

Green and Growing: Colo. producers encouraged to reapprove wheat assessment

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Colorado wheat producers are being asked to vote to permanently reapprove the current 2-cent per bushel wheat assessment.

This increase was approved in 2007, with the provision that wheat farmers would have seven years to evaluate the effectiveness of the increased funding for wheat research, market development and education programs and vote to reapprove in 2014. More than 50 percent of the fully refundable increase from 1 cent per bushel has been allocated to wheat research.

This expanded funding continues the wheat research program at Colorado State University, bringing wheat varieties tailored for Colorado, such as Hatcher, Byrd and Brawl CL Plus.

The future promises even faster development and release of better varieties through implementation of new breeding technologies, including doubled-haploid breeding and the capacity to more rapidly respond to new insect and disease threats. Even more exciting varieties are in the pipeline at CSU, to ensure a bright future for wheat in Colorado.

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