

Cropping Systems

Wheat, rye, triticale, barley, einkorn, emmer, spelt, field peas, sorghum, millet, oats, sunflowers, quinoa, garbs



Inland Northwest Artisan Grains Conference July 12th-13th, 2019

Session: Cropping Systems

Facilitator

Julianne Kellogg

- WSU PhD Student in Crop Science
- Current research emphasizes understanding crop variety impact on human health.
- Past MS research on participatory quinoa breeding for organic systems.
- Included publishing a WSU Extension bulletin on growing quinoa

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Session: Cropping Systems

Session Speaker

Jason Bishop

- 5th Generation Farmer
- Edwall Washington
- Aerospace Manufacturing Engineer
- Sharing Observations of: Wheat, Rye, Trit, Barley, Einkorn, Emmer & Spelt, Field Peas, Sorghum, Millet, Oats, Sunflowers

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Session: Cropping Systems

Session Speaker

Rachel Wieme

- Postdoc Researcher at WSU Pullman
- PhD in Soil Science from WSU
- Presenting on alternative cropping systems for Palouse Agriculture:
Organic crop rotations with quinoa

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Session: Cropping Systems

Session Speaker

Kevin Murphy

- Associate Professor, International Seed and Cropping Systems
- Sustainable Seed Systems Lab
- Breeding seeds and grains for diversity, flavor, and nutrition
- Talking about food barley, spelt, and quinoa cropping systems research

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Wheat

- Diversity

Expenses: \$115
Yield: 45 bu/ac
Price: \$6 / bu
Gross: \$270 / ac
Net: \$85 / ac



Barley

- \$150/Ton

Expenses: \$115

Yield: 1 ton / ac

Price: \$140 / ton

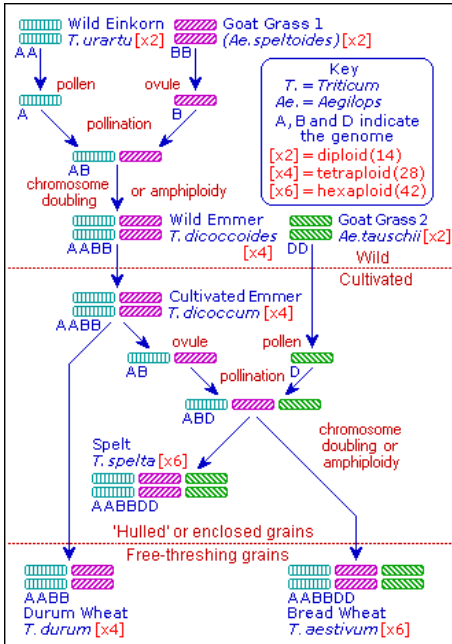
Gross: \$140 / ac

Net: \$25 / ac



Emmer & Spelt

- Farro (hulled)



Einkorn

- Small Kernel
- Low Yield
- High Tillers
- Hulled
- Low Gluten Strength
- Low Water Absorption



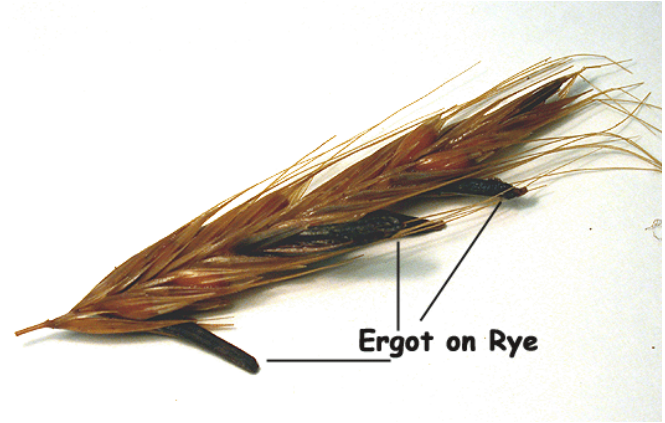
Rye



Class C Weeds

Class C weeds are non-native weeds found in Lincoln County. Many of these species are widespread in the county. Long-term programs of suppression and control are a local option, depending upon local threats and the feasibility of control in local areas. Underline means surveys for those weeds will occur after a complaint is filed.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>
Babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>
Bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Common St. johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>
<u>Cereal rye</u>	<u><i>Secale cereale</i></u>
Field bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
Hoary cress	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>
<u>Jointed goatgrass</u>	<u><i>Aegilops cylindrical</i></u>
Medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>
Ventenata	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>
Yellow flag Iris	<i>Iris pseudocorus</i>
Yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>



Triticale

- Rye/Cross
- Ergot

Expenses: \$140

Yield: 2 ton / ac

Price: \$145 / ton

Gross: \$290 / ac

Net: \$150 / ac



Peas

Expenses: \$130
Yield: 1.5 ton / ac
Price: 12¢ / lb
Gross: \$360 / ac
Net: \$230 / ac



Millet

- C4 Plant
- Regional Qs
- Shallow Root
- Storage

Expenses: \$145

Yield: 1.25 ton / ac

Price: \$11.5 / 100wt

Gross: \$287.5 / ac

Net: \$142.5 / ac



Grain Sorghum / Milo

Expenses: \$160

Yield: 1 ton / ac

Price: \$18 / 100wt

Gross: \$360 / ac

Net: \$200 / ac



Oats

- Likes Water
- Likes Cool
- Plant Early

Expenses: \$100

Yield: 1 ton/ac

Price: \$225 / ton

Gross: \$225 / ac

Net: \$100 / ac



Sunflowers

- Birds
- Gawkers

Expenses: \$200
Yield: 1500 lb/ac
Price: 19¢ / lb
Gross: \$285 / ac
Net: \$85 / ac



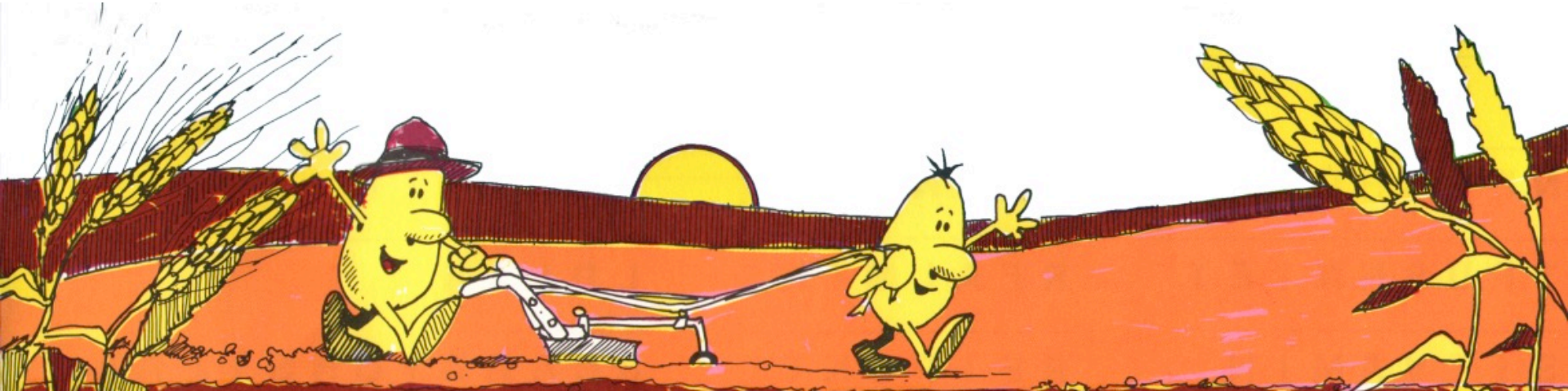
Others

- Buckwheat
 - Export/Allergies
 - Wireworm
 - Phosphorus
- Flax
 - Indeterminate
 - Prussic Acid
 - Omega 3
 - Sharp Sickles



Seed Sources

- <https://www.ancientcerealgrains.org/>
- <https://rockymountainseeds.org/>
- <https://www.ars-grin.gov/npgs/>



Alternative Cropping Systems Research



Dryland Organic Crop Rotations with Quinoa :
Productivity, Economic Performance, and Soil Quality

Dryland Organic Cropping Systems with Quinoa?

- Potential for quinoa in organic systems
 - High market value, break disease cycles, different fertility demands?
- Where would it best fit in rotation?



Tested eight 3-year “grain crop sequences” with and without quinoa

- As part of a longer rotation with alfalfa (5 years)
- Organically managed

Treatments:

- **Barley – Chickpea - Quinoa** (BCQ)
- **Barley – Chickpea – Wheat** (BCW)
- **Barley – Quinoa - Chickpea** (BQC)
- **Barley – Wheat – Chickpea** (BWC)
- **Chickpea – Barley – Quinoa** (CBQ)
- **Chickpea – Barley – Wheat** (CBW)
- **Chickpea – Quinoa - Barley** (CQB)
- **Chickpea – Wheat – Barley** (CWB)



Yield & Economics

- Very different weather years had a large impact on sequence yields
 - Especially quinoa and chickpea (very low yields with hot summers)
 - Quinoa yielded better following barley than following chickpea
 - Chickpea yielded better earlier in the sequence
 - Barley yielded better later in the sequence
- Some agronomic lessons learned:
 - Quinoa heat intolerance, Soil crusting impact on quinoa
 - Chickpeas vs. weeds
 - Alfalfa termination



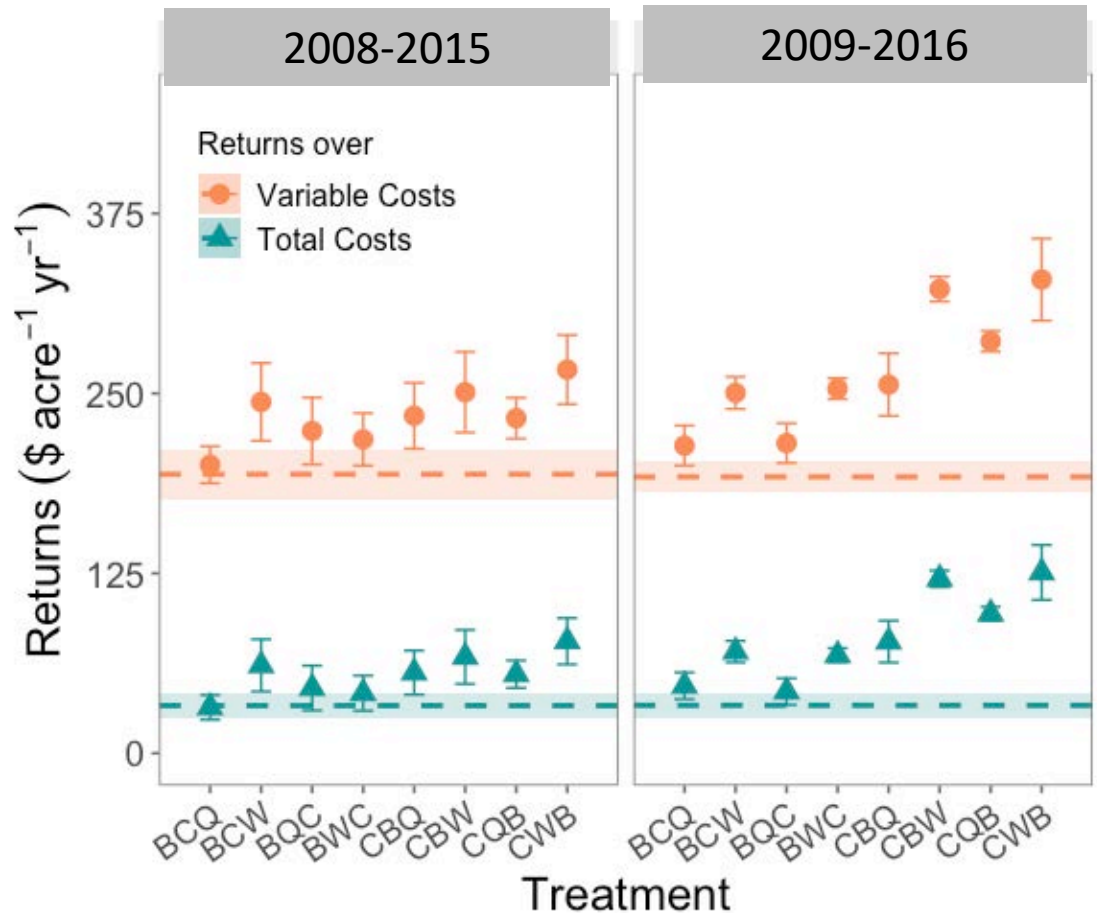
Crop Budgets

	Barley	Chickpea	Wheat (spring)	Quinoa
Expenses (\$/acre):	200	240	130	128
Yield:	0.7-2.6 ton/acre	2-1370 lbs/acre	23-75 bu	10-470 lbs/acre
Price:	\$400/ton	\$0.50/lb	\$10/bu	\$1.52/lb
Average Gross: (\$/acre)	455	244	390	142
Average Net: (\$/acre)	255	5	260	14



Financial Performance: 8-year cropping system

- Moderate yields of quinoa had similar economic returns as wheat
 - But because of low quinoa yields most years and a drop in price, wheat sequences performed better on average
- Organic cropping systems had higher returns compared to the “typical” conventional with county average yields
- Alfalfa provided economic & agronomic support
 - Weed control, soil quality/fertility



Soil Quality

- Efficient nitrogen cycling through grain sequences
 - Lower available N after cereals, but higher mineralizable N (residues)
 - Overall higher available N in quinoa treatments vs. wheat treatments
 - Lower available N over time
- Quinoa often similar to chickpea, but what if yields improved?

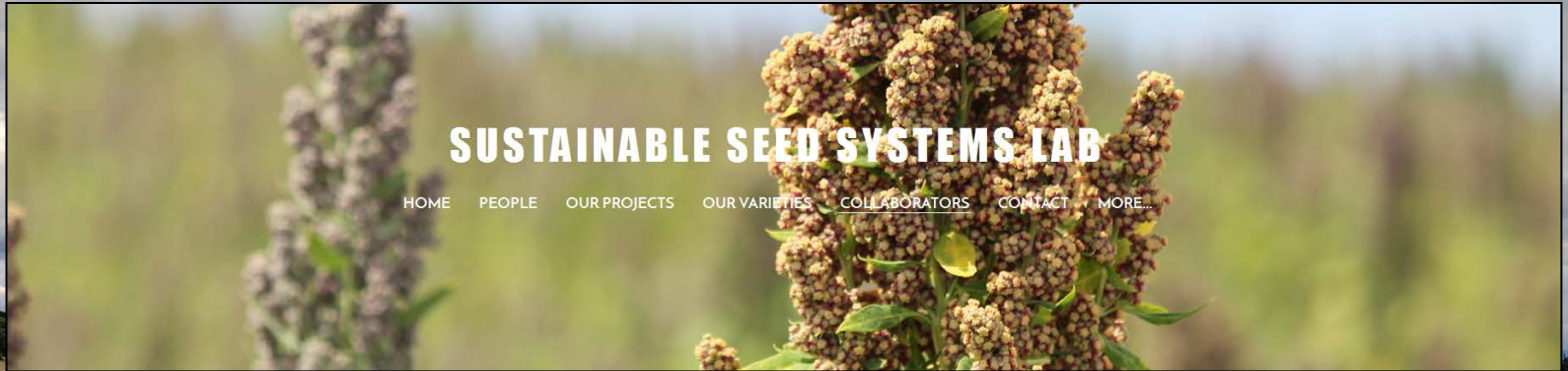


Conclusions

- Organic management on the Palouse requires a revision of the current dominant system
 - Diversification, perennial crops, animals?
- Organic price premiums help ensure economic success despite lower organic yields
- Many challenges and more questions!
 - Locally adapted quinoa varieties
 - Weed control



Quinoa, Food Barley, Millet, Spelt



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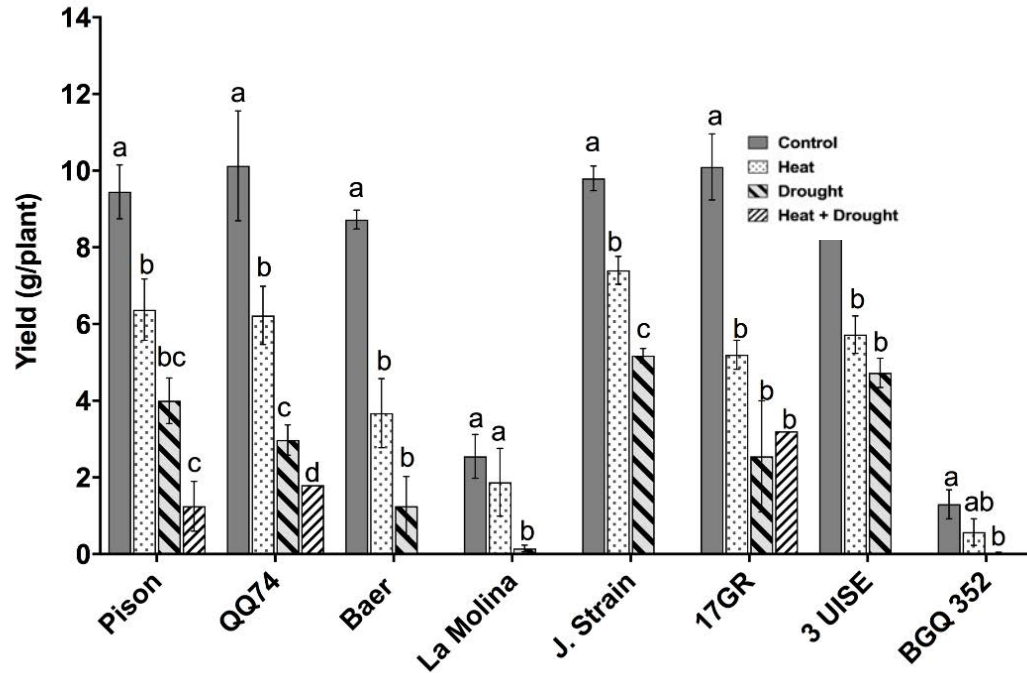




EFFECT OF HEAT AND DROUGHT STRESS IN QUINOA (*Chenopodium quinoa* Willd.)

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October - 2018

Effect of Heat and Drought Stress on Quinoa Yield in 8 Cultivars



Heat, drought and combination of both reduced seed yield in quinoa



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11WAQ-102.52



11WAQ-102.74



11WAQ-104.60



11WAQ-106.85



11WAQ-105.43



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Intercropping Trials

- **Variety x Irrigation x Intercrop Trial:** Two quinoa varieties intercropped with a clover/medic mix and Fescue/clover mix at 3 irrigation levels
- **Key Results:** The fescue grass/clover mix created more biomass and winter cover compared to the clover/medic intercrop whereas the clover/medic mixture increased quinoa seed protein.
- **Conclusions:** Intercrops improved weed control, soil fertility, and protein in the seed and had no negative impacts on yield



Walters et al., 2016 *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*

Livestock Integration

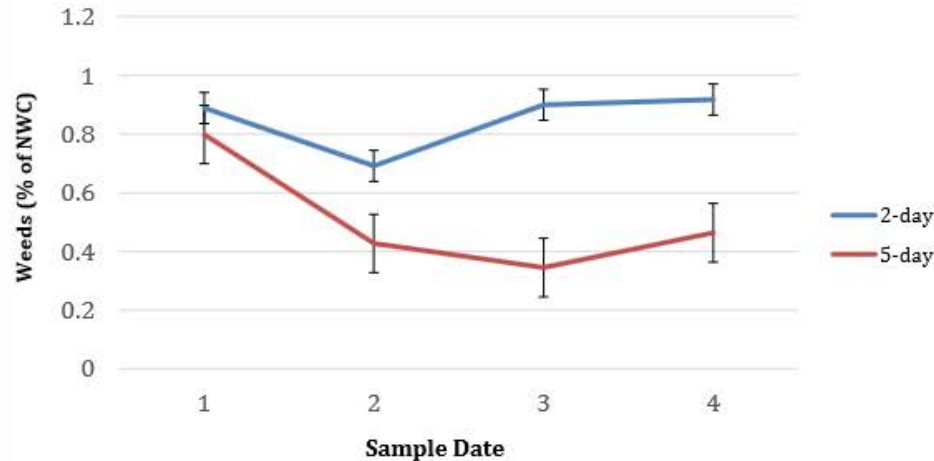
- Using Geese for weed control
- 3 varieties x 3 goose density treatments



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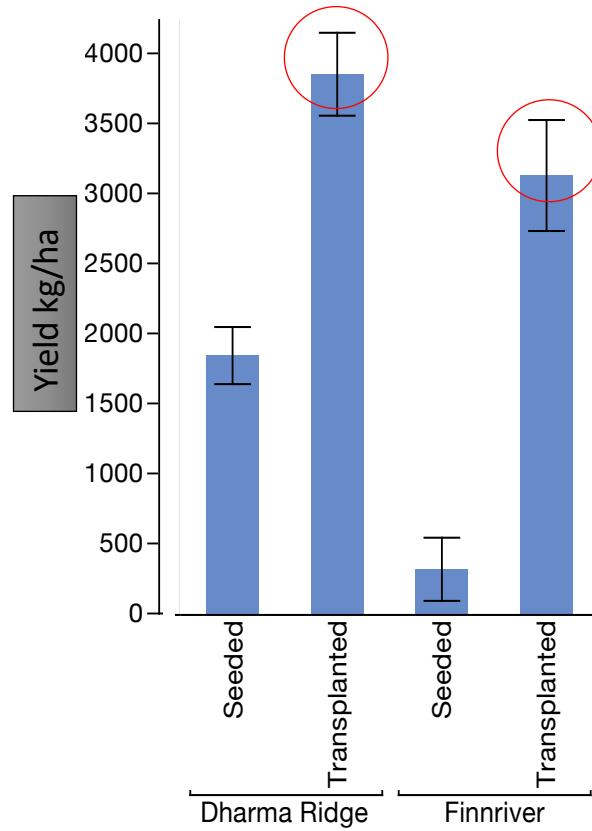
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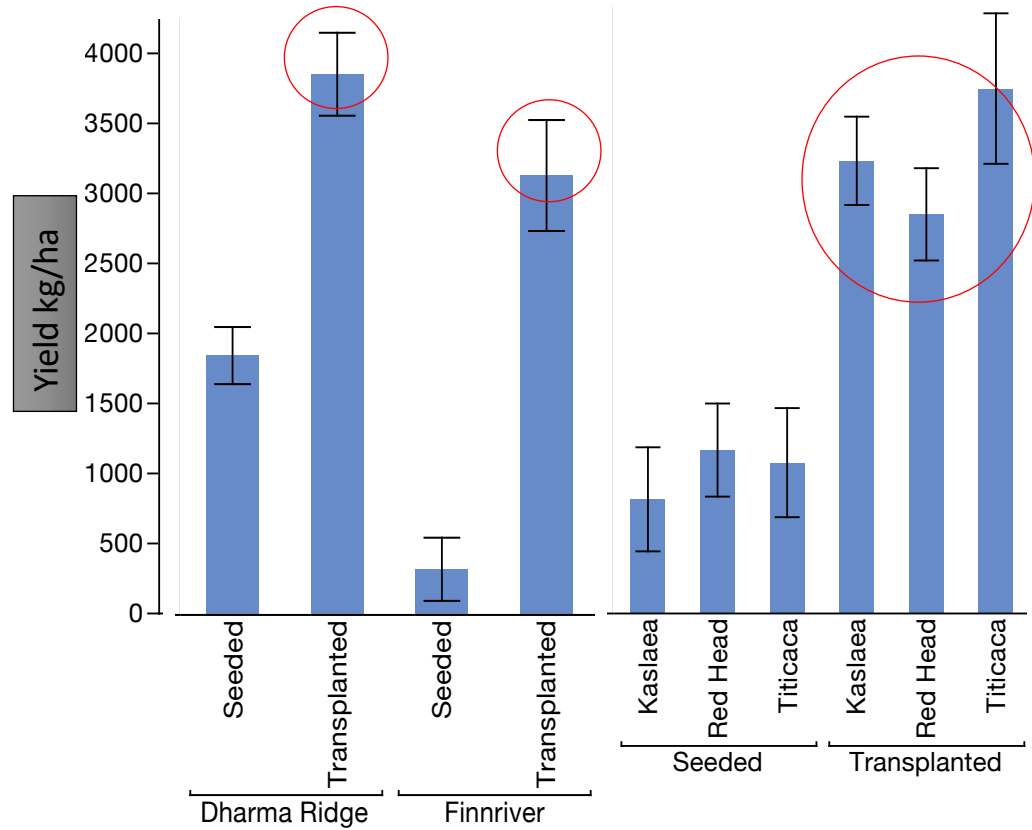
- Utilizing geese 5 days per week eliminated approximately 60% of the weeds while improving soil fertility



Direct Seeding vs. Transplanting

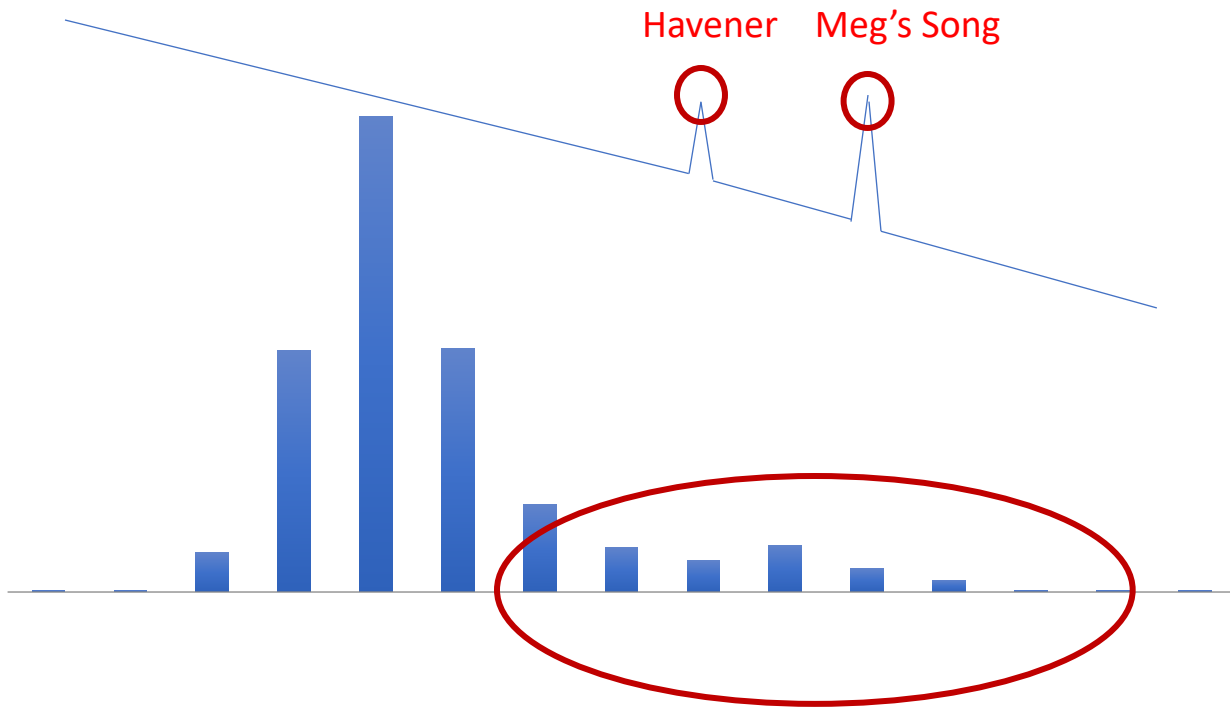






Food Barley: Meg's Song and Havener





Hulless Barley Food Quality Testing

Bread Quality



Buck

Havener

Meg's Song



Loaf Volume (mL)

931.9

971.4

957.6

Food Barley Research: GxE for β -glucan

How does environment play a role in β -glucan content?

Can we identify stable varieties across contrasting environments?

8 locations, 2 years (2017-2018), 18 entries



Halle Choi, MS student

Univariate Measures of Stability

Genotype	Mean (%w/w)	Deviation from the Regression	Shukla's Stability Variance (σ_1^2)	Wricke's Ecovalence (W_1^2)	Kang's Yield Stability
107.43	3.359	0.239***	0.201 *	1.543	-10
Genie	3.452	0.373***	0.318 **	1.737	-9
Odyssey	3.496	0.354***	0.347 **	1.891	-8
107.58	3.524	0.213*	0.203 *	1.122	-3
Oreana	3.616	0.268***	0.316 **	1.722	-6
Champion	3.654	0.197**	0.122	0.694	4
Coneland	3.673	0.123**	0.072	0.573	5
120.23	3.768	0.099	0.040	0.348	6 +
120.14	3.771	0.159	0.066	0.487	7 +
Claymore	3.797	0.209	0.051	0.475	9 +
Muir	3.889	0.121	0.056	0.350	10 +
Survivor	3.934	0.181*	0.122	0.723	13 +
Altorado	3.947	0.143*	0.093	0.596	14 +
Vespa	3.974	0.124*	0.042	0.279	15 +
Lenetah	4.084	0.061	0.034	0.230	17 +
Lyon	4.393	0.310***	0.142	0.829	19 +
Havener	6.206	0.402***	0.139	1.082	16 +

Level of significance is indicated as 0.05, 0.01, 0.001, or not significant by the following *, **, ***, or no star, respectively

Effect of Nitrogen and Seeding Rate on β -glucan Content and Yield in Barley GxExM (Management)

- No-till Systems
- 3 years (2016-2018), 2 locations (Genesse, ID and Almota, WA)
- 5 nitrogen rates
- 3 seeding rates
- 2 varieties



Cedric Habiyaremye, PhD student

N (kg/ha)	B-glucan (%)		Protein (%)	
	Almota	Genesee	Almota	Genesee
2016				
0	6.8	7.3	10.7	9.2
62	6.6	7.2	10.9	9.2
95	6.7	7.4	11.7	10.4
129	6.7	7.3	12.1	10.8
162	6.8	7.7	12.6	12.2
Mean	6.7	7.4	11.6	10.4
LSD (p < 0.05)	0.38		0.89	



HAVENER

SPRING BARLEY



MUIR

SPRING BARLEY



MEG'S SONG

SPRING BARLEY



SURVIVOR

SPRING BARLEY



LYON

SPRING BARLEY

Millets

- Warm season crops, Poaceae family
- Five most important millet species commonly grown as commercial crops:
 - proso (*Panicum miliaceum* L.)
 - foxtail (*Setaria italica* L.)
 - pearl (*Pennisetum glaucum* L.R. Br.)
 - Japanese barnyard (*Echinochloa esculenta*)
 - browntop millet (*Urochloa ramosa*)



Foxtail millet WSU, 2015



Proso millet WSU, 2015

Variety	Days to Maturity	Plant Height (cm)	Yield (kg/ha)
Huntsman	107.6	73.79	1218.21
Sunup	104.4	74.4	1487.09
Sunrise	104.4	74.2	1900.23
Horizon	103.4	73.4	1652.84
Prosos	99	71.2	2015.81
USSR 63	89	57.6	2052.45

Top yielding proso millet varieties

Organic

Varieties	Yield (kg/ha)
GR 665	1,230
Earlybird	1,081
Sunup	1,044
Sunrise	1,007
GR 664	926

Elwha River Spelt





Audience, ask your questions!



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