

ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Support and fund projects for FFA & 4-H – Building our Future.
- Support and fund several National Small Grains Associations.
- Fund scholarships to students focused on agriculture vocations.
- Promote Educational Programs through Extension/ School Systems teaching young people importance of Agriculture and where their food is produced.
- Exhibit educational demonstrations at The Annual Joint Conference, Farm Shows and Community Ag Awareness Programs stress importance of the farmers in providing food and fiber for our nation/world.
- State Newsletter mailed quarterly, Weekly Email notifications, Up-to-date website with current and upcoming events, educational video library, photo gallery, and printable small grains educational material.
- Field days are held in five areas of the state for demonstrating our research applicable to those different areas.
- Increased plant breeding research by 300%.
- Instrumental in starting the State Wheat Yield Contest.
- Meeting with National and State Legislators to promote and participate in all matters relative to small grain producers.
- Working for a fair and equitable farm bill.
- Increasing farmer leadership and representation at the county, state and national level.



WHEAT: The Staff of Life

Flour and Baked Goods

- Breads (rolls, biscuits, muffins, bagels, pancakes)
- Pastries (cookies, pies, doughnuts)
- Pasta
- Cakes
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Pizza Crust

Feed Grain

- Pork and Poultry Industry
- Beef and Dairy Industry

Environment

- Soil and Water Conservation
- In the field, acts as a filter to maintain water quality
- Waste and nutrient management (agricultural, industrial, municipal)

Other Uses

- Straw for animal bedding, lawns, highways, etc.
- Dried floral arrangements
- Industrial – chemical binding, plastics, construction materials, etc.



NC Small Grain Growers

ASSOCIATION

The North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association, Inc. was formed by a group of small grain producers and agri-business representatives from across the state on July 24, 1986. The Association is a nonprofit corporation formed to encourage, promote and develop more efficient small grain marketing and production. Our goal is to participate in all matters relative to the interest of small grain producers in North Carolina.

We promote applied research in production, efficient management practices, and variety development. We also promote educational programs for the progress of small grains and work with individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies toward the achievement of increased profits from small grain production.



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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Mission – “Providing Positive Change for Small Grain Growers” since July 1986.
- Enhance opportunity for profit
- Solve production problems and improve yields
- Improve Marketing opportunities
- Find new markets and uses for small grains
- Work with programs to protect our environment and conserve natural resources
- Provide quality products to consumers
- Spend revenues for Research, Education, Promotion and Marketing for the Small Grains Industry.

MEMBERSHIP

Business and activities of the North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association are supervised by a Board of Directors elected by geographical distribution within the state, production volume and agribusiness interest. Membership in the North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association is composed of three classes:

- Small Grain Producers in North Carolina.
- Associate members who represent the small grain agribusiness industry as individuals and professional agricultural workers.
- Supporting member companies who represent the small grain agribusiness industry.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Business and activities of the North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association are supported primarily by growers through a self-assessment or self-help program. The assessment approved by North Carolina Farmers is \$.005 of total money collected on Wheat, Oats, Rye, Barley, Canola and Grain Sorghum. These funds are collected by the first market grain elevator and sent to North Carolina Department of Agriculture where they deposit in our association bank account. Copies of our financial statement are distributed each year at our annual meeting during the Joint Conference and are available at our office.

ASSESSMENT REFERENDUM

The Assessment Referendum is voted on every 6 years by North Carolina farmers that grow small grains (wheat, oats, rye, barley, grain sorghum and canola/rape seed). The farmer must be 18 years or older on or before the assessment voting date in order to vote. It is important for the small grain growers of North Carolina to support the assessment referendum in order to continue the work of the association in Grower Education, Research, Marketing, Administration and enhancing ways to make small grains more profitable for farmers in North Carolina.

RESEARCH

The North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association strives to meet the needs of all our members with quality research projects located throughout the state. Each year with assessment dollars we help sponsor field days across North Carolina with help from USDA/ARS and NC State University. Each location provides an opportunity for farmers and persons with interest in small grain research to see new variety development, disease/insect control, latest fungicide recommendations, fertilizer use and latest agronomy work for farmers to maximum yields for higher net returns on money invested. In addition to the field days we also fund small grain research projects with USDA/ARS and North Carolina State University.

