

VARIETY RELEASE COMMITTEES - 2025
Chair, Mike Giroux, PSPP Department Head

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 and WTARC Interim Superintendent / Variety Testing	Research Center Department Head
10. Jed Eberly	Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
11. Kent McVay	Professor and Superintendent SARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
12. Joe Jensen	Assistant Professor NWARC / Cropping Systems	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
Ex-officio Daniel Juliano	Associate Director of Technology Licensing / MSU Technology Transfer	V.P. for Research and Economic Development

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 and WTARC Interim Superintendent / Variety Testing	Research Center Department Head
10. Jed Eberly	Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
11. Kent McVay	Professor and Superintendent SARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
12. Joe Jensen	Assistant Professor NWARC / Cropping Systems	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
Ex-officio Daniel Juliano	Associate Director of Technology Licensing / MSU Technology Transfer	V.P. for Research and Economic Development

Forage Crop Variety Release Committee		
Voting Members, 16	Affiliation	Appointing Administrator
1. Kevin McPhee	Professor / Legume Breeding	PSPPP Department Head
2. Deanna Nash	Manager of the Cereal Quality Lab / Cereal Quality	PSPPP Department Head
3. Uta McKelvy	Assistant Professor / Plant Pathologist	PSPPP 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 and WTARC Interim Superintendent / Variety Testing	Research Center Department Head
10. Jed Eberly	Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
11. Kent McVay	Professor and Superintendent SARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
12. Joe Jensen	Assistant Professor NWARC / Cropping Systems	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
Ex-officio Daniel Juliano	Associate Director of Technology Licensing / MSU Technology Transfer	V.P. for Research and Economic Development

Specialty Crops Variety Release Committee		
Voting Members, 16	Affiliation	Appointing Administrator
1. Mac Burgess	Associate Professor / Horticulture	PSPPP Department Head
2. Kevin McPhee	Professor / Legume Breeding	PSPPP Department Head
3. Uta McKelvy	Professor / Plant Pathology	PSPPP 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 and WTARC Interim Superintendent / Variety Testing	Research Center Department Head
10. Jed Eberly	Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
11. Kent McVay	Professor and Superintendent SARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
12. Joe Jensen	Assistant Professor NWARC / Cropping Systems	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. 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

Pulse Crop Variety Release Committee		
<i>Voting Members, 15</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Appointing Administrator</i>
1. Sue Mondal	Research Scientist / Winter Wheat Breeding	PSPP Department Head
2. 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 and WTARC Interim Superintendent / Variety Testing	Research Center Department Head
11. Jed Eberly	Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
12. Kent McVay	Professor and Superintendent SARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
13. Joe Jensen	Assistant Professor NWARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
14. Chengci Chen	Professor and Superintendent EARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
15. Qasim Khan	Senior Research Scientist, Cropping Systems (SARC)	Research Center Department 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

Horticulture and Native Plants Variety Release Committee		
<i>Voting Members, 16</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Appointing Administrator</i>
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 and WTARC Interim Superintendent / Variety Testing	Research Center Department Head
10. Jed Eberly	Assistant Professor CARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
11. Kent McVay	Professor and Superintendent SARC / Cropping Systems	Research Center Department Head
12. Joe Jensen	Assistant Professor NWARC / Cropping Systems	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
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