MAWG Membership Form

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Recurring Payment Authorization

Recurring Payments Will Make Your Life Easier

Schedule your payment to be automatically charged to your Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card.

Here's How Recurring Payments Work:

You authorize an annual scheduled charge to your credit card. You will be charged the amount indicated on the membership form each year. A receipt for each payment will be emailed to you and the charge will appear on your statement. You agree that no prior-notification will be provided unless the date or amount changes, in which case you will receive notice from us at least 10 days prior to the payment being collected.

By choosing Auto-renew on the membership form, you are authorizing **Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers** to charge your credit card for the amount chosen on the form, annually, on or around the 10th of your Anniversary Month for payment of my Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers membership dues.

I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing, and I agree to notify **Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers** in writing of any changes in my account information or termination of this authorization at least 15 days prior to the next billing date. If the above noted payment dates fall on a weekend or holiday, I understand that the payments may be executed on the next business day. I certify that I am an authorized user of this credit card account and will not dispute these scheduled transactions with my credit card company; so long as the transactions correspond to the terms indicated in this authorization form.



Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers



Invest in Your Industry

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Since 1978, the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers has been working to represent YOU, the producer, at the state and national level. MAWG funds a lobbyist to voice your concerns in St. Paul and NAWG in Washington DC.

As a member of MAWG you are also a member of the National Association of Wheat Growers. A portion of your MAWG dues goes to the National Association of Wheat Growers. NAWG funds lobbyists to represent the wheat industry in Washington DC.

Membership dues in the MAWG fund lobbying efforts on issues that improve profits for Minnesota wheat producers and support educational programs. Many important projects and policies have become reality because of the efforts of MAWG.

Everyone pays the wheat check-off, however that does not make you a member of MAWG. Checkoff dollars and MAWG membership dues support different activities.

Checkoff dollars fund the Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council (MWRPC). The MWRPC directs those funds to develop new wheat varieties, improve production, find new uses and help promote wheat exports and domestic uses of wheat.

The MAWG and MWRPC work together on grower education and promotion of the wheat industry.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

179 Tax Conformity: In 2020 MAWG was part of an effort to successfully lobby and pass legislation that aligned state tax policy with federal policy.

2018 Farm Bill: A major priority of MAWG is to maintain the funding levels that were used in writing the 2007 Farm Bill. In addition, it is our desire to maintain the Farm Bill framework, however, we are seeking increases for wheat program support levels so that wheat is placed on an equitable level with all program crops as it relates to target prices, direct payments and loan rates.

School Bond Reform: Rural education is important but so is parity in funding. In an effort with other commodity and rural stake holders MAWG successfully advocated for the passage of this reform which resulted in the state covering 70% of local school capital levies to alleviate property tax burdens.

Technology and Research: MAWG understands the pressing need to find ways to keep wheat production viable in Minnesota. We have prioritized the investment and adoption of new technology and research that can increase our yields and/or reduce our cost of production. We will lobby for additional research funding for high yielding spring and winter wheat adapted to our area. In addition, we will encourage the commercialization of biotechnology in wheat that can help reduce yield and quality losses due to wheat scab.

Industry Support: MAWG works to keep base funding for the Ag Special at the UofM and the Northern Crops Institute. We have successfully opposed efforts to restrict or ban the use of particular chemical products (Lorsban, RoundUp, Dicamba, etc), restrict or ban the use of crop inputs (fertilizer), or restrict the ability to drain farmland or install/use drain tile. We continue to fight for fair property tax assessments between bare farmland and business/residences in town.

Conservation Programs: MAWG places a high priority on developing conservation programs that can work for growers in Minnesota's unique growing regions and environment. It is a priority to make sure funding for conservation programs do not come at the expense of commodity programs. We have prioritized programs that help growers implement conservation programs, over the programs that reward only the conservation programs that have already been implemented. Incentives are needed, such as EQIP, to help implement and experiment with new conservation practices that may be unproven on individual farms.

Communications and Information:

MAWG places a high priority on developing and offering wheat related educational/informational programs that can help improve the bottom line of your wheat enterprise. We also place a high priority on cooperative efforts that makes the programming more valuable and access able to our members.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Wheat Grower focused lobbying efforts at the state and federal level
- Free Registration to the Prairie Grains Conference, December 8-9, 2021, (Banquet and Informational Meetings included)
- Free registration to educational and informational meetings held throughout the year.
- Membership in the National Association of Wheat Growers
- Wheatsource Weekly Update Newsletter