**VARIETY RELEASE COMMITTEES - 2024**

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

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| **Wheat Variety Release Committee** | | |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Title / Expertise*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Sue Mondal / Jason Cook | Assistant Professor / Winter Wheat Breeding /  Spring Wheat Breeding | PSPP Department Head |
| 2. Deanna Nash | Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal Quality | PSPP Department Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer | Professor / Plant Pathology | PSPP Department Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | MSU Foundation Seed Manager / 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. Fabian Menalled | Professor / Agricultural Specialist / Cropland Weed Research | LRES Department Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Department Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Department Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Department Head |
| 10. Jed Eberly | Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Department Head |
| 11. Justin Vetch | Assistant Professor and Superintendent WTARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Department Head |
| 12. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC / Crop Physiology | Research Center Department Head |
| 13. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Department Head |
| 14. Qasim Khan | Senior Research Scientist, Cropping Systems (SARC) | Research Center Department Head |
| 15. Greg Wichman | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Lee Dahlman | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
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| **Barley and Oats Variety Release Committee** | | |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Sue Mondal | Research Scientist / Winter Wheat Breeding | PSPP Department Head |
| 2. Deanna Nash | Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal Quality | PSPP Department Head |
| 3. Alan Dyer | Professor / Plant Pathologist | PSPP Department Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | MSU Foundation Seed Manager / 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. Fabian Menalled | Professor / Agricultural Specialist / Cropland Weed Research | LRES Department Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Department Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Department Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Jed Eberly | Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Justin Vetch | Assistant Professor and Superintendent WTARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Department 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. Qasim Khan | Senior Research Scientist, Cropping Systems (SARC) | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Greg Wichman | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Lee Dahlman | 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 Department Head |
| 2. Deanna Nash | Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal Quality | PSPP Department Head |
| 3. Uta McKelvy | Assistant Professor / Plant Pathologist | PSPP Department Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | MSU Foundation Seed Manager / 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. Fabian Menalled | Professor / Agricultural Specialist / Cropland Weed Research | LRES Department Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Department Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Department Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Jed Eberly | Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Justin Vetch | Assistant Professor and Superintendent WTARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Department 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. Qasim Khan | Senior Research Scientist, Cropping Systems (SARC) | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Greg Wichman | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Lee Dahlman | Montana Wheat and Barley Director, Representing Teton & Chouteau County | Montana Wheat and Barley Committee |
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| **Specialty Crops Variety Release Committee** | | |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Mac Burgess | Associate Professor / Horticulture | PSPP Department Head |
| 2. Kevin McPhee | Professor / Legume Breeding | PSPP Department Head |
| 3. Uta McKelvy | Professor / Plant Pathology | PSPP Department Head |
| 4. Doug Holen | MSU Foundation Seed Manager / 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. Fabian Menalled | Professor / Agricultural Specialist / Cropland Weed Research | LRES Department Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Department Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Department Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 10. Jed Eberly | Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Justin Vetch | Assistant Professor and Superintendent WTARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Department 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. Qasim Khan | Senior Research Scientist, Cropping Systems (SARC) | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Greg Wichman | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 16. Chris Westergard/  Colby Johnson | Montana Pulse Crop Committee Research Committee | Montana Pulse Crop Committee |
| 17. Lee Dahlman | 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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| **Pulse Crop Variety Release Committee** | | |
| ***Voting Members, 15*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Sue Mondal | Research Scientist / Winter Wheat Breeding | PSPP Department Head |
| 1. Kevin McPhee | Professor / Legume Breeding | PSPP Department Head |
| 3. Deanna Nash | Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal Quality | PSPP Department Head |
| 4. Mary Burrows | Professor/Plant Pathology | PSPP Department Head |
| 5. Doug Holen | MSU Foundation Seed Manager /  Varietal Development | MT Foundation Seed Program |
| 6. Heather Unverzagt | Exec. Director of the Montana Seed Growers /  Foundation Seed and Seed Quality | MT Seed Growers Association |
| 7. Fabian Menalled | Professor / Agricultural Specialist / Cropland Weed Research | LRES Department Head |
| 8. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Department Head |
| 9. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Department Head |
| 10. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 11. Jed Eberly | Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 12. Justin Vetch | Assistant Professor and Superintendent WTARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Department Head |
| 13. Jessica Torrion | Assistant Professor and Superintendent NWARC /  Crop Physiology | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 14. Chengci Chen | Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 15. Qasim Khan | Senior Research Scientist, Cropping Systems (SARC) | Research Center Dept. Head |
| 16. Greg Wichman | Chair MAES Advisory Council | MAES Advisory Board |
| 17. Chris Westergard/  Colby Johnson | President of Northern Pulse Growers Association  Research Committee Representative | Montana Pulse Advisory Committee |
| 18. Lee Dahlman | 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 |

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| **Horticulture and Native Plants Variety Release Committee** | | |
| ***Voting Members, 16*** | ***Affiliation*** | ***Appointing Administrator*** |
| 1. Mac Burgess | Associate Professor / Horticulture | PSPP Department Head |
| 2. Tracy Dougher | Professor / Horticulture | PSPP Department Head |
| 3. Qing Yan | Professor / Plant Pathology | PSPP Department Head |
| 4 Doug Holen | MSU Foundation Seed Manager /  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. Fabian Menalled | Agricultural Specialist / Cropland Weed Research | LRES Department Head |
| 7. Perry Miller | Professor / Cropping Systems | LRES Department Head |
| 8. David Weaver | Professor / Entomology | LRES Department Head |
| 9. Peggy Lamb | Research Scientist NARC / Variety Testing | Research Center Dept. Head |
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