



**New Research Leader for the Cereal Crops Research Unit at USDA-ARS,
Fargo, ND, USA**

This announcement was recently made by the USDA-ARS:

“Dr. Rajeev Gupta joins as Research Leader for Cereal Crops Research Unit, ETSARC, USDA-ARS, Fargo, ND. Dr. Gupta received his BS in Agriculture (Honours in Plant Protection) and MS (Plant Pathology) from Punjab Agricultural University, India, followed by MPhil and PhD in Plant Molecular Biology from the University of Cambridge, UK. Rajeev worked as Post-Doctoral Fellow and Assistant Specialist at UC Berkeley. He comes with more than two decades of a global professional career working in various public sector (UC Berkeley), private sector (DuPont Pioneer now Corteva, USA), and non-profit (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics [ICRISAT]), handling multiple projects in Ag Biotechnology and Crop Improvement. Before joining USDA, Rajeev most recently worked as Principal Scientist and Theme Leader for Genomics and Trait Discovery at ICRISAT, India, where he led a team of scientists working on developing and applying modern resources, tools, and technologies in genomics, genetics, and trait discovery programs in ICRISAT’s mandate cereals (sorghum, pearl millet, and finger millet) and grain legumes (chickpea, groundnut, and pigeonpea). In addition, he also led flagship programs in international consortia such as CGIAR Research Program-Grain Legumes Dryland Cereals (CRP-GLDC); CINTRIN (Cambridge India Network for Translational Research in Nitrogen); and TIGR2ESS (Transforming India's Green Revolution by Research and Empowerment for Sustainable food Supplies). With more than two decades of international experience in non-profit, public, and private sectors, Rajeev has published ~50 research articles in high impact international journals such as *Nature*, *PNAS*, *The Plant Cell*, *Plant Journal*, *Plant Physiology*, *Plant Biotech Journal*, and *Plant Molecular Biology*; and ~45 patent applications related to abiotic stress tolerance and yield enhancement in crops.”

Welcome to the community, Rajeev!