Report any book, monograph, dissertation, abstract, or the like published as or in a separate publication, rather than a periodical or series. Include any significant publication in the proceedings of a one-time conference or in the report of a one-time study, commission, or the like.*

Identify for each one-time publication: Author(s); title; editor; title of collection, if applicable; bibliographic information; year; type of publication (book, thesis, or dissertation, other); status of publication (published; accepted, awaiting publication; submitted, under review; other); acknowledgement of federal support (yes/no).

### Other publications, conference papers and presentations as a result of FY22 award

Identify any other publications, conference papers and/or presentations not reported above. Specify the status of the publication.

## USWBSI ADDENDUM

### DON Service Labs – Quality Control (QC) Data

Note: What is being requested is the across lab quality control data (separate QC from Trilogy).

**Insert below Quality Control Data/Results from the Award Period (6/7/22 -6/6/23):**

Quality control data were collected at Virginia Tech through (a) the blind testing of samples with unknown DON levels (coordinated by the USWBSI through Trilogy Analytical Laboratories), and (b) the testing of subsamples of grain lots in each GC/MS run (to test for consistency among GC/MS runs). Known standards are run throughout the the GC/MS run to establish our standard curves.

- a. QC data for blind testing of samples from Trilogy Labs (coordinated by Trilogy Labs, and communicated through Amber Hoffstetter; amber.hoffstetter@scabusa.org). Lab ID ‘Lab3’ is the Virginia Tech lab (highlighted in grey). 3-1 and 3-2 represent two different GC-MS machines. Lab IDs 1-4 are other USWBSI labs. Data are in ppm.

Testing Period	Trilogy Sample	Trilogy Quant	Lab 1	Lab 2-1	Lab 2-2	Lab 3-1	Lab 3-2	Lab 4-1	Lab 4-2
22-Aug	Low	3.60	2.85	2.30	---	2.80	2.60	3.09	3.41
	Med	8.60	7.07	4.60	---	6.67	6.32	7.43	7.69
	High	9.30	7.23	4.90	---	6.73	6.66	7.73	7.87
22-Sep	Low	3.80	4.20	3.80	---	3.98	3.92	3.50	3.66
	Med	4.30	4.40	4.00	---	4.54	4.41	3.58	3.95
	High	4.90	6.00	5.90	---	5.14	4.91	5.46	5.33
22-Oct	Low	2.00	3.10	2.70	---	1.93	1.93	2.33	2.22
	Med	3.40	4.90	4.80	---	3.48	3.51	3.20	3.28
	High	8.60	10.30	9.70	---	6.48	6.43	7.15	7.52
22-Nov	Low	1.60	1.00	1.40	---	1.28	1.24	1.62	1.57
	Med	3.80	2.60	4.80	---	3.97	3.76	3.57	3.58
	High	4.90	5.30	6.20	---	4.96	4.88	5.22	5.30
22-Dec	Low	2.00	2.10	2.00	2.00	1.68	1.58	1.97	1.93
	Med	2.00	2.50	1.80	1.90	1.80	1.86	2.30	2.30
	High	4.50	5.00	4.70	4.90	4.32	4.24	3.57	3.69
23-Jan	Low	1.00	1.40	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.02	1.10	1.07
	Med	4.90	6.00	6.30	6.40	4.42	4.28	5.71	5.46
	High	8.60	8.50	8.30	8.60	5.90	6.07	7.30	7.48
23-Feb	Low	0.40	0.55	0.60	---	0.41	0.40	0.66	0.73
	Med	1.90	1.95	1.80	---	1.51	1.62	2.35	2.49
	High	4.60	5.45	6.10	---	4.95	5.15	4.55	4.78
23-Mar	Low	0.40	0.80	0.50	---	0.40	0.36	0.67	0.75
	Med	2.40	1.90	1.90	---	2.07	1.97	2.57	2.71
	High	4.50	5.20	4.60	---	3.91	4.25	3.70	3.81
23-Apr	Low	1.90	1.70	1.70	---	1.23	1.25	2.32	2.24
	Med	3.80	3.50	3.50	---	3.31	3.31	3.67	3.61
	High	4.90	4.50	4.90	---	4.12	4.16	5.18	5.20

b. QC data from internal checks of subsamples of grain lots from Trilogy (13-Aug-3) in each GC/MS run (to test for consistency among GC/MS runs). Trilogy sample 13-Aug-3 was measured 247 times, and determined to have an average DON concentration of 3.96 ppm with a standard error of the mean of 0.025.

