**VARIETY RELEASE COMMITTEES - 2019**

**Chair, Mike Giroux, PSPP Interim Department Head**

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| **Wheat Variety Release Committee** |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Title / Expertise*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Phil Bruckner
2. Luther Talbert
 | Professor / Spring Wheat BreedingProfessor / Winter Wheat Breeding | PSPP Head |
| 2. Deanna Nash | Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal and Forage Quality  | PSPP Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer (for M. Burrows) | Professor / Plant Pathology | PSPP Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | Manager of the Foundation Seed Program / Varietal Development | MT Foundation Seed Board |
| 5. Heather Unverzagt | Exec. Director of the Montana Seed Growers / Foundation Seed and Seed Quality | MT Seed Growers Association Board |
| 6. Prashant Jha | Associate Professor SARC / Weed Scientist | LRES Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Patrick Carr | Associate Professor and Superintendent CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Gadi Reddy | Professor WTARC / Entomology, Insect Ecology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 12. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC / Crop Physiology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 13. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 14. Ken Kephart | Associate Professor and Superintendent SARC / Agronomist  | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Todd Hansen | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Mike O’Hara  | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County  | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
| Ex-officio Daniel Juliano | Associate Director of Technology Licensing / MSU Technology Transfer | V.P. for Research and Economic Development |

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| **Barley and Oats Variety Release Committee** |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Phil Bruckner | Professor / Spring Wheat Breeding | PSPP Head |
| 2. Deanna Nash | Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal and Forage Quality  | PSPP Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer (for M. Burrows) | Professor / Plant Pathologist | PSPP Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | Manager of the Foundation Seed Program / Varietal Development | MT Foundation Seed Board |
| 5. Heather Unverzagt | Exec. Director of the Montana Seed Growers / Foundation Seed and Seed Quality | MT Seed Growers Association Board |
| 6. Prashant Jha | Associate Professor SARC / Weed Scientist | LRES Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Patrick Carr | Associate Professor and Superintendent CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Gadi Reddy | Professor WTARC / Entomology, Insect Ecology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 12. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC / Crop Physiology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 13. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 14. Ken Kephart | Associate Professor and Superintendent SARC / Agronomist  | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Todd Hansen | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Mike O’Hara  | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County  | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
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| **Forage Crop Variety Release Committee** |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Kevin McPhee | Professor / Legume Breeding | PSPP Head |
| 2. Deanna Nash | Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal and Forage Quality  | PSPP Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer (for M. Burrows) | Professor / Plant Pathologist | PSPP Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | Manager of the Foundation Seed Program / Varietal Development | MT Foundation Seed Board |
| 5. Heather Unverzagt | Exec. Director of the Montana Seed Growers / Foundation Seed and Seed Quality | MT Seed Growers Association Board |
| 6. Prashant Jha | Associate Professor SARC / Weed Scientist | LRES Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Patrick Carr | Associate Professor and Superintendent CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Gadi Reddy | Professor WTARC / Entomology, Insect Ecology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 12. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC / Crop Physiology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 13. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 14. Ken Kephart | Associate Professor and Superintendent SARC / Agronomist  | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Todd Hansen | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Mike O’Hara  | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County  | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
| Ex-officio Daniel Juliano | Associate Director of Technology Licensing / MSU Technology Transfer | V.P. for Research and Economic Development |

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| **Specialty Crops Variety Release Committee** |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Bill Hoch | Associate Professor / Horticulture  | PSPP Head |
| 2. Kevin McPhee | Professor / Legume Breeding | PSPP Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer (for M. Burrows) | Professor / Plant Pathology | PSPP Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | Manager of the Foundation Seed Program / Varietal Development | MT Foundation Seed Board |
| 5. Heather Unverzagt | Exec. Director of the Montana Seed Growers / Foundation Seed and Seed Quality | MT Seed Growers Association Board |
| 6. Prashant Jha | Associate Professor SARC / Weed Scientist | LRES Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Patrick Carr | Associate Professor and Superintendent CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Gadi Reddy | Professor WTARC / Entomology, Insect Ecology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 12. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC / Crop Physiology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 13. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 14. Kent McVay | Associate Professor and Superintendent SARC / Agronomist  | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Todd Hansen | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Chris Westergard/ Colby Johnson | Montana Pulse Crop Committee Research Committee | Montana Pulse Crop Committee |
| 17. Mike O’Hara  | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County  | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
| Ex-officio Daniel Juliano | Associate Director of Technology Licensing / MSU Technology Transfer | V.P. for Research and Economic Development |

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| **Horticulture and Native Plants Variety Release Committee** |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Bill Hoch | Associate Professor / Horticulture  | PSPP Head |
| 2. Tracy Dougher | Professor / Horticulture | PSPP Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer (for M. Burrows) | Professor / Plant Pathology | PSPP Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | Manager of the Foundation Seed Program / Varietal Development | MT Foundation Seed Board |
| 5. Heather Unverzagt | Exec. Director of the Montana Seed Growers / Foundation Seed and Seed Quality | MT Seed Growers Association Board |
| 6. Prashant Jha | Associate Professor SARC / Weed Scientist | LRES Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Patrick Carr | Associate Professor and Superintendent CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Gadi Reddy | Professor WTARC / Entomology, Insect Ecology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 12. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC / Crop Physiology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 13. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 14. Ken Kephart | Associate Professor and Superintendent SARC / Agronomist  | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Todd Hansen | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Mike O’Hara  | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County  | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
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| **Pulse Crop Variety Release Committee** |
| ***Voting Members, 15*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Bill Hoch | Associate Professor / Horticulture | PSPP Head |
| 2. Kevin McPhee | Professor / Legume Breeding | PSPP Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer (for Mary Burrows) | Professor/Plant Pathology | PSPP Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | Manager of the Foundation Seed Program / Varietal Development | MT Foundation Seed Program |
| 5. Heather Unverzagt | Exec. Director of the Montana Seed Growers / Foundation Seed and Seed Quality | MT Seed Growers Association |
| 6. Prashant Cha | Associate Professor SARC / Weed Scientist | LRES Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Patrick Carr | Associate Professor and Superintendent CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Gadi Reddy | Professor WTARC / Entomology, Insect Ecology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 12. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC / Crop Physiology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 13. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 14. Ken Kephart | Associate Professor and Superintendent SARC / Agronomist  | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Todd Hansen | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 17. Chris Westergard/ Colby Johnson  | President of Northern Pulse Growers AssociationResearch Committee Representative | Montana Pulse Advisory Committee |
| 18. Mike O’Hara  | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County  | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
| Ex-officio Daniel Juliano | Associate Director of Technology Licensing / MSU Technology Transfer | V.P. for Research, Creativity, and Technology Transfer  |