

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

for the Virginia Small Grains Board

Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Date Due: November 1, 2025

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The Virginia Small Grains Board

FY 2024-2025

I. Introduction

Created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1991 as part of Virginia's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia Small Grains Board promotes the interests of wheat, barley, oats and rye growers in the Commonwealth through research, education and marketing.

The Board consists of 11 members with voting privileges and are all appointed by Virginia's governor for three-year terms and have no term limits. The membership consists of seven small grains producers from different regions around the state, a seedsman, a processor, a country buyer, and an exporter. The regions and the definitions for the agribusiness positions are defined in the Virginia Corn Board legislation.

The purpose of the Board is to manage the Small Grains Fund which consists of the checkoff dollars collected from the one-half of one percent of the net market price per bushel for small grains produced in Virginia and sold to a first handler. The Board uses these funds to contract with government agencies and the private sector to conduct programs for market development, promotion, publicity, education, and research. The programs are to enhance the economical production of and to increase the sale and use of small grains.

The Board holds one meeting each year in July. This meeting is the Board's annual funding meeting.

Revenue collected in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 totaled \$177,922.93 compared to \$276,772.70 collected in 2024. Only 130,000 acres of wheat were planted for harvest in 2025 which is the fewest acres planted since at least 2012.

The wheat crop in Virginia during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, totaled 65,000 acres harvested from the 130,000 acres planted. Yield per acre was 66 bushels, which is the same as 66 bushels the previous year.

In 2024, the barley crop averaged 84 bushels per acre on 9,000 harvested acres. It is estimated that 27,000 acres were planted in 2025 and 6,000 acres of that were harvested. Yields in 2024 were 84 bushels per acre on 9,000 harvested acres.

Production totaled 756,000 bushels with a value of \$3,629,000. The value of the crop for 2024 was \$2,092,000 and \$3,010,000 in 2023.

The Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service does not provide data for the rye and oats crops; therefore, the Virginia Small Grains Board cannot include any rye or oats statistics in this annual report.

II. BUDGET and FINANCES

A. Annual Budget	\$ 400,000.00
See Financial Analysis	
B. Revenues	\$177,922.93
C. Expenditures	\$178,328.80
1. <u>Administration</u>	
a. Travel	\$ 907.18
b. Computer Equipment	-
c. Agency Service Charge	-
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Total Administrative Expenditures	\$ 907.18
2. <u>Dedicated Funding</u>	
a. Market Development	\$ 20,000.00
c. Research	219,812.00
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Total Dedicated Funding Expenditures	\$ 239,812.00

**III. RESEARCH, PROMOTION, EDUCATION, MARKET DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS AND ALLOCATED FUNDING**

	RESEARCH PROJECTS	FUNDING
1	Impact of Planting Date & Weather Patterns on Wheat Development, Freeze Susceptibility, and Yield	\$5,000.00
2	Small Grain Research Program Support	\$10,000.00
3	Soft Red Winter Wheat Cultivar Development	\$60,000.00
4	Breeding, mapping, and genome-enabled selection for scab resistance in barley and wheat	\$30,000.00
5	Improvement and Development of Barley for Use in Feed, Malt, and Food	\$10,000.00
6	Development of Specialty Wheat Varieties with High Value End-Use Properties	\$13,000.00
7	FY2025 Mycotoxin Testing Services for Virginia Wheat and Barley	\$30,000.00
8	Modernizing phosphorus fertilizer recommendation to support profitable winter wheat production in Virginia	\$15,000.00
9	Small Grains Variety Testing and Market Development	\$29,312.00
10	Evaluation of fungicide application timing windows for Prosaro Pro, Sphaerex and Miravis Era for Fusarium head blight management	\$15,000.00
11	On-Farm Small Grain Test Plots in Eastern Virginia 2024-2025	\$2,500.00
	Total	\$219,812.00

	MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	FUNDING
1.	Empowering Small Grains: A VGPA and VSGB Partnership for Growth and Innovation	\$ 20,000.00
	Total	\$ 20,000.00

IV. FUNDING LEVEL AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

		<u>Actual Expenditures</u>
1. Cash Balance: June 30, 2024	\$	434,394.62
2. Assessment Receipts: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	+	158,411.07
Interest from Other Sources	+	19,581.86
Miscellaneous Revenues	+	<u> -</u>
3. Total Balance and Receipts	=	612,387.55
4. Less Total Actual Expenditures	-	<u>(178,328.80)</u>
5. Cash Balance: June 30, 2025	= \$	434,058.75

VI. MEETINGS AND BOARD ATTENDANCE

Richmond, Virginia July 18, 2024

I. Attendance

Board Members Present

Ellen M. Davis, ***Chair***
 Floyd S. Childress, ***Vice Chair***
 Michael Downing
 David K. Hula
 James H. Hundley, III
 George David Black
 Lynn P. Gayle
 Raymond G. Keating
 James N. Oliver
 Jay Jennings

Board Members Absent

Candice Wilson