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wheat & barley

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MWBC BUDGET SET

The MWBC board concluded budget talks Dec. 2 with an approval of \$4.41M in funding toward research, market development, education and operations.

A total of 22 research projects were approved out of 25 submissions totaling \$1.93M in research investment.

Total budget expenditures approved are down about 8% from what was spent in 2024.



CHRISTY CLARK APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF THE MONTANA FWP ~Northern Ag Network

Governor Greg Gianforte announced the appointment of Christy Clark as Director of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP).

“Christy Clark is a strong leader with the skills needed to lead the agency tasked with protecting Montana’s cherished recreational opportunities and public access to public lands,” Gov. Gianforte said.

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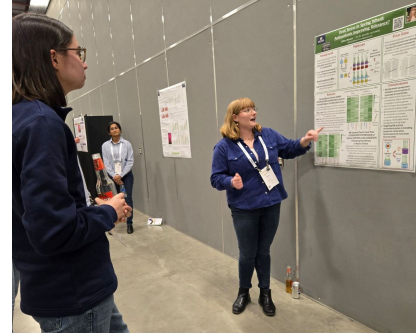
CONVENTIONS

MWBC exhibited and took part in the 2024 Montana Grain Growers Association Convention, held at Montana ExpoPark in Great Falls.

MWBC representatives also attended conventions hosted by the Montana Farmers Union, Whitefish; Montana Organic Assn., Great Falls; and the Montana Seed Trade Assn., Bozeman.

At right: MSU Grad Student Chloe Hinson presents

during the research poster display, MGGA Convention.



MWBC booth, MGGA Convention, featuring the malt making process. We baked bread throughout the three days.

Executive Director Kent Kupfner presenting the MWBC update to growers and industry members.



SAWFLY VIDEO DEBUT

At the MGGA Convention, Kent Kupfner showcased a sneak preview of the upcoming wheat stem sawfly video series, "Sawfly Solutions." The series will include three episodes: research, general audience, and grants.

[View the teaser here.](#)



GLEANINGS for December

By Lori Wickett

Communications & Research

Happy holidays to our Montana farmers, customers and partners from all of us at

MWBC!

MSU Research Rundown

By Sue Mondal -- In 2024, winter wheat grain yields were near a record



high of 50bu/ac. Even though the grain yields were higher a major concern that has been reported is the lower-than-normal protein ranging between 9-11 percent, resulting in discounts at elevators.

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Dr. Sue Mondal is an assistant professor in plant breeding at Montana State University. As the winter wheat breeder, she focuses on wheat stem sawfly solutions, disease resistance and rapid cycling of winter wheat. She earned her PhD from Texas A&M in plant breeding.

Outside the Big Sky

[Russia announces wheat export quota — With domestic food inflation rising and wheat stocks rapidly dwindling, the Russian Government has announced a significant reduction to its 2025 wheat crop 12/3/24](#)

[Texas wheat expands research with key partnership — In a significant development for agricultural research, Texas Wheat has partnered with the Wheat Genetics Resource Center to advance the study of wheat genetics. 12/2/24](#)

[Companies race to bring more hybrid wheat to the US — Corteva is the latest company to announce its intention to develop proprietary non-GMO hybrid technology. It plans to launch hybrid hard red winter \(HRW\) wheat as early as 2027 in North America, adding to its portfolio over time, the company shared in a recent press release. 11/20/24](#)

[Kansas Wheat launches campaign conveying the benefits of wheat beyond the value of grain — Kansas Wheat, in collaboration with Kansas State University researchers, has officially kicked off a new educational campaign aimed at farmers, landowners, financial institutions and policymakers.](#)

[Testing the Rapid Test -- Wheat industry hopes to replace 'complex, cumbersome' falling number test. 10/24/24](#)



Recipe Harvest!

Here's to the one-year membership to the Jelly of the Month Club. Thanks Clark Griswold! We looked for a few new twists for your Christmas feast.

- [Buttermilk Ranch Angel Biscuits](#)
- [Sheet Pan Cranberry Crisp](#)
- [Zesty Mini Crab Cakes](#)

- [Macaroni & Smoked Cheddar Cheese](#)
- [The Best Homemade Lasagna](#)
- [Coconut Cake With Coconut Cream Frosting](#)



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