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Sask Wheat commits nearly \$1.5 million to collaborative wheat research

Saskatoon (January 10, 2017) – The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat) has committed \$1,473,621 to support wheat research projects funded under the Saskatchewan Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) in 2016. Saskatchewan’s Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Lyle Stewart, announced the funding of all crops-related ADF projects at CropSphere 2017 on Tuesday, January 10.

“The producer funding Sask Wheat has committed through the ADF process means Saskatchewan’s wheat producers will play a significant role in finding solutions to issues affecting wheat production in the province,” says Bill Gehl, Sask Wheat Chair. “These projects will allow Sask Wheat to continue to achieve our mandate of maximizing returns on producer check-off investments and building long-term, sustainable growth for the industry.”

The total project investment towards the ADF projects co-funded by Sask Wheat in 2016, which includes funds invested by other producer commissions such as the Alberta Wheat Commission, the Western Grains Research Foundation, the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and SaskCanola, is \$4,895,518. Sask Wheat has committed nearly \$3.7 million to projects through the ADF process since 2014. This research falls into the areas of variety development, production and post-production.

“We know that targeted research is the best way to empower wheat producers in Saskatchewan to continue growing wheat that the world demands,” Gehl says. “We are very pleased to partner with the government, and with other ADF co-funders, in order to strengthen the future of Canadian agriculture.”

For a look at currently funded research, visit www.saskwheatcommission.com.

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