

**USDA-ARS/
U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative
FY09 Final Performance Report
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USWBSI Individual Project(s)

USWBSI Research Category*	Project Title	ARS Adjusted Award Amount
BAR-CP	Screening Hordeum Germplasm for Resistance to Fusarium Head Blight and DON Accumulation.	\$ 14,092
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* MGMT – FHB Management
 FSTU – Food Safety, Toxicology, & Utilization of Mycotoxin-contaminated Grain
 GDER – Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance
 PBG – Pathogen Biology & Genetics
 BAR-CP – Barley Coordinated Project
 DUR-CP – Durum Coordinated Project
 HWW-CP – Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project
 VDHR – Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries – Sub categories are below:
 SPR – Spring Wheat Region
 NWW – Northern Winter Wheat Region
 SWW – Southern Sinter Wheat Region

Project 1: *Screening Hordeum Germplasm for Resistance to Fusarium Head Blight and DON Accumulation.*

1. What major problem or issue is being resolved relevant to Fusarium head blight (scab) and how are you resolving it?

The primary problems we are working to resolve are the discovery of new sources of FHB resistance in barley which will hopefully enrich the current resistance genes available (with emphasis in 6-row types). We also are introgressing resistance genes into adapted germplasm through a comprehensive pre-breeding program. We are meeting these needs through the following approaches:

- Screening new FHB resistant barley germplasm through extensive systematic screening activities of the barley genetic resources available at the ICARDA gene bank and making that available to the programs cooperating with the USWBSI.
- Introducing ('highly') resistant barley germplasm from international programs and promoting germplasm exchanges, especially 6-row types, through the ICARDA gene bank and ICARDA & CIMMYT international network that otherwise maybe inaccessible to US researchers.
- Providing agronomically suitable FHB resistant barley germplasm to US collaborators through pre-breeding activities using major USA cultivars.
- Testing USA barley germplasm at CIMMYT-El Batán field station and/or through the ICARDA International Barley Improvement Network.
- Testing preliminary resistant germplasm identified through other projects searching for novel sources of resistance in order to determine the GxE interaction of such sources.

2. List the most important accomplishment and its impact (i.e. how is it being used) to minimize the threat of Fusarium head blight or to reduce mycotoxins. Complete both sections (repeat sections for each major accomplishment):

Accomplishment:

During the summer a wide screening nursery was established at El Batán, México, with artificial misting and inoculation. Disease levels reached satisfactory severity levels allowing selection of resistant genotypes. The major accomplishment was the identification of new putative sources of FHB resistance from materials that were screened, especially entries from the ICARDA Gene Bank that were never tested before (Table 1). Genotypes tested the year before has been advanced for further testing to confirm resistance and included to the China nursery, as well as entries from the program selected in 2008. Germplasm with superior resistance is being used in crosses within the breeding program.

FUSARIUM BARLEY

ICARDA

El Batán FHB 2009

Nursery Name	Number
2009	
New Nurseries	
Brandon 2009	100
Alberta BMZY 2009	150
ICARDA FHB 2009	197
ICARDA FHB 2008	1569
Total 1	2,016
Second or More Year(s) of Testing	
BARI All	273
Brandon All	63
Alberta All	93
Program All	366
China 2007	39
ICARDA GRU All	237
Fusarium	83
Total 2	1,154
Total General	3,170

Impact:

The scientific community is basically obtaining:

1. Putative resistance sources from ICARDA gene bank that was not available before.
2. Advanced lines originated from the ICARDA breeding program with enhanced FHB resistance as well as resistance to several other important diseases in an acceptable agronomic background, many of them in a US-germplasm based lines.

FY09 (approx. May 09 – May 10)

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Include below a list all germplasm or cultivars released with full or partial support of the USWBSI. List the release notice or publication. Briefly describe the level of FHB resistance.

None

Include below a list of the publications, presentations, peer-reviewed articles, and non-peer reviewed articles written about your work that resulted from all of the projects included in the grant. Please reference each item using an accepted journal format. If you need more space, continue the list on the next page.

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