



CALIFORNIA GRAIN FOUNDATION



California Grain Foundation (CGF) was formed in 2003 to support education programs and research pertaining to the California grain industry. The scope of CGF includes grain and pseudograin crops that are harvested for grain or for forage. The goals of CGF are to:

- Increase the profitability of producing grain crops in California and enhance the economic and environmental benefits that result from that production.
- Support education and research.

To achieve those goals, CGF relies on donations, grant funding, and collaboration with other organizations.

Education programs supported by CGF include those provided to the public and those provided to producers and users of grain crops grown in California. Education Programs aim to:

- › For the public: to raise awareness about the production of grains in the state and about the economic and environmental benefits that result from that production. The goals of the public education programs are to enhance public understanding and appreciation of grain production in California and increase demand for that grain.
- › For grain producers: to increase profitability and environmental benefits of growing grain crops while minimizing resource requirements and environmental impact.
- › For grain users: to increase awareness about the availability and advantages of using grains grown in California.

Research supported by CGF includes analyses of production methods and economics; grain quality and end use; transport, storage, and processing of grain; grain markets and consumer trends. CGF has overseen research projects ranging from an evaluation of marketing opportunities for California corn producers to an analysis of the use of cover crops after wheat harvest to reduce wind-born soil particulates.

California Wheat Collaborator Meetings are hosted annually by CGF at the University of California, Davis. The Collaborator meeting exemplifies both the research and education functions of CGF.

Results of research supported by CGF and collaborating organizations are presented and discussed by participants from all sectors of the California wheat industry including wheat breeders, growers, grain handlers, millers, bakers, researchers and others. The meeting offers opportunities for networking and collaborative problem-solving.

Funding for the California Wheat Collaborator Program is provided through voluntary donations from private companies that are engaged in the breeding, handling, milling or use of wheat grain, supplemented by contributions from industry associations.

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