



## **WGRF Members Update December 2024**

### **\$11.5 M approved for new research funding over the next five years**

In late November, the WGRF Board approved \$11.5 million in new research funding over the next five years.

This research was strategically chosen to meet WGRF's goals of investing in variety development and production research that will benefit western Canadian grain farmers, says Board Chair Laura Reiter.

“This fall, our Research Committee spent two days in meetings reviewing this year’s collection of research proposals. Their recommendations were discussed by the Board during the November Board meeting and funding decisions were made. We do this to ensure we are making the soundest decisions with farmers’ investments.”

Reiter says the most recent research and capacity investments remain focused on helping farmers navigate ongoing production challenges related to weather variability and weed, disease and insect threats in western Canada.

“We also remain focused on funding sustainable long-term strategies for resource management and plant nutrition, taking a whole farm, multi-crop approach,” she says.

WGRF’s committed research expenditures from 2024 to 2030 is more than \$47 million, investments that have been made for farmers, by farmers, says Reiter.

“A big thank you to our farmer Board members for all their hard work reviewing research and making these investments happen.”

To learn more about our research investments visit [wgrf.ca](http://wgrf.ca)

## Upcoming winter events

We hope to see you soon! Here is a list of events our Chair and Executive Director plan to attend over the next couple months. If you would like to meet during the event, please reach out to set up a meeting.

### Saskatchewan Crops Forum

January 14-15, 2025  
Western Development  
Museum  
Saskatoon, SK

### Crossroads Crop Conference

January 28 - 29, 2025  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
West Edmonton  
Edmonton, AB

### CropConnect Conference

February 12-13, 2025  
Victoria Inn Hotel and  
Convention Centre  
Winnipeg, MB

## WGRF Research Review magazine

The next issue of the WGRF Research Review will be delivered to your mailbox in January, alongside the Canola Digest.

This issue features updates on some of the ground-breaking research taking place in western Canada, supported by WGRF, that will benefit farmers in the short and longer term.

In this issue, read more about:

- Major breakthroughs in the fight against root rot in chickpeas and clubroot in canola
- How researchers at the University of Manitoba are working to build remote sensing drones that can precisely apply herbicides to farmers' fields
- A new website that will make nutrient calculations simple and accessible for farmers
- And more.



The magazine will also be available through our website at [www.wgrf.ca](http://www.wgrf.ca)

## **WGRF Board of Directors 2024/25**

Laura Reiter, Radisson, SK (Chair)  
Kevin Auch, Carmangay, AB (Vice-Chair)  
Maurice Berry, Carievale, SK  
Dave Bishop, Barons, AB  
Terry Boehm, Allan, SK  
Keith Degenhardt, Hughenden, AB  
Jack Froese, Winkler, MB

Alan Hampton, Rowley, AB  
Wade Hainstock, Moose Jaw, SK  
Adam Littman, Saltcoats, SK  
Doug Martin, East Selkirk, MB  
Malcolm Odermatt, Baldonnel, BC  
Kenton Possberg, Humboldt, SK  
Chris Procyk, Fillmore, SK

## **Get in touch with us anytime**

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Reach out.

Laura Reiter  
WGRF, Board Chair  
306-827-2267  
[LauraReiter@wgrf.ca](mailto:LauraReiter@wgrf.ca)

Wayne Thompson  
WGRF, Executive Director  
306-975-2081  
[WayneThompson@wgrf.ca](mailto:WayneThompson@wgrf.ca)