



New Oat Geneticist at USDA-ARS, Fargo, ND, USA

Dr. Craig Carlson was recently hired as the new Oat Geneticist at the USDA-ARS Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, ND. He grew up in Casselton, ND, earned BS and MS degrees at North Dakota State University, and a PhD from Cornell University in Plant Breeding and Genetics, where he also served as a post-doctoral research associate with Cornell Hemp. He and his wife's daughter, Tuni, recently turned two and is overjoyed to be out of covid isolation and closer to family.

Craig's research is centered around plant genetic diversity, breeding, and genomics. As Oat Geneticist, he will focus on the genetic improvement of oat yield and quality traits to generate stable and disease resistant varieties using traditional and modern breeding techniques. He is highly collaborative and looks forward to joining the oat research community.