

## Keeping in touch: the Oat Newsletter and other platforms

The **Oat Newsletter** has been a source of oat research-related information for more than 50 years. You can find out more by going to the Oat Newsletter website (<https://oatnews.org/>). To receive notifications by e-mail whenever the Oat Newsletter is updated, please contact me at [oatnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:oatnewsletter@gmail.com). This list is kept confidential and will never be made public. The same address can be used to submit Research Reports, Community News stories, or other content to the newsletter.



**“OatMail”** is an e-mail forum for discussion and announcements of specific interest to the broader oat research community. It is administered by GrainGenes (<https://wheat.pw.usda.gov/>) and the editor of the Oat Newsletter. OatMail is different from the Oat Newsletter mailing list in that any member can use OatMail to send a direct message to all other members on the list. Members can also reply to messages when the resulting discussion is deemed to

be of general interest. Messages will, however, need to be approved by a moderator before they are sent out to the entire membership. With membership, you can choose whether to receive all emails, or daily or weekly digests. You can also choose to provide a short description of your interests that will be included with your name in the membership directory.

### Subscribing to the mailgroup:

To subscribe to the mailgroup, please fill out the form at this address:  
[https://wheat.pw.usda.gov/GG3/om\\_maillist](https://wheat.pw.usda.gov/GG3/om_maillist)

You will receive confirmation of your acceptance as well as a password to access your account. You can update your information or unsubscribe at any time. The list of current members is always available, but email addresses are not published.

### Using the mailgroup:

To post a message to everyone in the group, simply e-mail it to the following address:  
[oatmail@graingenes.org](mailto:oatmail@graingenes.org)

### Rules:

- please keep to the topic of oats.
- anything deemed to be spam will not be posted.
- announcements concerning innovative new products may be allowed, but overt sales pitches for commercial products will not be posted.
- healthy discussion is encouraged, but messages containing inflammatory statements, derogatory remarks, foul language, etc., will not be posted.

There is a **Facebook group** associated with the newsletter (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/688965397861944>), but this has not been active for a long time. If you would like to manage that group, please get in touch.

**On Twitter** you can find the Oat Newsletter by searching for **@OatNewsletter**. Tweets can be accessed by most people at <https://twitter.com/OatNewsletter> or at the bottom of the Oat Newsletter homepage. If you post something that you think I should see, please tag @OatNewsletter in your tweet.

**“OatChat”** is a WeChat group that was set up to help members of the Chinese oat community stay connected to the larger group. Anyone is welcome to join, though. Please send me an email to request the code should you wish to join the group.

## SPEAKING OF OATS...

Presented by Oat Global

**“Speaking of Oats...”** is a webinar series sponsored by Oat Global (<https://oatglobal.umn.edu/>) and managed by its director, Pablo Olivera Firpo. Information about the webinars can be found on the Oat Global site (<https://oatglobal.umn.edu/initiatives/speaking-oats>) or in the Oat Newsletter (<https://oatnews.org/node/921>). We expect to continue hosting 7-8 webinars per year. Past webinars can be viewed on YouTube, and the videos are now being added to the Oat Newsletter site as well. Please consider volunteering to speak, either on your own or with others doing the same type of work!

**The Oat Newsletter editor is elected** by the American Oat Workers’ group at its conferences every four years, and an Editorial Board is chosen at the same time. We are considering putting together a second team of people to help write content and develop the newsletter further. The “Speaking of Oats...” webinar series has a team of volunteers to help find speakers for the series. Please get in touch if you have comments, questions, or would like to be a part of the latter two groups.

Here’s looking forward to making more connections!

-Charlene Wight, Oat Newsletter editor, October, 2022.  
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