

**2015 North American breeders' tour.**

In July, 2015, oat breeders Ali Babar (U. Florida), Steve Harrison and Becky Lewis (LSU – QION Research Associate), and Melanie Caffé (South Dakota State) visited oat breeding programs in Saskatoon, Brandon, Brookings, and Fargo. Kathy Klos, oat molecular geneticist at USDA-ARS in Aberdeen, ID, joined the tour as well. It was an excellent trip and nice reprieve from the heat.

-Steve Harrison.



In Fargo, ND: Mike McMullen from North Dakota State with Steve, Ali, and Kathy.



Mike, Ali, Becky, and Kathy.



In Saskatoon, SK: Melanie, Aaron Beattie from the University of Saskatchewan, and Becky.



In Brandon, MB: Jennifer Mitchell Fetch (LHS) and Kali Stewart (RHS) from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada with Kathy and Becky.



Becky, Kathy, Ali, and Melanie.