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Houston, We Have a Problem!

- 2008, 2009 appearance of 'Genou' in Wyoming variety trials (1 bu/a higher yield than 'Buckskin')
- Fall 2009 'Choteau' spring wheat put into CSU crossing program (due to linked markers....)
- Summer 2011 first documented sawfly damage in Colorado

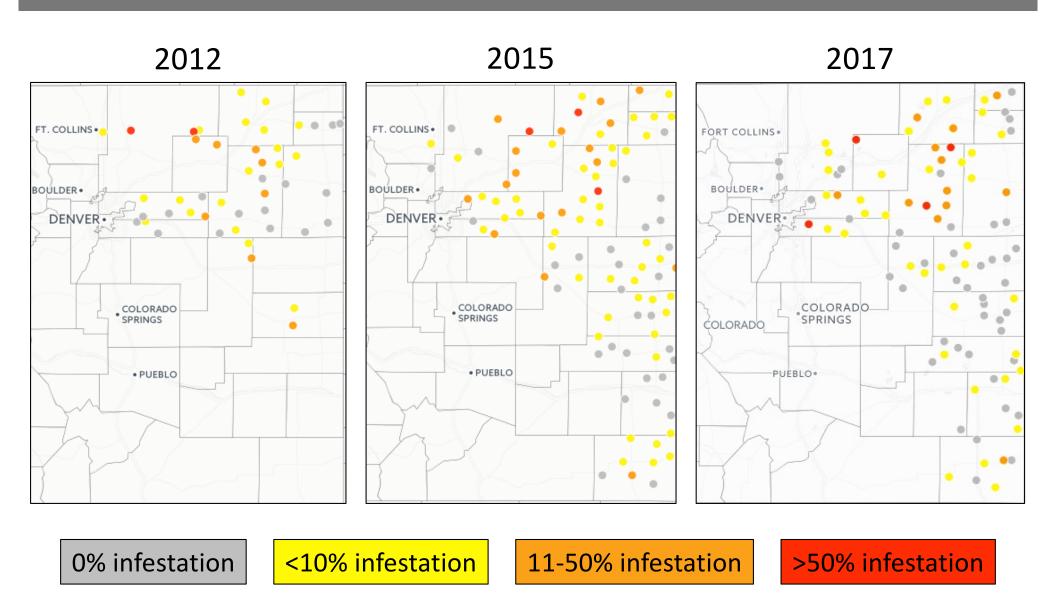


Terri's Sweep Net

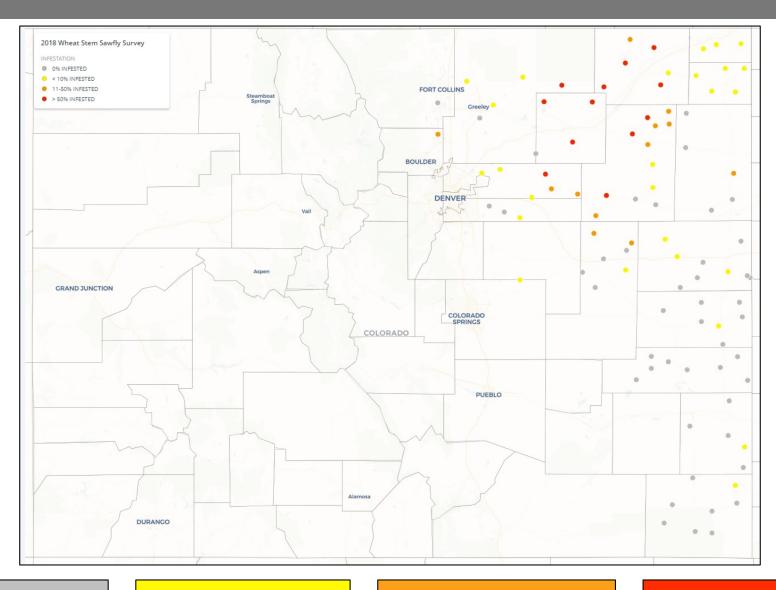
Ripper - worse

Hatcher - better

Wheat Stem Sawfly Surveys



Wheat Stem Sawfly Survey – 2018



0% infestation

<10% infestation

11-50% infestation

>50% infestation

Variety Testing and Wheat Breeding

- Extension variety trials Montana solid-stem lines vs *Byrd* winter wheat
 - Judee (2012) = 18 bu/a lower (33%)
 - Bearpaw (2013) = 8 bu/a lower (28%)
 - Warhorse (2014) = 13 bu/a lower (22%)
 - Bearpaw (2013-2015) = 12 bu/a lower (24%)
 - Spur (2015-2016) = 9 bu/a lower (12%)
 - Loma (2017) = 41 bu/a lower (41%)
 - Conclusion cannot coast toward retirement!
- Breeding approaches
 - Doubled haploid breeding accelerated line development, enrichment and selection using DNA markers
 - Selected bulk breeding repeated phenotypic selection in segregating generations
 - Strategy make crosses between elite lines and solid-stem donors rapidly develop lines for evaluation under sawfly pressure identify lines with potential for release, increase seed recycle lines back into crossing program

Doubled Haploid (DH) Breeding





Make cross, grow F1 Pollinate with maize Treat with hormones



Collect immature seeds excise embryos transfer to tissue culture



Regenerate haploid plants in tissue culture



Vernalize, treat with colchicine



Harvest DH seed, increase

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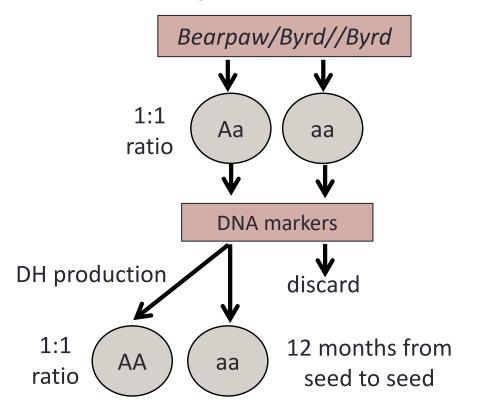




DNA marker-assisted enrichment for stem solidness on chromosome 3BL



Image - Darren Cockrell, CSU



DH-Derived Semi-Solid Lines

- 264 DH lines generated, grown in field in 2015
 - Visual selection 134 lines selected
 - Visually scored for solidness in the field at harvest, assayed for DNA markers associated with chromosome 3BL solidness gene
 - Selection history: 2016 102 lines, 2017 12 lines, 2018 4 lines

	2016	2017		2018		Average					
	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Yield	Test	Stem		
Entry	WSS	Non WSS	WSS	Non WSS	WSS	Non WSS	WSS	Weight	Cutting	Solidness	
Byrd	57.7	71.9	56.8	53.1	69.8	60.9	61.4	57.3	5.8	6.6	
Denali	60.9	62.2	54.8	54.4	65.7	59.2	60.5	57.5	5.6	6.3	
CO15SFD092	59.3	64.8	56.6	54.9	68.6	59.7	61.5	57.3	2.4	13.2	
CO15SFD107	60.0	64.9	53.9	54.3	67.5	59.7	60.5	58.2	2.3	12.7	
Average	57.3	65.3	55.2	67.5	55.2	66.4	55.9	57.4			
Locations	2	9	2	8	2	17	6	23			

Semi-Solidness and Stem Cutting



CO15SFD107 Akron Colorado 2018

CO15SFD092 Akron Colorado 2018



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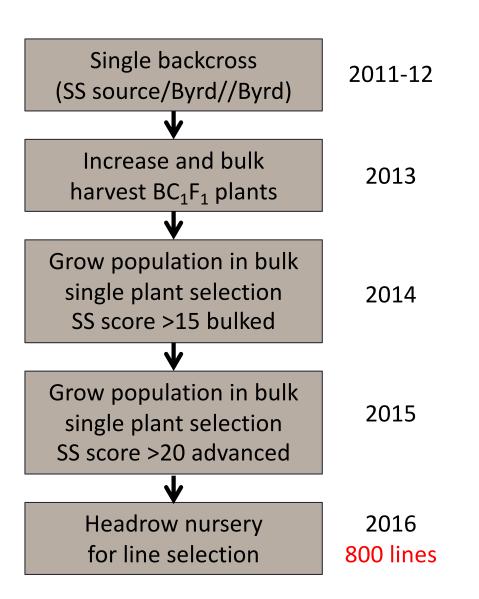


CO15SFD107 Akron Colorado 2018

CO15SFD107 (left) – cutting 20% Canvas (right) – cutting 85% New Raymer Colorado 2018



Selected Bulk Breeding



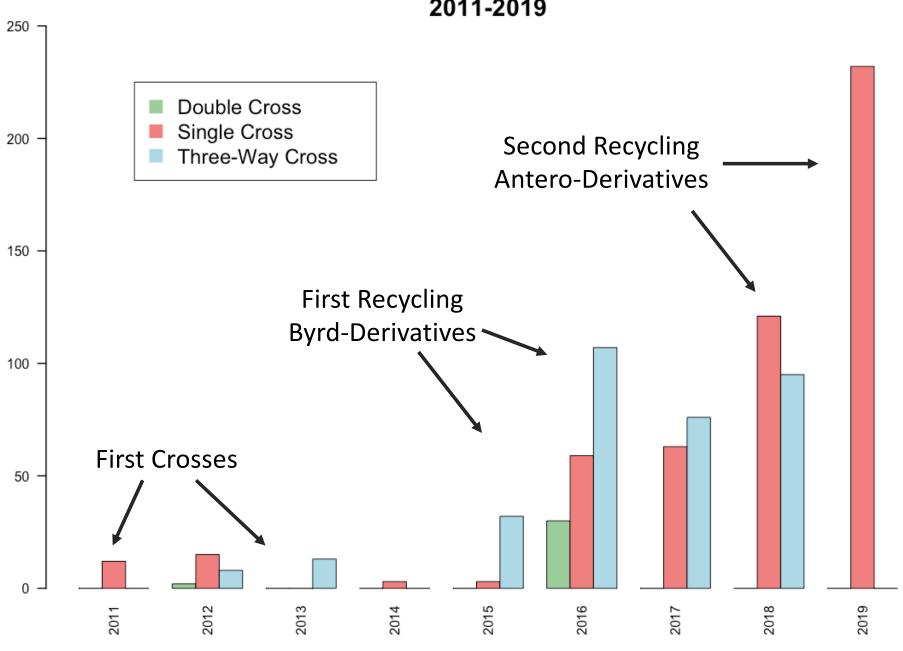
- Widely used for breeding for durable rust resistance in wheat
- Solid stem parents
 - Judee
 - Bearpaw
 - Warhorse
 - Spur
- Adapted parents
 - Byrd
 - Antero
 - Denali
 - New elite hard red, hard white lines

Selected Bulk-Derived Semi-Solid Lines

- About 800 headrow selections in field in 2016
 - Visual selection 79 lines selected, scored for solidness at harvest
 - Trials at both Orchard and New Raymer in 2017
 - Selection history: 2018 5 lines; 2019 2 lines

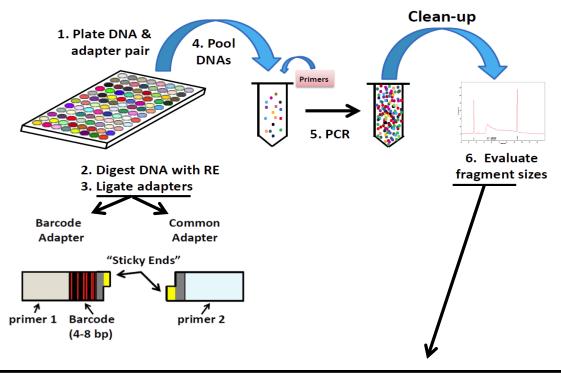
	2017	201	8				
	Yield	Yield Non	Yield	Yield	Test	Stem	
Entry	WSS	WSS	WSS	WSS	Weight	Cutting	Solidness
Avery	54.2	71.8	55.7	55.0	57.3	5.5	6.2
Byrd	49.9	69.8	53.1	51.5	57.5	5.8	6.6
Denali	48.1	68.6	54.9	51.5	56.6	5.6	6.3
Snowmass	42.3	64.7	54.0	48.1	56.0	5.8	6.2
CO16SF065	50.8	68.7	55.6	53.2	57.5	2.6	15.7
CO16SF070	49.5	69.2	56.4	53.0	57.2	2.4	16.4
Average	46.8	68.6	54.5	50.7	57.0		
Locations	2	8	2	4	12		

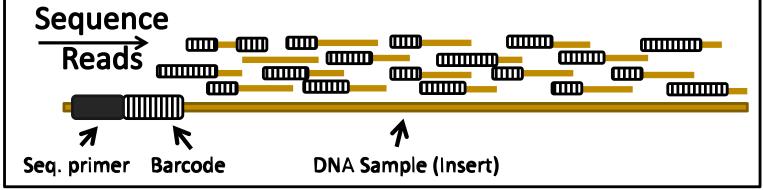
Number of Breeding Program Crosses 2011-2019



Genotyping by Sequencing (GBS)

Elshire et al., PLoS One 6(5): e19379 (2011) Poland and Rife, Plant Genome 5:92–102 (2012)





Evolution of GBS

+ 90K SNP array
"Pseudo-Reference"
96-plex, Illumina HiSeq 2500

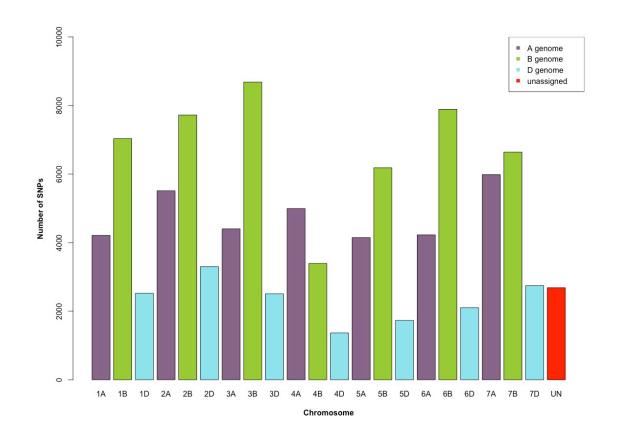
IWGSC Survey Sequences
(v2 and v3)
Chromosome assembly
192-plex, Illumina HiSeq 2500

IWGSC Whole Genome Assembly
(v0.4)
Illumina + PopSeq
384-plex, Illumina HiSeq 4000

IWGSC RefSeq (v1.0) Chinese Spring reference 384-plex, Illumina HiSeq 4000 2012 – 22K SNPs, 384 individuals \$19 per sample, 48% missing data



2019 – 100K+ SNPs, 20K individuals \$8 per sample, 31% missing data



Genomics-Assisted Breeding

High-throughput DNA markers

- Genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS) one-step discovery of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) across the genome
- Inexpensive, high density, uniform distribution
- Application leveraged across multiple breeding objectives

Plant phenotypes

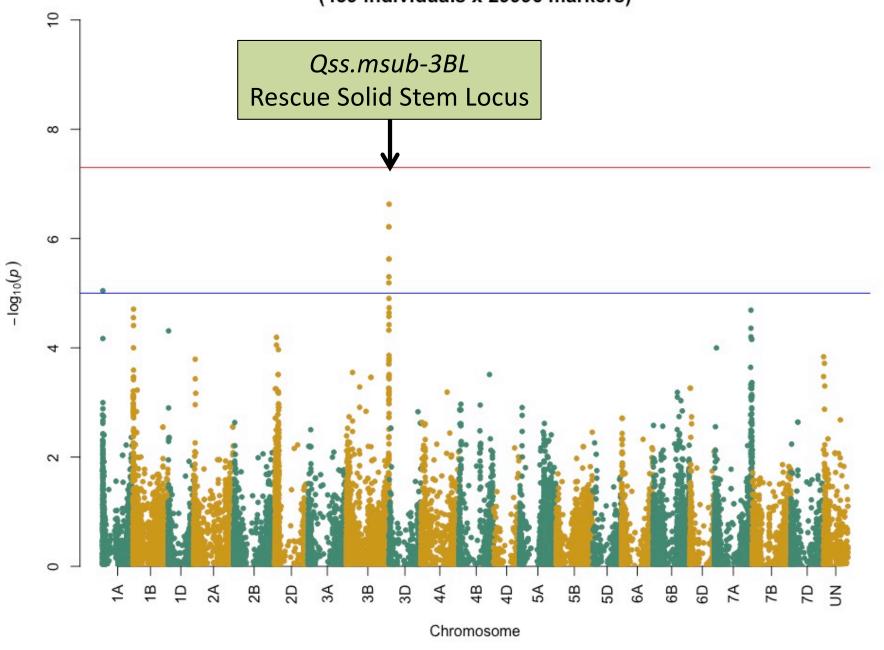
- Grain yield
- End-use quality dough mixing properties, loaf volume
- Disease resistance stripe rust, wheat streak mosaic virus
- Response to sawfly infestation

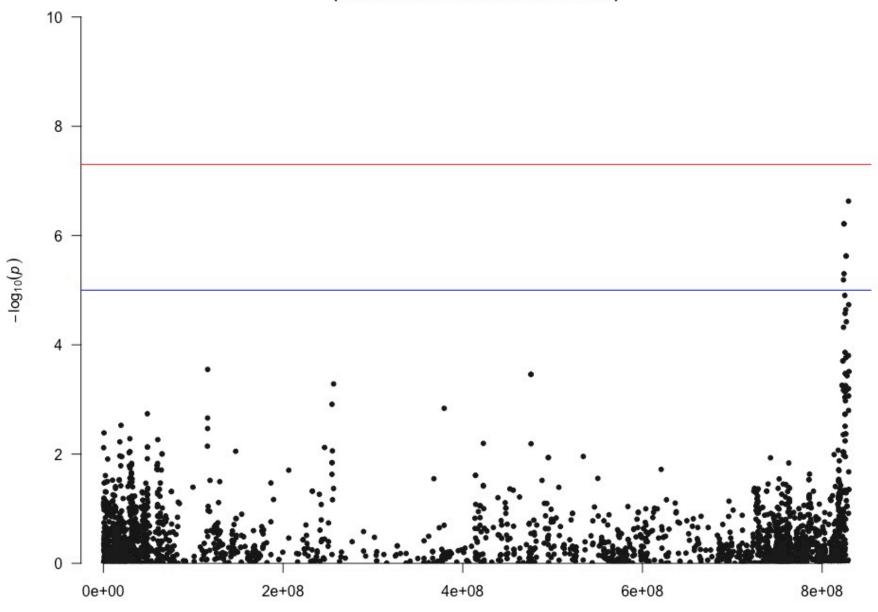
Breeding applications

- Genome wide association study (GWAS) gene and haplotype discovery
- Genome wide selection (GS) breeding value estimation

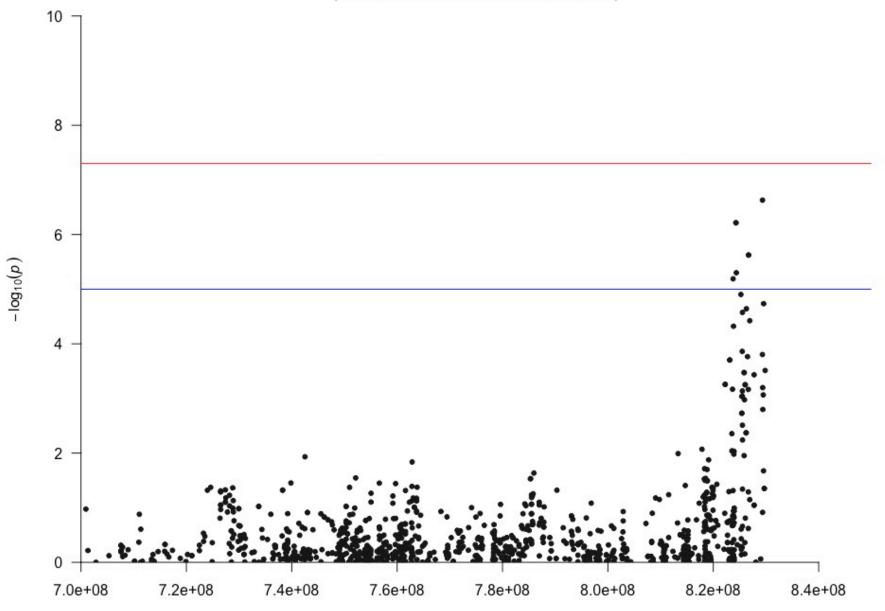
Dataset

- New Raymer, Orchard field trials (2014-2018)
- 459 different entries (solid-stem and hollow-stem)
- Mixed linear model grain yield, test weight, stem cutting





Chromosome 3BL Position

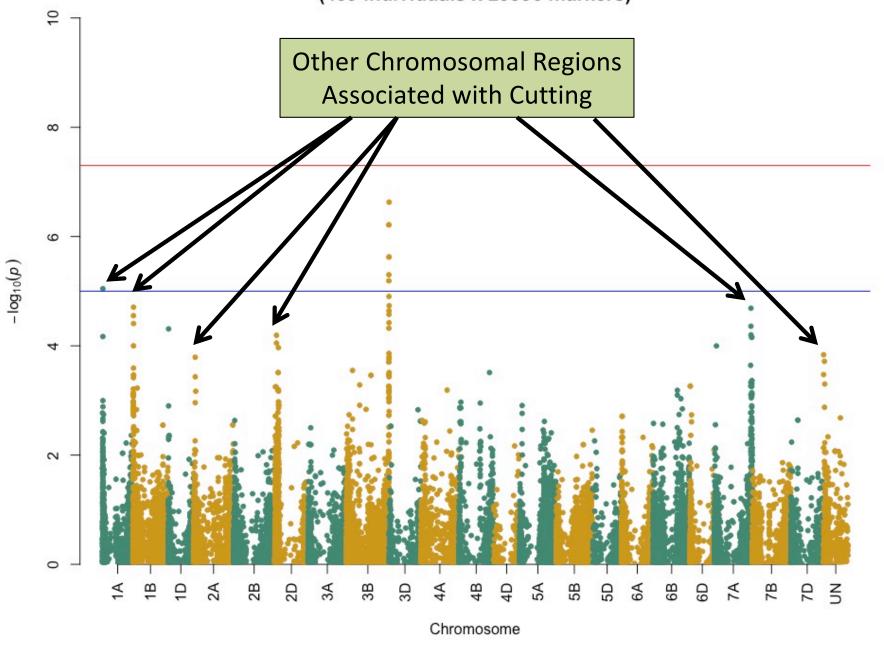


Chromosome 3BL Position

Chromosome 3BL Haplotypes – 459 individuals (subset)

3BL QTL

Entry	Cutting	S3B 823763468	S3B 824302584	S3B 824302608	S3B_824374886	S3B 826696909	S3B 826696912	S3B 829341613	
CO15R770	3.0	C	A	G	T	С	G	G	
CO12D158	3.1	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
CO16D068W	3.2	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
CO15R317	3.2	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Snowmass 2.0	3.8	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Hatcher	4.2	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Canvas	5.3	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	NA
Breck	5.4	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Antero	5.7	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Langin	5.9	С	Α	G	T	С	G	G	
Avery	6.0	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Byrd	6.3	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Snowmass	6.3	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
Denali	6.4	С	Α	G	Т	С	G	G	
CO15SFD107	2.4	Α	С	A	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO15SFD032	2.6	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO15SFD024	2.9	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
Bearpaw	3.0	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO15SFD062	3.1	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	Bearpaw
CO16SF029	3.3	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	2 3 3 3 3
CO16SFD014	4.5	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO16SFD016	4.9	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO16SFD004	5.3	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO16SFD008	6.0	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO16SF078	2.4	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO16SF070	2.9	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO16SF065	3.1	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	ludaa
CO16SF049	4.4	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	Judee
CO16SF076	4.5	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO16SF071	4.5	Α	С	Α	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO15SFD092	2.8	С	С	A	С	Т	Α	Α	
CO11D444	4.6	С	С	A	С	Т	Α	A	_
CO14R466	3.7	c	Α	G	T	Т	Α	A	misc
CO15D098R	4.0	С	Α	G	Т	Т	Α	G	
TAM 114	4.8	С	Α	G	Т	Т	Α	G	



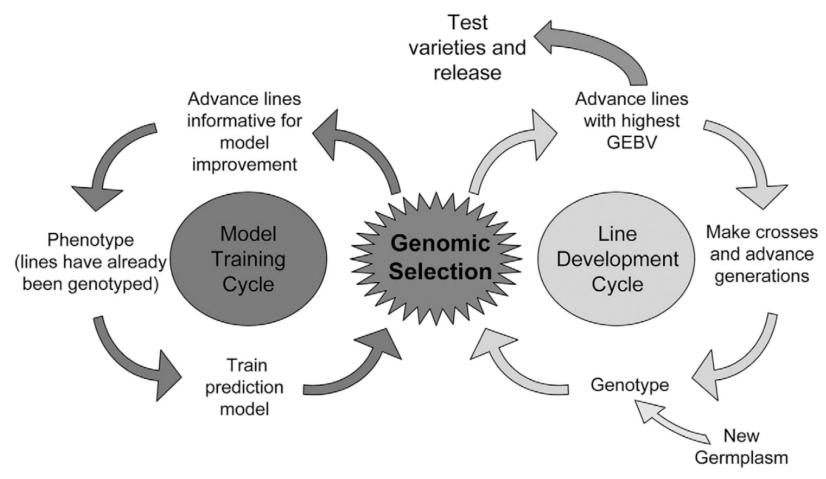
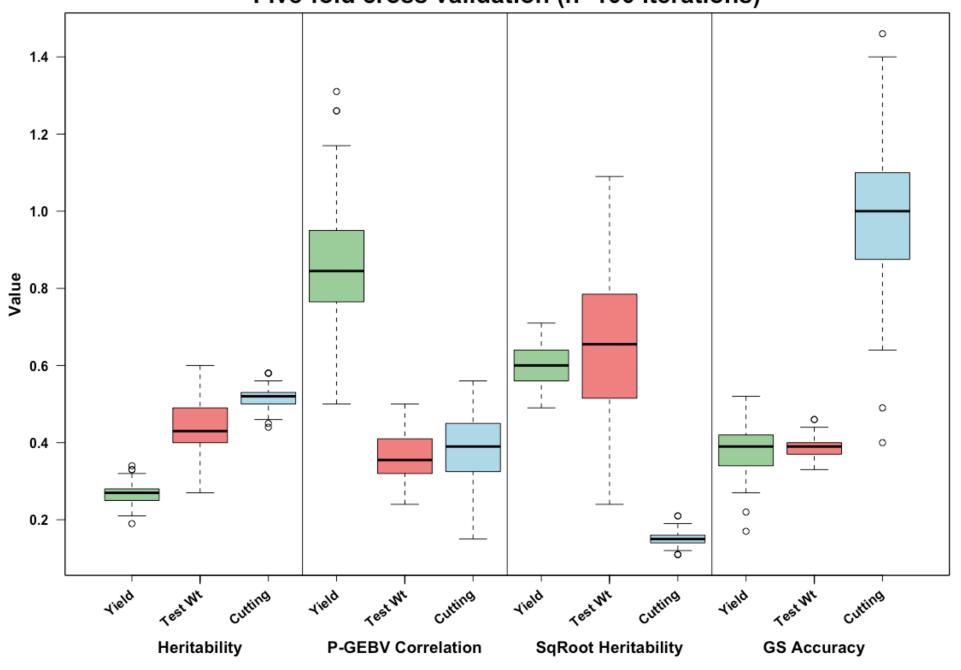


Figure 2. Flow diagram of a genomic selection breeding program. Breeding cycle time is shortened by removing phenotypic evaluation of lines before selection as parents for the next cycle. Model training and line development cycle length will be crop and breeding program specific. (GEBV = genomic estimated breeding value.)

Elliot L. Heffner, Mark E. Sorrells, and Jean-Luc Jannink Genomic Selection for Crop Improvement Crop Science 49:1-12 (2009)

GS Prediction Accuracy and Trait Heritability Five-fold cross validation (n=100 iterations)



Closing Thoughts

- Deployment of adapted semi-solid and solid cultivars
 - Adoption of initial cultivars what level of yield drag is acceptable?
 - Integration with sawfly population "forecasting"?
 - Is semi-solidness adequate under heavy infestation?
- Resistance sources diversification, durability, effectiveness, stacking
 - Bearpaw, Judee (Rescue) Qss.msub-3BL
 - Conan early expression of solidness
 - *Sr2* adult plant stem rust resistance
 - PI 166471 (Turkish landrace) three new QTLs on chromosome 1B
 - Non solid-stem based resistance non-preference? antibiosis?
- Applied wheat cultivar development
 - Genomics-assisted breeding
 - Stripe rust resistance (etc.) Byrd derivatives as base
 - Hard red and hard white varieties (Ardent-CWRF Premium Program)
 - Herbicide tolerance Clearfield*, CoAXium™

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