



# Public sector breeding to prepare for changing climates



**Transitioning Cereal Systems  
to Adapt to Climate Change**

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# Wheat Breeding Priorities (MN Spring Wheat)

## Agronomic Characteristics

1. Yield
2. Lodging resistance
3. Test Weight
4. Shattering
5. Kernel color
6. Pre-harvest sprouting resistance

## Diseases

1. Fusarium head blight (scab)
2. Leaf rust
3. Bacterial leaf streak
4. Stripe rust
5. Leaf Spotting (Tan Spot, Septoria's)
6. Barley yellow dwarf virus
7. Stem rust

## Bread-Making Quality Characteristics

1. % protein
2. Mixing Properties
3. Loaf Volume
4. Flour Water Absorption
5. Kernel Hardness
6. Flour color
7. Milling Yield
8. Percent Flour Ash

# Improving barley and wheat germplasm for changing environments



## **Triticeae CAP (T-CAP)**

**56 participants, 28 institutions, 21 states**



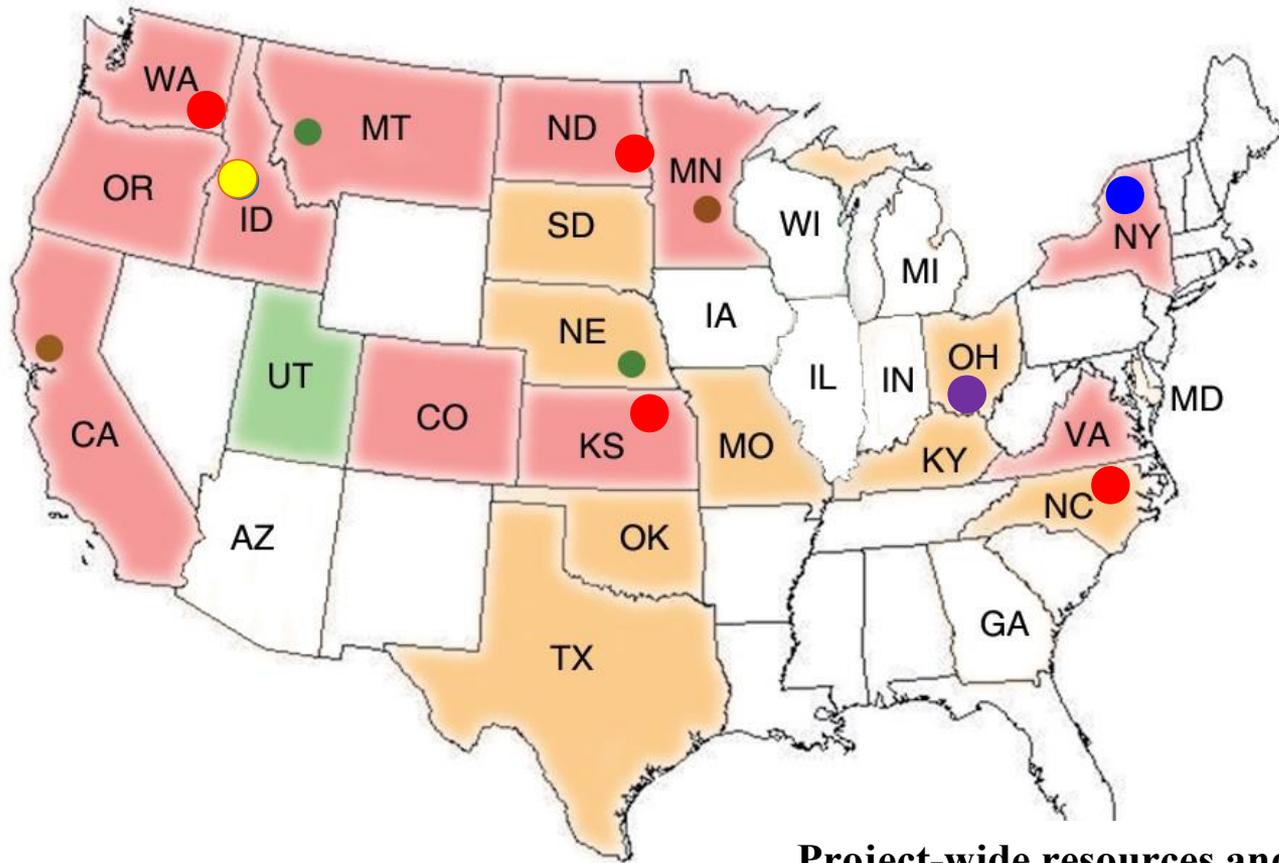
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# Integration of wheat and barley research communities



The T-CAP includes:

- 56 participants
- 28 institutions
- 21 states.

Most have previous experience in the BarleyCAP and WheatCAP projects

## Project-wide resources and activities

- Genotyping labs, SNP development, KS also GBS
- National Small Grain Collection
- Database, web resources & tools
- Project direction
- Education coordination
- Industry liaison coordination

States with former BarleyCAP and WheatCAP programs

States with WheatCAP programs

States with BarleyCAP programs

# Traits

- **Disease resistance**
  - Barley and wheat stem, stripe and leaf rust
  - Barley spot blotch & spot-form net blotch
- **Water and Nitrogen use efficiency, yield**
  - Regular agronomic traits
  - Protein (and minerals)
  - **Canopy spectral reflectance** (heading + grain filling)
    - **WUE** productivity under water stress / non-stressed conditions.
      - $NWI-1$   $(R_{970}-R_{900})/(R_{970}+R_{900})$ ,  $NWI-3$   $(R_{970}-R_{850})/(R_{970}+R_{850})$
      - CID (carbon isotope discrimination)
    - **Biomass: NDVI**  $(R_{900}-R_{680})/(R_{900}+R_{680})$
    - **NUE** productivity under N limiting/ non-stressed conditions
      - Protein content
      - $Sdr / Sdv$  (need 680/760 and 490/530) complex formula
      - *GPC-B1*
- **LTT** (barley only)



# Populations to Discover New Genes

## WHEAT AM POPULATIONS

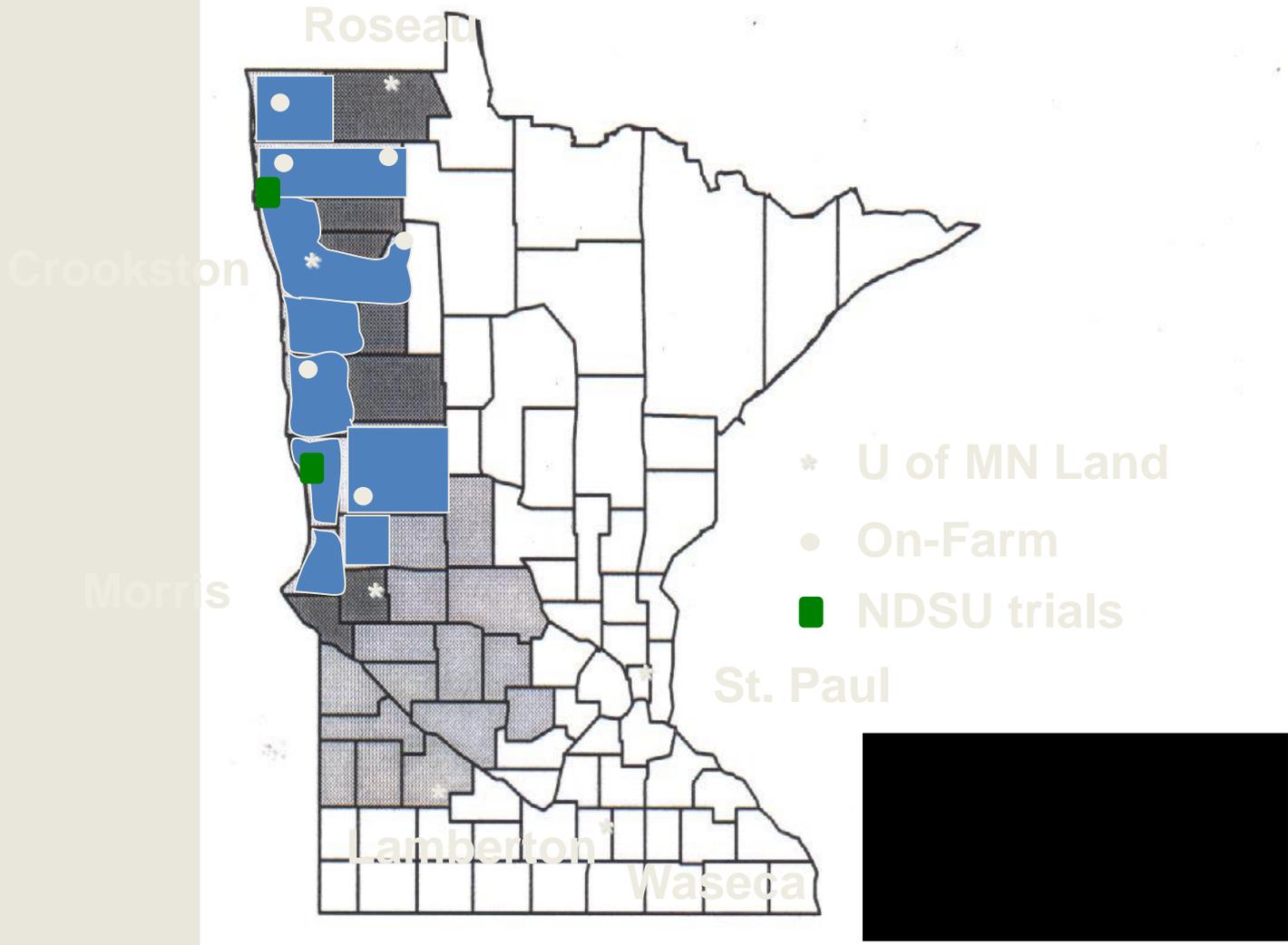
Spring wheat: 300 lines for drought tolerance (10% in common with CIMMYT AM and 10% Canada AM).

Wheat diseases: 384 lines for leaf rust and 384 lines for stripe rust.

Hard winter wheat: 300 hard wheat lines. NUE, WUE and yield.

Soft winter wheat: 300 soft wheat lines. NUE and yield

# Testing Locations



# Fusarium head blight (scab)

- Frequent epidemics in U.S. since 1993
  - Wetter conditions at flowering time
  - Cultural practices that result in more residue on soil surface



Entry	Scab
Forefront	3
Rollag	3
Glenn	3
Breaker	4
SY Soren	4
Barlow	4
Faller	4
LCS Albany	4
RB07	4
Breakaway	5
Elgin-ND	5
Norden	5
Linkert	5
Prosper	5
Powerplay	5
Vantage	5
Knudson	6
WB-Digger	7
Jenna	7
WB-Mayville	7
Marshall	7
Samson	8
Prevail	-
SY Rowyn	-
SY Ingmar	-
Advance	-
LCS Iguacu	-
HRS 3361	-
HRS 3419	-
HRS 3378	-
WB9507	-

# Bacterial Leaf Streak (BLS)

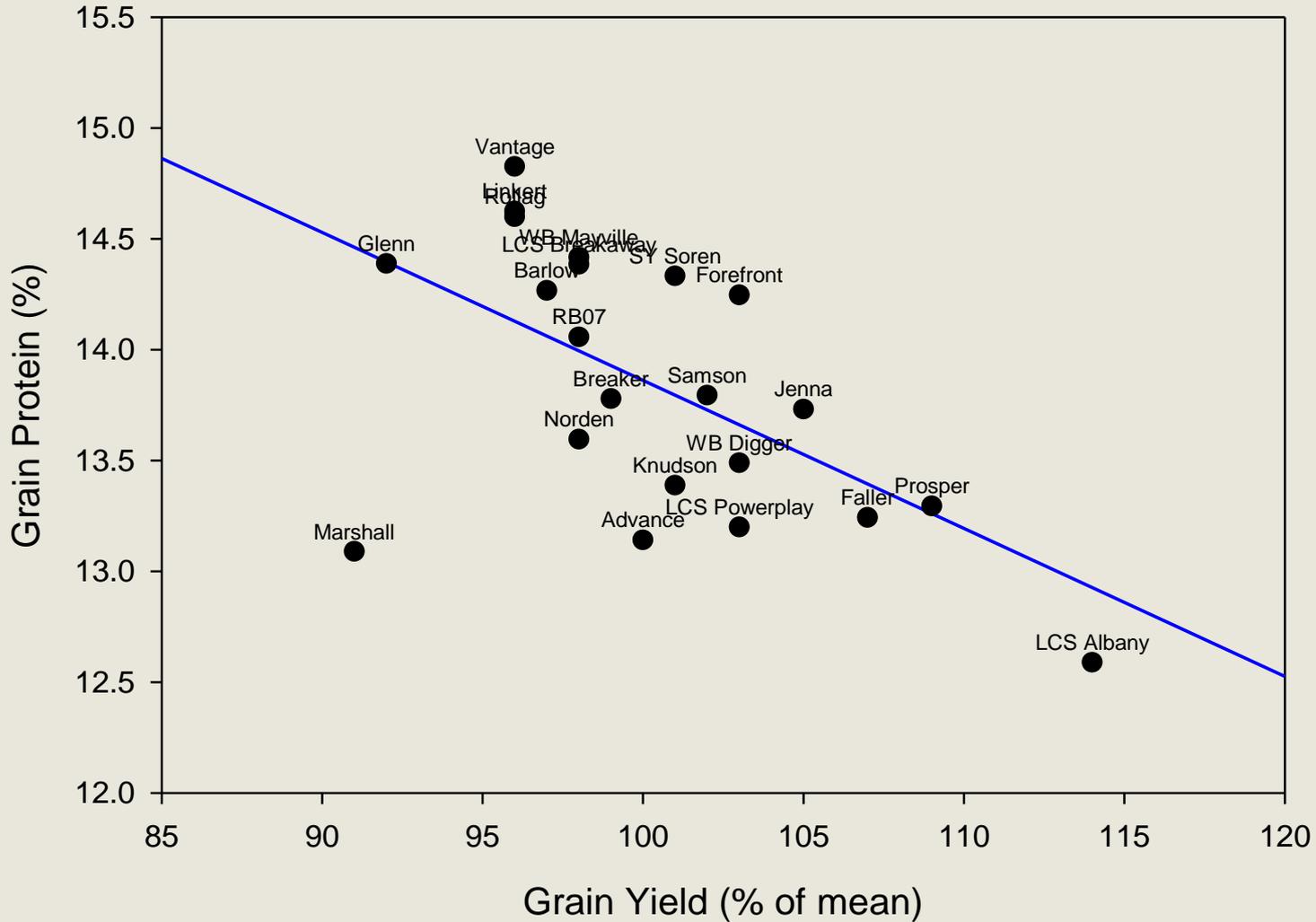
*(Xanthomonas translucens)*

- Increased incidence since 2005. Why?
- No control options, some varietal differences

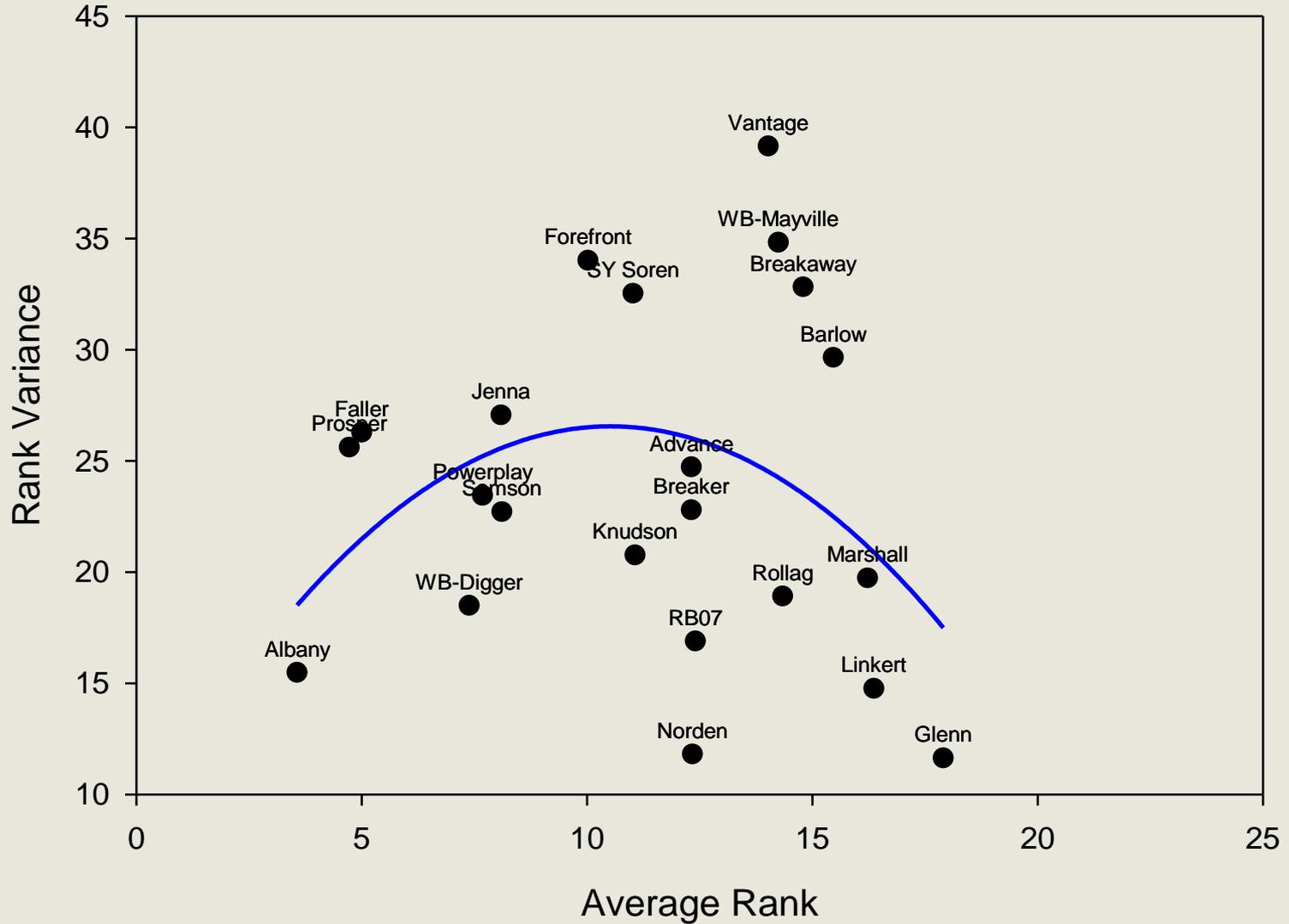


Entry	BLS
Prevail	2
Breaker	2
SY Rowyn	3
Forefront	3
Breakaway	3
SY Ingmar	3
Elgin-ND	4
Norden	4
Knudson	4
Linkert	4
Advance	4
SY Soren	4
LCS Iguacu	4
Rollag	4
Barlow	4
Glenn	4
Prosper	4
Faller	4
HRS 3361	4
WB-Digger	5
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Powerplay	5
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LCS Albany	6
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WB9507	6
Vantage	7

# Yield vs. Protein – Northern MN 2012- 2014



# Yield Stability – Northern MN 2012 -2014



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- **Federal**
  - U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative
  - USDA-NIFA T-CAP (Leaf and stem rust)
- **University of Minnesota**
  - Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station
  - MN Small Grains Initiative
  - Variety Development Fund
- **NGOs**
  - Minnesota Wheat Research & Promotion Council
  - Gates Foundation (Durable rust resistance)

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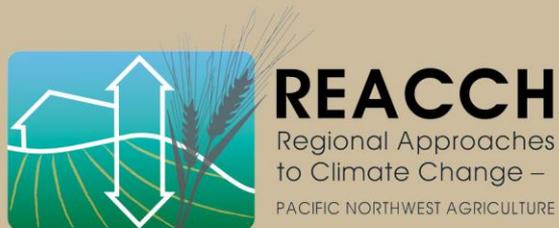


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