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### **Winners Announced for the 2018 National Wheat Yield Contest**

*Great Falls* – The National Wheat Foundation’s (NWF) National Wheat Yield Contest offers growers the opportunity to compete with farmers from across the United States and improve their production practices through new and innovative techniques. Today, NWF announced winners for the 2018 National Wheat Yield Contest.

The contest recognizes winners in two primary competition categories: winter wheat and spring wheat, and two subcategories: dryland and irrigated.

Montana Grain Growers Association member Randy Bokma, Denton, placed fifth nationwide in the dryland winter wheat category with a Westbred variety yielding 123.59 bushels per acre.

State winners from Montana include Ed Bibeau, Malta, and Russell McIntosh, Havre, placing first and second in the dryland spring wheat category. Bokma, Glenn Todd, Denton, and Robert Grubb, Coffee Creek, placed first, second and third respectively in the dryland winter wheat category.

Winners are selected by the percentage increase their yield exceeds the most recent 5-year Olympic county average as determined by USDA.

Sponsors for the 2018 National Yield Contest are AgriMaxx, Ardent Mills, BASF, Croplan/Winfield, Indigo Ag, Grain Craft, John Deere, LCS, Mennel Milling, Miller Milling, Syngenta, and WestBred.

National Wheat Foundation Chairman Wayne Hurst said, “NWF would like to thank each grower for enrolling in the NWYC, and thank our sponsors for helping to make the Contest available to wheat growers in the United States. We received a record-breaking 318 total entries this year and hope that this number will continue to grow.”

The national winners attending the 2019 Commodity Classic will be recognized during a reception celebrating the Contest and its winners. The 2019 Classic will be held in Orlando, Florida from February 28th – March 2nd.

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