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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wheat Cultivar Release & Recommendation Committee

FROM: Phil Bruckner, Winter wheat breeder

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RE: Motion to remove Vanguard from the list of winter wheat varieties recommended in Montana

The following motion is presented for consideration at the 2009 Cultivar Release and Recommendation Meeting in Bozeman:

Motion: That Vanguard be removed from the list of winter wheat varieties recommended in Montana for districts 4 and 5.

Description and rationale for motion: Vanguard is a solid-stem hard red winter wheat released by MAES in 1995. Since 1995, Vanguard has occupied approximately 1.1 million acres of Montana's winter wheat acreage. Vanguard is currently recommended for production in sawfly-infested areas of districts 4, and 5. Vanguard acreage has decreased since the release of Genou and was only about 45,000 acres (1.7% of total) in 2008. In addition, the cultivar has been dropped from the winter wheat variety testing program and no Foundation seed is available.