

Summary of ADF Projects, 2016

Crop Research Funding

40 crop-related research projects \$7,018,399

Breakdown by Commodity

Cereals \$1,701,255

Oilseeds \$1,259,199

Pulses \$1,837,928

Alternative Crops \$509,612

Miscellaneous Crops Related \$1,710,405

TOTAL \$7,018,399

Breakdown by Organization

University of Saskatchewan \$4,479,126

National Research Council \$711,087

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada \$481,135

Global Institute for Food Security \$369,000

Prairie Tide Chemicals \$244,000

POS Bio-Sciences \$200,000

Alliance Grain Traders \$150,000

Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan \$110,624

Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute \$95,089

Indian Head Agriculture Research Foundation \$89,900

Rourke Farms Ltd. \$88,438

TOTAL \$7,018,399

2016 Crop Research Funding by Commodity

Cereals

Extracting Value from Fusarium Damaged Grain and Screenings (20150030)

Objectives:

- To help Saskatchewan agricultural producers extract value from fusarium-damaged grain and screenings.

ADF Funding: \$52,575

Organization: Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute

Contact: Joy Agnew, (306) 682-5033 ext. 280

Characterization of Multiple Rust Resistance Genes to Design an Optimal Deployment Strategy (20150035)

Objectives:

- Identification of major Adult Plant Resistance genes (APRs) that confer resistance from varieties Parula and Thatcher.
- Identification of the most effective combinations of APR and R genes.
- Diversify the resistance gene pools in Canadian wheat breeding programs.

ADF Funding: \$102,500

Sask Wheat: \$102,500 plus \$15,375 overhead

Organization: National Research Council

Contact: Wentao Zhang, (306) 975-4796

FHB Screening of CDC Barley Breeding Selections, 2016-2020 (20150126)

Objectives:

- Near Infrared (NIR) calibration development for prediction of grain deoxynivalenol (DON) content.
- DON evaluation at Crop Development Centre (CDC).
- Association mapping for fusarium head blight (FHB)/DON tolerance.
- Identify CDC barley breeding lines with improved FHB/DON tolerance.

ADF Funding: \$183,333

Western Grains Research Foundation: \$166,667 plus maximum of 15% overhead

SaskBarley: \$150,000

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Aaron Beattie, Crop Development Centre, (306) 966-2102

Improving Fusarium Head Blight Management in Durum Wheat in Saskatchewan (20150176)

Objectives:

- Identify Fusarium species and toxins produced from FHB infected spring and durum wheat from the 2014 epidemic.
- Optimize fungicide timing in durum to control fusarium head blight (FHB) in Saskatchewan.

ADF Funding: \$105,000

Western Grains Research Foundation: \$105,000 plus maximum 15% overhead

Sask Wheat: \$105,000 plus \$15,750 for overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Randy Kutcher, Plant Sciences, (306) 966-4951

Genetic Improvement of Photosynthetic Efficiency and Capacity in Canadian Wheat Cultivars
(20150183)

Objectives:

- Genetic and physiological assessment of photosynthetic efficiency in Canadian wheat cultivars.
- Developmental analysis of architecture, flag leaf and spike photosynthesis lines.
- Perform genome-wide transcriptome and metabolome studies in these lines.
- Define the molecular identity of the underlying genetic regulatory factors and their respective functions in photosynthesis.
- Develop gene and metabolite based targets and markers for photosynthetic efficiency.
- Deployment of these gene targets and their corresponding appropriate alleles into elite wheat cultivars.

ADF Funding: \$608,587

Organization: National Research Council

Contact: Raju Datla, Plant Biotechnology Institute, (306) 975-5267

Feeding Fusarium-Infected Wheat to Insect Larvae to Produce a Safe Replacement Protein Source
(20150240)

Objectives:

- Determine usefulness of mealworms to detoxify mycotoxins.
- Breeding trial with mealworms.
- Search for genetic variants.
- Determine usefulness of Black Soldier Fly larvae to detoxify mycotoxins.

ADF Funding: \$145,000

Enterra Feeds: \$5,000 (in-kind)

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Fiona Buchanan, Animal and Poultry Science, (306) 966-4160

Rapid Screening for Fusarium Head Blight Resistance in Isogenic Wheat Lines Using Biomolecular Imaging and Genomics Tools (20150250)

Objectives:

- Identify and quantify the internal structural differences (of the floret and rachis) in near-isogenic wheat lines (NILs).
- Identify the biomolecular composition and determine variation between susceptible and resistant FHB NILs.

ADF Funding: \$100,000

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Randy Kutcher, Plant Sciences, (306) 966-4951

New Sources of Resistance to Fusarium Head Blight in Spring Wheat (20150258)

Objectives:

- Identify wheat germplasm with new sources of FHB resistance by screening a world collection of *Triticum aestivum* accessions.
- Identify novel alleles for FHB resistance from a synthetic hexaploid wheat population.

ADF Funding: \$41,667

Western Grains Research Foundation: \$41,667 plus maximum 15% overhead

Sask Wheat: \$41,667 plus \$6,250 for overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Randy Kutcher, Plant Sciences, (306) 966-4951

Enhancing the Marketability of CWRS Wheat by Creating 'Cleaner Label' Opportunities Through Genetics and/or Enzymes (20150280)

Objectives:

- Study the role of chemical oxidizers in dough.
- Explore the role of enzymes as a replacement for chemical oxidizing agents.
- To test the bread making performance of selected formulations.

ADF Funding: \$168,500

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Michael Nickerson, Food and Bioproduct Sciences, (306) 966-5030

The Effect of Pre-harvest Glyphosate on Quality of Milling Oats (20150338)

Objectives:

- To determine the effect of application timing of pre-harvest glyphosate on oat yield, seed physical and functional properties.
- To investigate the interaction of cultural practices with pre-harvest glyphosate on seed physical and functional quality.
- To investigate alternative cultural / herbicide combinations for managing perennial weeds.

ADF Funding: \$194,093

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Christian Willenborg, Plant Sciences, (306) 966-8354

Oilseeds

Impact of Drought and Heat during Flowering on Canola Yield (20150009)

Objectives:

- Evaluate spring canola Nested Association Mapping population founder lines for drought, heat and combined stresses in greenhouse.
- Comprehensive analyses of plant metabolites exhibiting enhanced stress-responsive roles leading to the discovery of biomarkers.
- Selection of stress tolerant canola varieties based on the abscisic acid (ABA) level.
- Explore new rapid and non-destructive biomolecular imaging techniques to predict stress tolerance using Canadian Light Source.
- Evaluation of abiotic stress tolerance under field conditions.

ADF Funding: \$332,785

SaskCanola: \$41,667 plus maximum of \$24,959 for overhead

Organization: Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

Contact: Raju Soolanayakanahally, (306) 385-9585

Optimal Nitrogen and Phosphorus Management for Flax (20150105)

Objectives:

- To evaluate the yield response of flax to various rates and combinations of nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur fertilizer.
- To evaluate the potential yield response to higher N and P rates than are typically recommended or utilized for flax.
- To evaluate the probability of a yield response to sulphur fertilization for flax grown on Chernozemic soils in western Canada.

ADF Funding: \$89,900

Western Grains Research Foundation: \$89,900 plus maximum 15% overhead

SaskFlax: \$89,900 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: Indian Head Agricultural Research Foundation

Contact: Chris Holzapfel, (306) 695-7761

Total Recovery of Active Components of Flax (20150200)

Objectives:

- Compare alternative varieties of flaxseed for the recovery of different components.
- Develop methods for the removal of residual alcohol.
- Develop scale-up methods for the extraction of mucilage.
- Develop an unassailable intellectual property portfolio.
- Develop scale-up methods for the improved recovery of flax components.

ADF Funding: \$244,000

Organization: Prairie Tide Chemicals

Contact: Martin King, (306) 955-3566

Adding Value to Flax Orbitides (2015206)

Objectives:

- Optimize and quantitate the efficiency of orbitide organic light emitting devices (OLED).
- Develop knowledge on the interaction of orbitides with metal ions and lipids.
- Determine response of normal and cancer cells cultures to the presence of orbitides.
- Determine the potential of orbitides to be used as a drug carriers.
- Formulate pure and derivitized orbitides in hydrophobic and surfactant media.
- Prepare photodynamic material from orbitide and core shell nanomaterial. Test photodynamic material in-vitro.

ADF Funding: \$360,000

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Martin Reaney, Plant Sciences, (306) 966-5027

High Value Bioactives and Vitamins from Canola Crush Waste Stream (2015216)

Objectives:

- Extraction of active metabolites from the deodorizer distillate of canola.
- Analyzing the product (active metabolites).
- Product formulation.

ADF Funding: \$190,000

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Anas El-Aneed, Pharmacy & Nutrition, (306) 966-2013

Determining Best Practices for Summer Storage of Canola (continuation) (20150293)

Objectives:

- To generate and validate best management practices for summer storage of canola.

ADF Funding: \$42,514

Organization: Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute

Contact: Joy Agnew, (306) 682-5033 ext. 280

Pulses

Nutrient Uptake and Nitrogen Fixation by Faba bean in Saskatchewan Soils (20150076)

Objectives:

- To determine the soil nutrient uptake, removal and N fixation by faba bean.

ADF Funding: \$32,625

SaskPulse: \$32,625 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Jeff Schoenau, Soil Science, (306) 966-6884

Application of Abscisic Acid (ABA) Analogs in Pulse Agronomy and Physiology (20150111)

Objectives:

- Developing rapid generation technology (RGT) involving wild lentil crosses to produce aphanomyces-resistant lentil varieties.
- Increasing germination rate of pulse crops seeds at low temperatures.
- Hastening maturity in faba bean and chickpea.
- Breaking dormancy in seeds of wild relatives of lentil and chickpea.

ADF Funding: \$241,412

SaskPulse: \$275,000 plus 15% overhead (committed March 2015)

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Suzanne Abrams, Chemistry, (306) 966-1719

Evaluation of Pulse Starches to Produce Modified Pulse Starch and Resistant Starch Production
(20150175)

Objectives:

- To chemically and naturally modify the functional properties of pulse starches (pea, lentil and faba bean).
- To evaluate the economic feasibility of select modified pulse starches and resistant starches.
- To identify and establish functionality and nutritional attributes of pulse starches.
- To evaluate the select modified pulse starch for commercialization process.
- To establish the performance of modified pulse starches in food systems.

ADF Funding: \$150,000

Organization: Alliance Grain Traders

Contact: Mehmet Tulbek, (306) 244-5622

Genome Wide Association Study (GWAS) of Folate and Micronutrient Profile in Pea (20150212)

Objectives:

- Evaluation of diverse pea accessions for folates and micronutrients.
- Genome-wide association study to identify associated single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs).
- SNP variation within candidate genes associated with folates and micronutrients.
- Development of Kompetitive Allele Specific PCR (KASP) markers for marker assisted selection.

ADF Funding: \$460,358

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Tom Warkentin, Crop Development Centre, (306) 966-2371

Marker-Assisted Introgression of Useful New Diversity into the Pea Genome for Rapid Cultivar Improvement (20150251)

Objectives:

- Identification of pea germplasm with new diversity for key traits as candidate starting material for the project.
- Develop five F2 populations based on identified donors in objective 1 crossed to the common recurrent parent, CDC Amarillo.
- Development of genetic linkage maps for selection of F2 individuals to represent donor genomes in the background of recurrent parent.
- Development of ¼ chromosome segment substitution lines (CSSLs) by backcross breeding.
- Phenotypic and genotypic characterization of ¼ CSSLs.
- Fine mapping and development of near isogenic lines (NILs).
- Gene pyramiding for targeted traits.

ADF Funding: \$152,939

Western Grains Research Foundation: \$152,939 plus maximum 15% overhead

SaskPulse: \$152,939 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Tom Warkentin, Crop Development Centre, (306) 966-2371

Modification of a Commercial Lentil, Pea, and Faba Bean Protein Isolate Production Process for Improved Flavor Profiles (20150273)

Objectives:

- Production of pea and lentil protein isolates.
- Examine the surface and functional properties.
- Determination of flavor compounds and sensory evaluation.
- Scale up best washing/absorbent treatments for producing a lentil protein isolate product in the pilot plant.
- Scale up best washing/absorbent treatments for producing a pea protein isolate product in the pilot plant.
- Food product development.

ADF Funding: \$148,000

SaskPulse: \$100,000 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Michael Nickerson, Food and Bioproduct Sciences, (306) 966-5030

Entrapment of Heart Healthy Oils Using Lentil Protein Isolates by Spray Drying (20150274)

Objectives:

- Examine a range of oil types within the encapsulation system.
- Examine the impact of synthetic and natural antioxidants on oil stability.
- Characterize the resulting encapsulated ingredient.
- Carry out product development using the new encapsulated ingredient.
- Produce kg quantity lentil proteins ingredients within the pilot plant.
- Scale up encapsulation process from benchtop to pilot plant.
- Re-formulate wall formulations to increase payloads.

ADF Funding: \$187,000

SaskPulse: \$51,500 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Michael Nickerson, Food and Bioproduct Sciences, (306) 966-5030

Technology Platform for Comprehensive Nutritional Profiling of Seeds (20150281)

Objectives:

- Combine mid-infrared (mid-IR) and X-ray spectroscopy based quantitative methods as a one stop 'shop' to profile seed nutrition.
- Validate spectroscopic method developed in objective 1 on the seed obtained from a range of pea germplasm.
- Develop recommendations for implementing high throughput nutritional profiling at the U of S.

ADF Funding: \$153,094

Western Grains Research Foundation: 153,094 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Tom Warkentin, Crop Development Centre, (306) 966-2371

Faba Beans for the Future – N-telligent Farming (2015285)

Objectives:

- Develop commercially acceptable and adapted faba bean germplasm with drought tolerance for the south and west regions of SK.
- Develop faba bean germplasm with reduced height and yield stability for the north and east regions of SK.
- Improve the micronutrient bioavailability (iron and zinc) of faba bean by reducing seed phytate for human nutrition.
- Develop faba bean germplasm with improved resistance to chocolate spot (*Botrytis fabae*) using local and introduced germplasm.
- Rapidly develop faba germplasm with low vicine/convicine to change perception of anti-nutritional properties in food processing.

ADF Funding: \$312,500

Western Grains Research Foundation: \$312,500 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Albert Vandenberg, Crop Development Centre, (306) 966-8786

Alternative Crops

Allergenicity Considerations in Glabrous Canary Seed (20150214)

Objectives:

- To investigate the potential allergenic nature of glabrous canaryseed compared to wheat allergens.

ADF Funding: \$110,624

Organization: Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan

Contact: Kevin Hursh, (306) 933-0138

Hemp Protein as a Microencapsulation Carrier for Hemp Oil and Hemp Oil Concentrate (20150232)

Objectives:

- Process development for encapsulating hemp oil and hemp oil concentrates using hemp protein.
- Stability testing of the microencapsulated product.
- Pilot scale process testing and optimization.
- Lab-scale assessment of hemp protein isolate or selected fractions as microencapsulation wall materials.
- Lab-scale development of a hemp oil concentrate with high alpha-linoleic acid (ALA) and gamma-linoleic acid (GLA) content.

ADF Funding: \$200,000

Naturally Splendid: \$100,000

Organization: POS Bio-Sciences

Contact: Udaya Wanasundara, (306) 978-2800

Herbicide Screening in Hemp (*Cannabis sativa*) (20150253)

Objectives:

- To screen hemp germplasm to determine variability in tolerance to broadleaf herbicides.
- To provide data to Minor Use of Pesticides Program to support herbicide registration.

ADF Funding: \$110,550

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Christian Willenborg, Plant Sciences, (306) 966-8354

Optimizing the Agronomic Viability of a New, Higher Quality Commercial Quinoa Variety in the Southern Regions of Western Canada (20150262)

Objectives:

- Variety Screening/Trials and Assessment to determine the most suitable varieties for the soil and climate conditions in W. Canada.
- Testing and re-testing to determine pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and insecticides for quinoa varieties in W. Canada.
- Performing agronomic trials to determine practices that produce the highest seed yield, nutritional quality and germination rate.
- Engaging with Western Canada producers, food processors, agricultural government, etc.

ADF Funding: \$88,438

Organization: Rourke Farms Ltd.

Contact: David Rourke, (204) 776-5557

Miscellaneous Crops Related

Improved Iron Chelates for Treatment of Iron Chlorosis in Saskatchewan Pulse and Fruit Crops
(20150006)

Objectives:

- Preparation and testing of a new foliar spray for treating iron chlorosis in pulse and fruit crops.

ADF Funding: \$26,667

SaskPulse: \$13,333 plus maximum 15% overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Matthew Paige, Chemistry, (306) 966-4665

Improved Variable Rate Irrigation Prescription Development (20150056)

Objectives:

- Assess the role of emerging technologies in developing Variable Rate Irrigation prescriptions.
- Recommend improvements to Variable Rate prescription writing methodology.
- Evaluate economic benefits associated with the adoption of Variable Rate Irrigation Technology.
- Produce a Variable Rate Irrigation training package.

ADF Funding: \$148,350

Organization: Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

Contact: Evan Derald, (306) 385-9383

Investigation and Demonstration of Close Coupled Gasification of Novel Fuel Pellets Developed from Agricultural Residues (20150057)

Objectives:

- Scale-up of moisture resistant pellet gasification process.
- Thermodynamic modeling of the pellet gasification process.
- Synthesis of moisture resistant fuel pellets from canola meal, oat hulls and wood residues using bio-additives and optimization.
- Development and characterization of the catalysts for tar conversion to gaseous product during gasification of fuel pellets.
- Gasification of fuel pellets synthesized at optimum operating conditions and optimization of gasification process conditions.
- Extensive characterization of feedstocks and fuel pellets.
- Life-cycle and process economic analysis for synthesis and gasification of bio-based fuel pellets.

ADF Funding: \$291,000

SaskPower: \$30,000 (in-kind)

Spectrum Technologies: \$45,000 (in-kind)

Richardson Oilseeds: \$30,000 (in-kind)

Milligan Biofuels: \$36,000 (in-kind)

Biofueltech: \$50,000 (cash and in-kind)

Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute: \$50,000 (cash and in-kind)

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Ajay K. Dalai, Chemical Engineering, (306) 966-4771

Crop Response to Foliar Applied Phosphorus Fertilizers (20150077)

Objectives:

- To determine the crop response to foliar applied phosphorus (P) fertilizer, applied alone and in combination with soil applied phosphorus.
- To determine the efficiency of the added P fertilizer in recovery by the crop and increasing the yield.

ADF Funding: \$17,400

Sask Wheat: \$17,400 plus \$2,610 for overhead

SaskCanola: \$17,400 plus maximum \$2,610 for overhead

SaskPulse: \$17,400 plus Maximum 15% for overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Jeff Schoenau, Soil Science, (306) 966-6884

Identifying the Mechanisms Responsible for Greater Than Expected Residue-Induced N₂O Emissions from Canola and Flax (20150083)

Objectives:

- Identify plant factors that contribute to enhanced nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from oilseed residues.

ADF Funding: \$168,409

SaskCanola: \$56,136 plus maximum \$8,240 for overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Richard Farrell, Soil Science, (306) 966-2772

Quantifying the Contribution of Pulse Crop Residues to GHG Emissions, N Nutrition, and the Growth of a Subsequent Wheat Crop (20150084)

Objectives:

- Demonstrate the beneficial role that pulse crops can play in prairie cropping systems.
- Specific objectives:
 - Quantify direct N₂O emissions from soils under pea, lentil, chickpea, faba bean and wheat crops.
 - Quantify direct N₂O emissions from soils under a wheat crop grown on pea, lentil, chickpea and faba bean residues.
 - Develop BMPs for pulse stubble management.
 - Partition the relative contribution for each major N source [fertilizer-N, residue-N and background (indigenous soil N)] to overall soil-emitted N₂O emissions.
 - Quantify BNF from pea, lentil, chickpea and faba bean.
 - Quantify N-mineralization/immobilization from soils under pea, lentil, chickpea, faba bean and wheat.

ADF Funding: \$93,941

Western Grains Research Foundation: \$93,940 plus maximum 15% for overhead

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Richard Farrell, Soil Science, (306) 966-2772

Comparative Genomics of Apomictic Plants: Advancing Novel Tools for Niche Breeding (20150123)

Objectives:

- High-quality genome assembly of 3 sexual and 3 apomictic *Boechera* (Brassicaceae).
- Isoform sequencing of ovule transcriptomes from 3 sexual and 3 apomictic *Boechera* (Brassicaceae).

ADF Funding: \$369,000

SaskCanola: \$41,000 plus maximum \$6,150 for overhead

Organization: Global Institute for Food Security

Contact: Tim Sharbel, (306) 966-3701

Improving Weed Management for Saskatchewan Growers (Renewal of ADF Project 20120029)
(20150154)

Objectives:

- To assist in the maintenance of a weed science research program in the Plant Sciences Department at the University of Saskatchewan.
- To leverage the core funding of this grant to obtain industry and producer groups funds to maintain viable weed science program.

ADF Funding: \$269,770

Sask Wheat: \$38,258 plus maximum \$5,739 overhead (Yr. 3 funding)

SaskCanola: \$38,258 plus maximum \$5,739 overhead (Yr. 3 funding)

SaskFlax: \$38,258 plus maximum \$5,739 overhead (Yr. 3 funding)

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Christian Willenborg, Plant Sciences, (306) 966-8354

Evaluating the Effect of Tillage Radish™ on Water Infiltration Rate in Annual Cropland (20150246)

Objectives:

- To examine the effect of radish cover crop on water infiltration, water storage, and flax yield.

ADF Funding: \$25,000

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Bing Si, Soil Science, (306) 966-6877

Development and Scale-up Production of Plant Endophytic Microorganisms for Seed Treatment of Wheat and Corn (20150278)

Objectives:

- To undertake development and scale-up studies on three plant endophytes with plant growth and yield promoting efficacy.

Descriptions:

- Test 1 and 5 L batch fermentations of the three endophytes for optimizing media components and culture conditions.
- Scale-up studies to test 15 and 300 L batch fermentations from optimized shake flask culture parameters.
- Test different strategies for recovery and downstream processing of biomass.
- To undertake development and scale-up studies on three plant endophytes with plant growth and yield promoting efficacy.

Description: Field testing of large-scale derived biomass for efficacy testing.

ADF Funding: \$200,401

Organization: University of Saskatchewan

Contact: Vladimir Vujanovic, Food and Bioproduct Sciences, (306) 966-5048

Enhanced Saskatchewan Soil Data for Sustainable Land Management (20150286)

Objectives:

- Enhance access to Saskatchewan soil data.
- Enhance resolution of soil data through digital soil mapping.
- Develop a sustainable land management app.

ADF Funding: \$100,467

SaskCanola: \$50,233 plus maximum \$7,535 for overhead

SaskPulse: \$50,233 plus maximum 15% for overhead

Organization: University Of Saskatchewan

Contact: Angela Bedard-Haughn, Soil Science, (306) 966-4291