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In order to meet the growing needs of our domestic and international customers, the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) recognizes that we need to fully support the development of technologies that can enhance the productivity, profitability, sustainability and quality of wheat for our farmers and our customers. We encourage both public and private sectors to support the discovery and development of new technologies for wheat – including but not limited to: breeding, biotechnology and other agronomic practices.



Production of wheat in the United States is under strong competitive pressure from other crops which have access to strong breeding programs and advanced technology that the wheat industry presently lacks.



While each producer will choose which products and technologies work best on their own farms, the availability of products developed through advanced breeding and through biotechnology will be very important in increasing our yields, production efficiency and the sustainability profile of our crop. Some of the initial challenges we hope to address through new technologies are in the areas of more efficient water use and nitrogen use, disease and pest tolerance, as well as processing and quality characteristics.



We understand that these new technologies create value. We expect to share that value with the technology development providers and will respect the intellectual property of those developers who bring new technology forward. We fully support the efforts of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and U.S. Wheat Associates in this pursuit of advanced technologies for our industry and their effort to make the products of both breeding and biotechnology a commercial reality in the wheat industry.