

National Wheat Foundation's FoodQuest Series Segment

The National Wheat Foundation was invited by WGST Productions to take part in a series called FoodQuest which goes across the globe to look at some of the most popular food staples. The series is hosted and co-hosted by Robin Leach, Alonzo Mourning and Kim Alexis and premiered on the Cooking Channel on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017 with an additional viewing on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 10:00amEST. The episode then aired on Friday, October 27 at 9:30amEST on the Food Network.

Sharon Springs, KS wheat farmer David Schemm was featured in the Foundation's segment representing wheat. The National Wheat Foundation partnered with Ardent Mills on this project who provided the kitchen and chef to also be featured in the segment.

"We are very excited to be a part of this unique opportunity which showcases wheat and wheat farmers on a national level," said Phil Mclain, Chairman of the National Wheat Foundation. "The segment also does an excellent job of bringing to light the recent anti-gluten fads and reminds consumers of the important and nutritional role wheat plays in the human diet."

The Foundation also partnered with John Deere whose equipment is featured in the segment and the Wheat Foods Council who provided recipes, historical facts, and national data for each variety of wheat.

"This segment would not have been made possible without our partners who provided input to the script, filming locations, and equipment," continued Mclain. "This segment shows how bringing awareness to the importance of wheat and farmers is a priority across the value chain."

To watch the National Wheat Foundation's FoodQuest series segment, click here: <https://vimeo.com/242592864>

National Association of Wheat Growers: Weekly Update

Action Against California's Flawed Classification of Environmentally-Safe Herbicide

Agriculture groups from across the country today joined forces on Wednesday to file a lawsuit in federal court against the State of California for ignoring science and conclusions from regulatory bodies around the world in a fundamentally flawed regulatory classification of Glyphosate, an environmentally-safe and widely-used herbicide. The coalition's case was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

"The unified voice of this diverse coalition of agriculture and business groups illustrates the devastating impact California's flawed action would have across the country," said Gordon Stoner, President of the National Association of Wheat Growers, the lead plaintiff in the case. "California's erroneous warning about glyphosate is unconstitutional and would result in

higher food costs, crushing blows to state and agricultural economies and lost revenue up and down the entire supply chain.”

Fellow agricultural association plaintiffs in the case include Associated Industries of Missouri, the Iowa Soybean Association, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Missouri Farm Bureau, the National Corn Growers Association, North Dakota Grain Growers Association, South Dakota Agri-Business Association and the United States Durum Growers Association.

At issue is California’s July action ignoring their own scientific reviews, as well as studies conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and every other leading regulatory body around the world and falsely classifying the environmentally-benign herbicide as a probable carcinogen.” This erroneous warning is based entirely on a highly-controversial and deeply flawed finding by a non-regulatory, French-based foreign body called IARC.

As a result of California’s Prop 65 false warning, manufacturers of products containing glyphosate, or residues thereof, sold in California will need to affix a false and misleading warning label to their products. This violates the First Amendment, which protects individuals and businesses from compelled false speech. As a result, farmers, manufactures and distributors of products that are legally permitted under strictly enforced federal regulations, would have to place a warning label on those products they know to be false.

Kansas Wheat Farmer Testifies to Senate Commerce Committee on Data-Driven Farming

Monday, November 14th, the Senate Committee on Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, & Data Security convened a hearing titled “Technology in Agriculture: Data-Driven Farming,” which examined the potential benefits of advancements in agricultural technology and the collection and utilization of data in farming. Kansas wheat farmer Justin Knopf, the Vice President of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and a National Association of Wheat Growers board member, testified on his own behalf.

“Data is a valuable tool for Kansas wheat farmers, and future legislation regarding data and its ownership is a pressing matter for farmers around the country,” said Justin Gilpin, CEO of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. “Justin Knopf is a cutting edge farmer who realizes the importance of data, and the significance of farmers retaining ownership of the data gathered on their farm.”

In his remarks, Knopf discussed how he collects and utilizes data to improve his farming practices. He stated that this is the “obvious benefit of data” which is to help farmers improve their management decisions. With the world population growing to more than 9.1 billion people in the year 2050, Knopf argues that farmers will need to rely more on data and technological advancements to produce more food on less land and with fewer inputs.

“We are pleased that the Committee held a hearing on this very important topic and invited a wheat farmer to testify. Wheat farmers are continuing to utilize good stewardship and conservation practices on their farms which can be leveraged even more with better data,” stated NAWG President Gordon Stoner. “However, as Justin Knopf remarked, while we find new ways to collect and utilize valuable data we need to make sure we protect the ownership interests and rights of farmers. Data must be used to help farmers improve their management practices and not misused or misconstrued by those who are not aligned with our interests.”

Ag Coalition Writes Governors about Importance of NAFTA

On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, a coalition of 100 agriculture groups, including NAWG, wrote the nation’s governors to ask them to “let President Trump know that you support a modernized NAFTA that maintains and enhances food and agricultural trade between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.” The Hagstrom Report covered the story, “the groups sent the letter Tuesday just as Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross complained at a Wall Street Journal conference that ‘As one special interest group, say agriculture, for example, gets nervous, they start screaming and yelling publicly. They start writing letters, soliciting the Congress people, and [then] they start screaming and yelling in public. It just complicates the environment and, frankly, makes the negotiations harder.’”

Tax Reform: Coalition of 180 Farm Groups Urge Preservation of Section 199

NAWG along with 180 farm and agribusiness groups has written House Speaker Paul Ryan and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi urging them to preserve the deduction for co-op production and marketing expenses known as Section 199. In the remarks, the groups argued that “H.R. 1 repeals Section 199 and would not benefit the farm sector and in no way compensate for the loss of the agriculture deductions of Section 199.” On Thursday, November 16, 2017, the House passed the GOP tax bill (HR 1) 227-205 which included Section 199.

Study: What is the Food and Ag Industries’ Impact in Your Community

The 2017 Food and Agriculture Industries Economic Impact Study estimates the economic contributions made by the food industry to the U.S. economy in 2017. For the purpose of the study, the food industry included any businesses involved in food product agriculture, food manufacturing, food wholesaling, and food retailing (so-called “farm to fork”). John Dunham & Associates conducted this research, which was funded by The Goodstone Group. The study measures the number of jobs in food and agriculture related industries; the wages paid to employees, the value added and total output. In addition, it measures the economic impact of the suppliers that support the food and agriculture industries, as well as those industries supported by the induced spending of direct and supplier industries. NAWG and 21 ag organizations sponsored the study. The study can also sort out information by state and congressional district. Visit <http://www.feedingtheeconomy.com/> for more information!

EPA and the Army Propose to Amend the Effective Date of the 2015 Rule Defining “Waters of the United States”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Army (the agencies) are proposing to amend the effective date of the 2015 rule defining “waters of the

United States.” The agencies are proposing that the 2015 rule would not go into effect until two years after today’s action is finalized and published in the Federal Register. This amendment would give the agencies the time needed to reconsider the definition of “waters of the United States.”

The agencies will be collecting public comment on this proposal for 21 days after publication in the Federal Register and plan to move quickly to take final action in early 2018. Additional information on this proposal and how to comment: www.epa.gov/wotus-rule .

Jerry Minore Memorial Scholarship Opportunity for Students in Agriculture

Jerry Minore was a longtime friend of the wheat industry and advocate for wheat farmers. To honor his work and life, his company, BASF, has partnered with the National Wheat Foundation to establish a scholarship for students with connections to the wheat industry who are planning careers in agriculture. The Minore Memorial Scholarship will fund four college scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year: two \$1,500 scholarships and two \$1,000 scholarships. Deadline for applications is December 31, 2017. For more information on how to apply, visit the National Wheat Foundation [site](#).

Guest Blog: Can Variable Rate Technology Improve Spring Wheat Quality?

The National Wheat Foundation has published its latest guest blog submission from Chris Heidrich, Senior Technology Manager of WinField United. The blog touches on the use of variable rate technology to improve wheat quality and can be found [here](#).

NCSGGA Upcoming Events

December 7th – 8th, 2017

NCSGGA Board Meeting
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
4700 Emperor Blvd.
Durham, NC 27703

January 10th, 2018 / 2:00pm

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Sheraton Imperial Hotel
4700 Emperor Blvd.
Durham, NC 27703

January 11th - 12th, 2018

Annual Commodity Conference
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
4700 Emperor Blvd.
Durham, NC 27703

Jan. 31st - Feb. 2nd, 2018

Southern Farm Show
State Fair Grounds
Raleigh, NC

February 6th - 11th, 2018
NAWG Winter Meeting
Grand Hyatt Washington
400 New Jersey Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

February 21st, 2018
Northeast Ag Expo
Small Grain Field Day
(Time & Location TBD)

February 27th, 2018
Union County
Small Grains Field Day
(Time & Location TBD)

Feb. 27th - March 3rd, 2018
Commodity Classic
Anaheim, California

March 6th, 2018 (Time TBD)
Central Piedmont
Small Grains Field Day
Piedmont Research Station
8350 Sherrills Ford Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

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