

USWBSI Steering Committee

Area	Representative 1	Representative 2	Representative 3	Representative 4	Representative 5
Wheat Millers (soft and hard)	Carl Schwinke (Siemer Milling Co., IL) - 2022 (EC)	North American Millers' Association (Dale Nellor)			
Wheat Growers	Bryan Jorgenson (South Dakota Wheat Commission, SD) - 2025	Co-Chair: Richard Magnusson (MN) - 2024 (EC)	National Association of Wheat Growers (Jake Westlin)		
Barley Growers	Minnesota Barley Council (Marv Zutz, MN)	North Dakota Barley Council (Mark Seastrand, ND)			
Durum Growers	Dustin Johnsrud (North Dakota Wheat Commission) - 2025	U.S. Durum Growers Association (Louis Kuster, ND)			
Seed Industry	Grant Mehring (Monsanto, KS) - 2023				
Crop Protection	Kevin Thorsness (Bayer CropScience, ND) - 2025				
Malting & Brewing Industry	Scott Heisel (American Malting Barley Association, WI) - 2025 (EC)	Xiang Yin (Rahr Corp., MN) - 2023	Paul Sadosky (MillerCoors, WI) - 2024		
Other	Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2023 (EC)				
Plant Breeder Public - Wheat	Esten Mason (Colorado State University) - 2022 (EC)				
Plant Breeder Public - Barley	Rich Horsley (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2023 (EC)	Kevin Smith (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2023			
Pathology - Barley	Austin Case (ABInBev, CO) - 2023	Allysa Collins (Pennsylvania State Univ.) - 2023	Frankie Crutcher (Montana State University) - 2023		
Pathology - Wheat	Co-Chair: Ruth Dill-Macky (Univ. of Minnesota) - 2025 (EC)	Carl Bradley (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2025 (EC)	Pravin Gautam (BASF, NE) - 2025	Shaobin Zhong (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2022 (EC)	
Food Safety/Toxicology	Vacant				
Pasta Industry	Alexis "Lexi" Freier-Johnson (Dakota Growers Pasta Co., MN) - 2025				
Ag. Experiment Station Directors	Doug Buhler (Michigan State Univ.- NCRA) - 2025	Jeff Edwards (Univ. of Arkansas - SAAESD) - 2024			
Research Area Committee (RAC) Chairs	MGMT - Kaitlyn Bissonnette, Cotton Inc. (2023); FST - Dave Kendra, Cibus, CA (2023); GDER - Jyoti Shah, Univ. of North Texas (2022); and PBG - Martha Vaughan, USDA-ARS, IL (2022)				
Coordinated Project Committee (CPC) Chairs	Barley CP - Tom Baldwin, North Dakota State Univ. (2022); Durum CP - Andrew Friskop, North Dakota State Univ. (2023); Hard Winter Wheat CP - Jessica Rupp, Kansas State Univ. (2023); VDHR-Spring Wheat Region - Andrew Green, North Dakota State Univ. (2023); VDHR-Northern Winter Wheat Region - Clay Sneller, The Ohio State Univ. (2022); and VDHR-Southern Winter Wheat Region - Steve Harrison, Louisiana State Univ. (2022)				
USDA-ARS National Program Leader overseeing the USWBSI	Tim Widmer, National Program Leader-Plant Health, USDA-ARS, MD (EC)				

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) - 2022
Spring Wheat	Gary Muehlbauer (Univ. of Minnesota, MN) - 2023
Milling Industry	Carl Schwinke (Siemer Milling Co., IL) - 2022
Durum	Shaobin Zhong (North Dakota State Univ., ND) - 2022
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
	Erick DeWolf (Kansas State Univ.) - 2022	Vice-Chair - 2022
	Emmanuel Byamukama (USDA-NIFA) - 2022	
	Christina Cowger (USDA-ARS, NC) - 2023	
	Alyssa Koehler (Univ. of Delaware) - 2023	
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
	Paul Schwarz (Retired) - 2022	Vice-Chair - 2022
	Anthony Adeuya (Food and Drug Admin.) - 2022	
	Dojin Ryu (Univ. of Idaho) - 2023	
Gene Discover & Engineering Resistance (GDER)	Jyoti Shah (Univ. of North Texas) - 2024	Chair - 2022
	Harold Trick (Kansas State Univ.) - 2022	Vice-Chair - 2022
	William Hay (USDA-ARS, IL) - 2024	
	Nidhi Rawat (Univ. of Maryland) - 2023	
Pathogen Biology & Genetics (PBG)	Martha Vaughan (USDA-ARS, IL) - 2022	Chair - 2022
	Lisa Vaillancourt (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2022	Vice-Chair - 2022
	Guixia Hao (USDA-ARS, IL) - 2024	
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USWBSI Commodity-based Coordinated Project (CP) Committees		
Barley Coordinated Project (BAR-CP)	Tom Baldwin (North Dakota State Univ) - 2024	Chair - 2022
	Kathy Klos (USDA-AS, ID) - 2022	
	Austin Case (Anheuser-Busch, CO) - 2022	
Durum Coordinated Project (DUR-CP)	Andrew Friskop (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2024	Chair - 2023
	Steven Xu (USDA-ARS, CA) - 2025	
	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.) - 2022	
	Sunish Sehgal (South Dakota State Univ.) - 2025	
Variety Development - Spring Wheat Parents (SPR)	Andrew Green (North Dakota State Univ.) - 2025	Chair - 2023
	Jason Cook (Montana State Univ.) - 2023	
	Juliet Marshall (Univ. of Idaho) - 2022	
Variety Development - Northern Soft Winter Wheat (NWW)	Clay Sneller (The Ohio State Univ.) - 2022	Chair - 2022
	Jessica Rutkoski (Univ. of Illinois) - 2024	
	Dave Van Sanford (Univ. of Kentucky) - 2024	
Variety Development - Southern Soft Winter Wheat (SWW)	Steve Harrison (Louisiana State Univ. Ag Center) - 2024	Chair - 2022
	Rick Boyles (Clemson Univ.) - 2023	
	Allen Becker (GrowPro Genetics, LLC) - 2023	
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