

USDA-ARS | U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative
FY21 FINAL Performance Progress Report

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USWBSI Individual Project(s)

USWBSI Research Category*	Project Title	ARS Award Amount
MGMT	Continued Deployment of Prediction Models for Fusarium Head Blight	\$35,875
FY21 Total ARS Award Amount		\$35,875

I am submitting this report as a: FINAL Report

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.



Principal Investigator Signature

7/17/23

Date Report Submitted

† BAR-CP – Barley Coordinated Project
 DUR-CP – Durum Coordinated Project
 EC-HQ – Executive Committee-Headquarters
 FST-R – Food Safety & Toxicology (Research)
 FST-S – Food Safety & Toxicology (Service)
 GDER – Gene Discovery & Engineering Resistance
 HWW-CP – Hard Winter Wheat Coordinated Project

MGMT – FHB Management
 MGMT-IM – FHB Management – Integrated Management Coordinated Project
 PBG – Pathogen Biology & Genetics
 TSCI – Transformational Science
 VDHR – Variety Development & Uniform Nurseries
 NWW – Northern Soft Winter Wheat Region
 SPR – Spring Wheat Region
 SWW – Southern Soft Red Winter Wheat Region

Project 1: Continued Deployment of Prediction Models for Fusarium Head Blight

1. What are the major goals and objectives of the research project?

We are addressing the risk of scab development during the critical flowering stage when the growers can ameliorate the risk with treatment. This project leverages various atmospheric data networks, including the finest scale and most accurate gridded observational data set (URMA and RTMA), gridded weather model data and a host of regression based epidemiological models on a user-friendly graphic interface to assist growers in decision making in protecting their fields from scab. Using hourly reports of temperature and moisture from finely gridded data, each day the risk is assessed anew with the most recent observations and is available by mid-morning.

2. What was accomplished under these goals or objectives? (For each major goal/objective, address these three items below.)

a) What were the major activities?

A successful daily prediction using various scab risk models have been run throughout the wheat growing season during the period of performance (June 2021-Aug 2021; Feb 2022-Aug 2022; Feb 2023-June 2023) from winter wheat in the southern Plains to late spring wheat in the Dakotas. Additional expert commentary is included from plant pathologists in most states to augment the utility of the interface. The tools are accessible on mobile devices due to upgraded mobile-friendly interface and risk in non-growing regions is being masked to prevent misinterpretation of the risk tool.

In late 2022, work began on developing new epidemiological models to establish a foundation of data for use in ensembling techniques to be implemented in the 2023 growing seasons and beyond.

b) What were the significant results?

Growers utilized the interface and modeling technique to assist crucial decisions about the risk of disease growth in their particularly locality or region. When any breaks in data stream or interface occurred, we received immediate response.

c) List key outcomes or other achievements.

The user interface for Fusarium Head Blight risk assessment was upgraded to a new user experience that was more mobile-friendly with a background interface that streamlined data processing. At the launch of the 2022 season (Mar 2022), continued improvement of the tool was ongoing with a new color scheme implemented for the 2022 season. New epidemiological models are in development as of late 2022 for preliminary use as an expert tool in future growing seasons using a variety of meteorological data inputs. Work continues into the start of the 2023 growing season on grid-point plotting and graphing functions that will be complete by the end of the season.

3. What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

Nothing to report.

4. How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest?

The target audience of growers and extension personnel that advise grower consortiums receive information through the web interface. Experts provide commentary within the interface that report status of the wheat/barley crops as well as an assessment of disease risk. The interface is located at: <http://www.wheatscab.psu.edu/>.

Publications, Conference Papers, and Presentations

Please include a listing of all your publications/presentations about your FHB work that were a result of funding from your FY21 grant award. Only citations for publications published (submitted or accepted) or presentations presented during the **award period** should be included.

Did you publish/submit or present anything during this award period?

- Yes, I've included the citation reference in listing(s) below.
 No, I have nothing to report.

Journal publications as a result of FY21 award

List peer-reviewed articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals. Include any peer-reviewed publication in the periodically published proceedings of a scientific society, a conference, or the like.

Identify for each publication: Author(s); title; journal; volume: year; page numbers; status of publication (published [include DOI#]; accepted, awaiting publication; submitted, under review; other); acknowledgement of federal support (yes/no).

Nothing to report.

Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications as a result of FY21 award

Report any book, monograph, dissertation, abstract, or the like published as or in a separate publication, rather than a periodical or series. Include any significant publication in the proceedings of a one-time conference or in the report of a one-time study, commission, or the like.

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Nothing to report.

Other publications, conference papers and presentations as a result of FY21 award

Identify any other publications, conference papers and/or presentations not reported above. Specify the status of the publication.

Nothing to report.