



2017 Annual Wheat and Oat Field Tour at the Brandon Research and Development Centre (BRDC), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Brandon, MB.

July 26th, 2017 was a lovely sunny Wednesday, great for a field tour. About 51 people joined the scientists and staff for the Brandon Research and Development Centre Annual Wheat and Oat Field Tour. The field tour was held at the new trial site near P. Quintaine & Son, just northeast of Brandon. Guests came from the Brandon area, from around Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and the USA. We even had visitors from as far away as The Netherlands. Tour attendees learned about the small plot equipment we use in the breeding programs, the good agronomic performance of the different breeding lines we are developing, and some of the diseases we continue to combat with genetic resistance.

Alireza Nakhforoosh, the recently hired PRP Research Scientist, demonstrated how he collected data on numerous traits to evaluate lodging resistance in several oat cultivars. We hope to identify traits and associated markers for improving lodging resistance in our breeding program.

The tour was followed by a wonderful lunch, conveniently located near the trial site. Several guests commented that it was one of the best field days they had attended.













