



NORTHARVEST BEAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Supplying the World With Dry Beans.

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SBARE
NDSU Dept 7520
P.O. Box 6050
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Re: Technician and operating fund to support the plant pathology and agronomy program of Dr. Michael Wunsch at the Carrington Research Extension Center.

Dear SBARE Board of Directors,

The Northharvest Bean Growers Association represents 2400 dry bean farmers that grow ten different classes of edible beans. North Dakota leads the nation at 36% of the total dry bean production. As the leader in the dry bean industry, we appreciate the support SBARE has shown the NDSU Researchers and Extension staff to display extended leadership in the knowledge of our cropping system.

I am writing in support of adding a technician position and the operation funds that Dr. Michael Wunsch requires to run his plant pathology & agronomy program at optimal efficiency. Dr. Wunsch and his staff easily work 60-85 hours a week to maintain the research programming that his team is taking on. With an additional technician this will allow Dr. Wunsch to concentrate on more publications and extension capacity for the dry bean farmers of North Dakota. The white mold research, data, and extension outreach that have come from the Wunsch research team are exceptional and known around the world.

Please consider additional support structure for this fine program.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Coulter
Executive Director