

## WGRF Members Update December 2023: For Distribution

### \$15.3 M Approved for Research Funding in 2024

On November 24, 2023, the Board approved a budget with more than \$15.3 million directed to research in 2024. WGRF continues to focus on funding crop research to benefit grain farmers in Western Canada by providing project and capacity funding in our [key priority areas](#). WGRF's committed research expenditures from 2024 to 2030 is more than \$35.6 million.



### **Research Funding Highlights**

WGRF continues to participate in funding processes with the Agriculture Funding Consortium (AFC), Agriculture Development Fund (ADF), Manitoba Sustainable CAP – Research and Innovation – Basic & Applied Research (MB-SCAP), Canola Agronomy Research Program (CARP), AAFC Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, Genome Canada, NSERC and others. Through out 2023, WGRF reviewed over 250 letters of intent, and more than 100 full proposals. Following this extensive review, the Board approved more than 50 new projects for funding. A full listing of new WGRF funded projects will be posted on the WGRF website once research contracts are in place.

### **Membership and Director Changes**

Over the past year changes with member organizations resulted in the WGRF moving from 18 to 16 Directors.

The Board approved the request from Alberta Grains to become a Class A Member of WGRF. Dave Bishop, from Barons, Alberta joined the Board.

The Board welcomed Maurice Berry from Carievale, Saskatchewan as the new Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission nominee.

WGRF would like to thank outgoing Directors Mark Akins, Dick Wymenga and Glenn Wright for their contribution over the past years.

#### **WGRF Board of Directors**

Laura Reiter, Radisson, SK (Chair)

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Robert Kennedy, Hughenden, AB

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Jill Verwey, Portage La Prairie, MB

Dave Bishop, Barons, AB

### **Phase 2 Capacity Investment Interactive Map**

WGRF has made it a priority to support and increase research capacity throughout Western Canada with our targeted capacity-building initiative. To bring more awareness to this initiative, we are taking a closer look at the impact these investments have had on the local community and stakeholders. We will be



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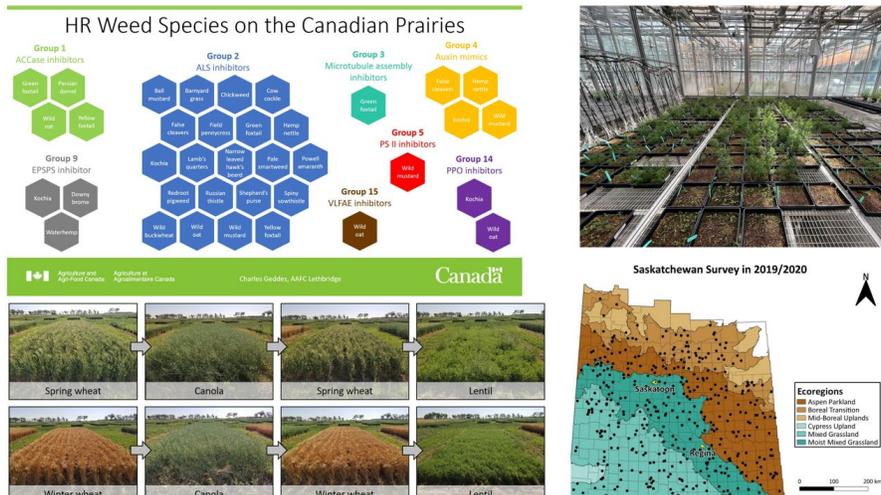
creating an interactive map on the WGRF website that will be populated with these stories, photos and videos.



### Prairie Weed Monitoring Network

Through the next Integrated Crop Agronomy Cluster, WGRF will be helping with the development of the Prairie Weed Monitoring Network (PWMN). The project is being led by Dr. Charles Geddes. The goal will be to implement a comprehensive weed biovigilance strategy, including weed monitoring, risk assessment, and forecasting.

This is a great opportunity to help provide farmers, agronomists and the agricultural industry with information required to manage weeds effectively, anticipate new weed threats to farming systems, and mitigate selection pressure for herbicide-resistant weeds. The website [Prairieweeds.com](http://Prairieweeds.com) will be live in March 2024.



## WGRF Research Review

WGRF will be distributing its Research Review magazine in January 2024. The Research Review is a showcase of some of WGRF's investment in crop research.



Your support and membership in WGRF are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about WGRF or any of the information in this update or would like to schedule a WGRF presentation to your Board, please contact:

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