

Press Release



BASF-sponsored National Wheat Yield Contest announces 2017 winners

Wheat growers use innovative practices to produce winning yields

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, November 14, 2017 – Winners of the BASF-sponsored National Wheat Yield Contest were recently announced and recognized for producing top yields. BASF is a founding sponsor of the National Wheat Foundation contest, now in its second year, which highlights remarkable yields from wheat growers across the country.

For the second year in a row, Philip Gross of Warden, Washington, was named the National High Yield Winner with a final yield of 184 bu/A – 247.7 percent higher than the county average. Another high-yielding grower was Nathan Rea of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, who achieved 162 bu/A – 149.2 percent higher than the county average.

Overall, participants achieved yields 30 – 405 percent higher than their respective county averages, helping to push innovation, advance seed varieties and promote the future of wheat growing.

"BASF is committed to helping wheat growers get the most out of every acre with assistance from our field experts and access to our expansive product solutions," said Scott Kay, Vice President, BASF U.S. Crop Protection. "We celebrate the hard work of each winner and recognize the successful practices and techniques they used to help advance our industry."

The contest offers growers the opportunity to compete with their peers across the United States and to learn innovative techniques to improve wheat productivity on their farms. It features two primary competition categories: winter wheat and spring wheat, and two subcategories: dryland and irrigated. This year, more than 285 entries were received.

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