

The Oat Newsletter:

where we've been and where
we're going.

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Neal Jensen

The purpose of the Oat Newsletter was to supplement the Uniform Nursery reports by providing short research updates, meeting information, community information, and reports from oat research stations concerning yields, disease outbreaks, etc..

Three basic types of information are included in the Newsletter:

- The minutes and proceedings of the National Oat Conferences (later the AOWC), as well as other meetings,
- Short articles presenting research updates or announcements of new varieties or technologies,
- Announcements from the community concerning its members.

A Statement on The National Oat Conference
by the Chairman, H. L. Shands

The National Oat Conference was organized in a preliminary way at the Agronomy meetings in Milwaukee in 1949. The men named below have functioned for the year 1950, as members of the National Oat Conference Committee:

R. M. Caldwell,	Lafayette, Indiana
F. A. Coffman,	Beltsville, Maryland
N. F. Jensen,	Ithaca, New York
H. C. Murphy,	Ames, Iowa
K. S. Quisenberry,	Beltsville, Maryland
David A. Reid,	Lexington, Kentucky
D. W. Robertson,	Fort Collins, Colorado
H. L. Shands,	Madison, Wisconsin
T. R. Stanton,	Beltsville, Maryland.

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The purpose of the National Conference may be outlined below:

- To advance oat improvement on a national basis by
- (a) discussing matters of national concern.
 - (b) exchanging breeding materials
 - (c) planning nurseries having various objectives
 - (d) integrating regional work
 - (e) unifying note taking
 - (f) determining races of inoculum in breeding for disease resistance
 - (g) getting adequate funds for oat research
 - (h) advising on increasing new selections
 - (i) any other matters that may properly come before the conference.

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ALASKA

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By S. C. Litzenberger (Palmer).

Edda Barley and Golden Rain Oats, Two New Varieties for Alaska

The Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture has developed and is releasing for production in Alaska two new superior cereal crop varieties, Edda barley and Golden Rain* oats. These two cereals will be recommended for growing throughout the Territory in 1951. Application for supplies of these varieties for seed increase purposes should be made through the Extension Service Offices at Palmer or College. Through the cooperative efforts of the Montana and Idaho Agricultural Experiment Stations and two seedgrowers at Aberdeen, Idaho, the Alaska Station has increased the seed supply of these two varieties to more than 20 tons. Approximately 17,500 pounds of seed of Golden Rain is to be made available to Alaska growers for the 1951 crop season.

For the 1951 season we will then be recommending Golden Rain, Gopher, Climax and Victory for Alaska. The latter two varieties are primarily recommended for silage and hay when seeded with peas. As you will thereby note, disease resistance has not caught up with us yet.

Some Observations on Oats in 1950

By F. A. Coffman

From Volume 1, 1950

In 1950 the writer visited the State Experiment Stations in all states west of the Hudson and east of the Rockies except North Dakota and Delaware. Oat experiments were observed at some 55 points in 30 states during the season. The following conditions were observed:

(1) Crown rust (presumably races 45 and 57 or some similar races) was present almost everywhere. Commercial varieties having some resistance or tolerance to these rust races and also to H. victoriae include Marion, Cherokee, and Benton.

(2) Stem rust was present over a wider area than the writer had seen in any of the previous 26 years on the oat project. Stem rust was observed in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania. Presumably this was largely stem rust race 7, although some may have been race 8. Commercial varieties having at least some resistance to stem rust race 7 include Ajax, Andrew, Marion, Rainbow, Beaver, and others.

(3) The so-called "red leaf" trouble or condition of oats did not seem so prevalent in 1950 as in 1949, and as previously reported the manifestation of "red leaf" seems to depend in part at least on genetic factors. The progenies of some crosses contained much more "red leaf" than those of others.

A Proposed Standard Method for Illustrating Pedigrees
of Small Grain Varieties

Laurence H. Purdy, W. Q. Loegering, C. F. Konzak,
C. J. Peterson, and R. E. Allan

Scientific Paper No. 3025. College of Agriculture, Washington State University, Pullman. Crop Science 8:405-406, 1968. Single copies are free. Write to C. F. Konzak, Department of Agronomy, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington 99163. Please include your zip code in your return address.

CONCLUSION

From Volume 19, 1968

The proposed method of writing pedigrees of small grain varieties should be applicable for manual and automatic machine operations. This simple and versatile method may be useful under a wide variety of situations and should be directly adaptable for other crops. International groups concerned with problems of storing crop plant data may wish to use it.

Jay:

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Arlington Farm, Rosslyn, Virginia -
The Birthplace of Many Oat Varieties

By T. R. Stanton

From Volume 1, 1950

For some reason or other, historically, the reporting of achievements in oat breeding at the former experimental farm of the United States Department of Agriculture, Arlington Farm, Rosslyn, Virginia, has been neglected. This also seems to apply to the other small grains, as well as to other epochal advances in plant science that were made there - figuratively speaking almost in the shadow of the Washington Monument.

Relative to winter oats the contributions have been considerable from the improvement work that was conducted at Arlington Farm from 1908 to about 1943. During the earlier years the pure-line selection method of oat breeding was mainly followed. As a result, many foreign and domestic varieties were collected and hundreds of selections were made and tested, some of which were later named and distributed for fall seeding in the South. These included Aurora, Bicknell, Culred, Hairy Culberson, Hatchett, the Winter Fulghum Selections (C. I. Nos. 2498, 2499 and 2500), Red Rustproof Selection (C. I. No. 518-3), and Winter Turf Selection (C. I. No. 3296). *

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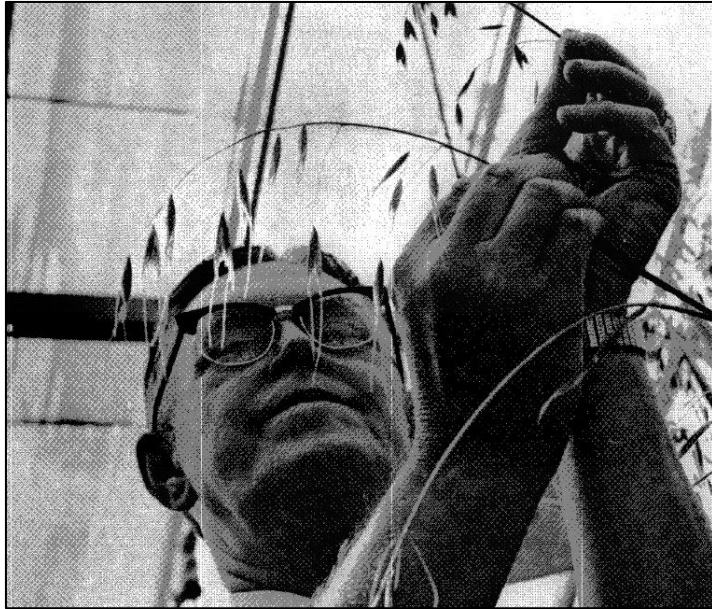
U.S.D.A., BELTSVILLE, MD.

Two Pioneer Oat Agronomists Pass Away

By T. R. Stanton

In 1950 two well-known pioneer oat breeders were called to their reward, namely, C. W. Warburton of Washington, D. C., on September 22, and L. C. Burnett of Ames, Iowa, on November 11. Both made substantial and outstanding contributions to oat improvement in their day and more complete biographical sketches of them will appear elsewhere. However, a brief statement on some of their achievements in oat breeding should be of interest to those who will receive the newsletter.

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Dr. H. C. (Pat) Murphy

"Oat Man of the Yearsu"

IN MEMORIAM

It was on his annual visit to the Idaho Branch Experiment Station that Dr. Murphy met his tragic and untimely death. Because of the superior growth of small grains under irrigation and disease-free conditions at Aberdeen, Dr. Murphy and others had long grown F₁'s and other valuable material at that location, and had gone there during July to make crosses and take notes. The group of small grain workers who usually assembled had come to enjoy an annual fishing outing in the trout streams of Idaho. Although he seldom fished elsewhere, Dr. Murphy especially enjoyed these outings and spoke of them often.

It was on such an expedition to the Lost River, near Aberdeen, Idaho, that Dr. Murphy was accidentally drowned in fast water on Saturday, July 20, 1968.

From Volume 19, 1968

The Oat Newsletter expanded over the years, with increasing numbers and types of contributions, many coming from outside the United States.

The conference name was changed to the “American Oat Workers Conference” at the meeting in 1974 and a separate International Oat Conference was established in 1982.

Announcement
of

From Volume 31, 1980

Joint meeting of American Oat Workers' Conference
and First International Oat Research Workshop

This is to announce a joint meeting of the American Oat Workers' Conference and the First International Oat Research Workshop to be held June 21-23, 1982 at The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Penna., USA. The American Oat Workers' Conference has met once every 4 years, but this will be the first international meeting of oat workers. The future need for such international meetings will undoubtedly be judged by the success of the 1982 meeting in the USA. This announcement is made now so as to allow ample time for non-USA oat workers to seek funding and foreign travel authorization.

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Edited by James Chong, Cereal Research Center, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Winnipeg, Canada

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In 1998, the Oat Newsletter went online, hosted by the USDA on the GrainGenes website.

Since the mid-1990's, however, the Oat Newsletter has been in decline. There are a number of reasons for this, including greatly reduced costs for long distance phone calls and the advent of e-mail.

This, plus our heavy use of the Internet, has led to the expectation that communication should be instantaneous.

It has also become relatively easy to set up a website.



AMERICAN OAT WORKERS CONFERENCE and AFRI Workshop

April 17 - 21, 2010 Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Conference and Information Links

Contact [Stephen Harrison](#) via email for additional information *updated 4/15/10*



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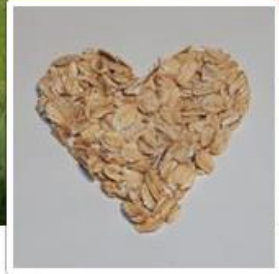
So why continue with the Oat Newsletter?

E-mail and telephone calls may function well to keep smaller groups of people together, but do not allow for input from outside the group. Separate websites are useful at the time, but they can disappear or become hard to find again after a period of time.

Fewer people work solely on oats and many are unable to attend oat conferences or meetings. There is still a need to discuss project options, share preliminary information, and keep each other updated concerning a myriad of things, including personal stories.

What we need, though, is something more timely and interactive.

(Something like an ongoing, virtual conference....)



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Anleggskostnadene i Havre-NM følger nedenfor, med unntak av Trøndersk Kornutvalg hvor oppskriften mangler. Kostnader med såkorn, gjødsel og ettergjødsling er angitt. Plantevernkostnader er ikke tatt med her.

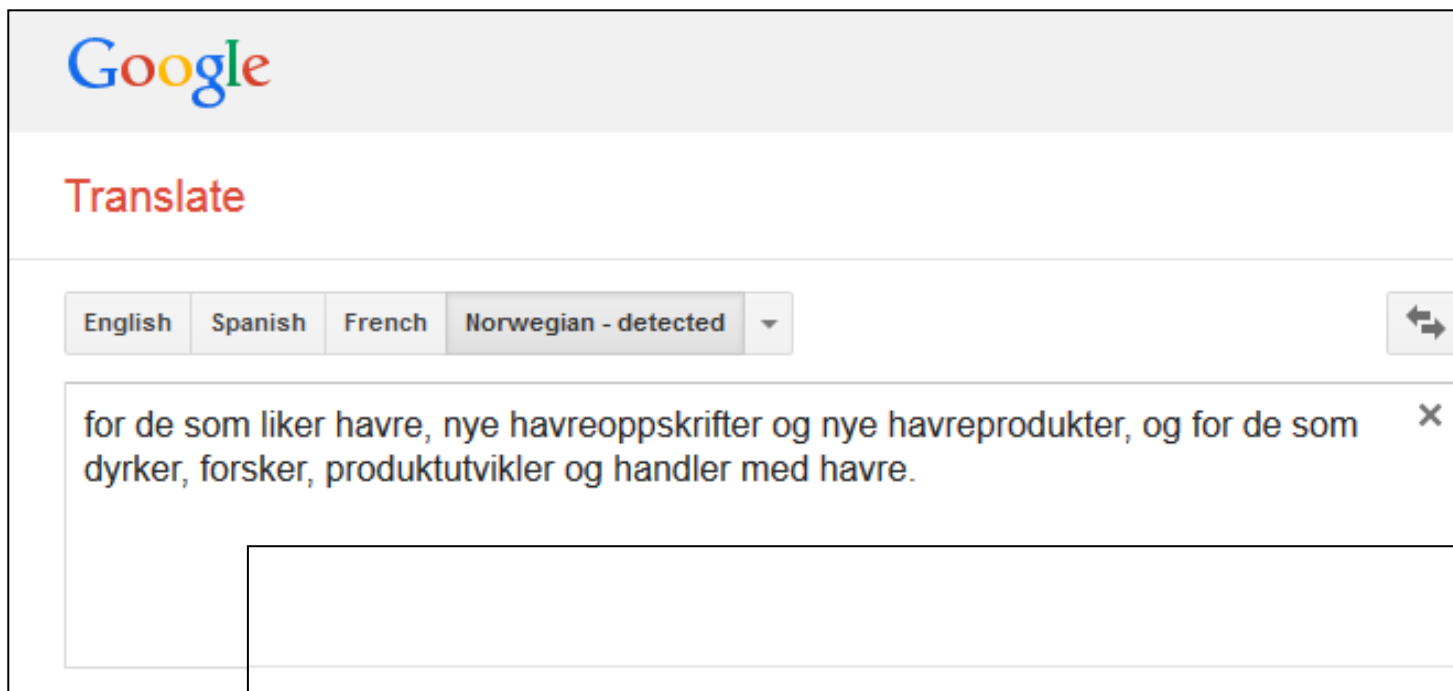
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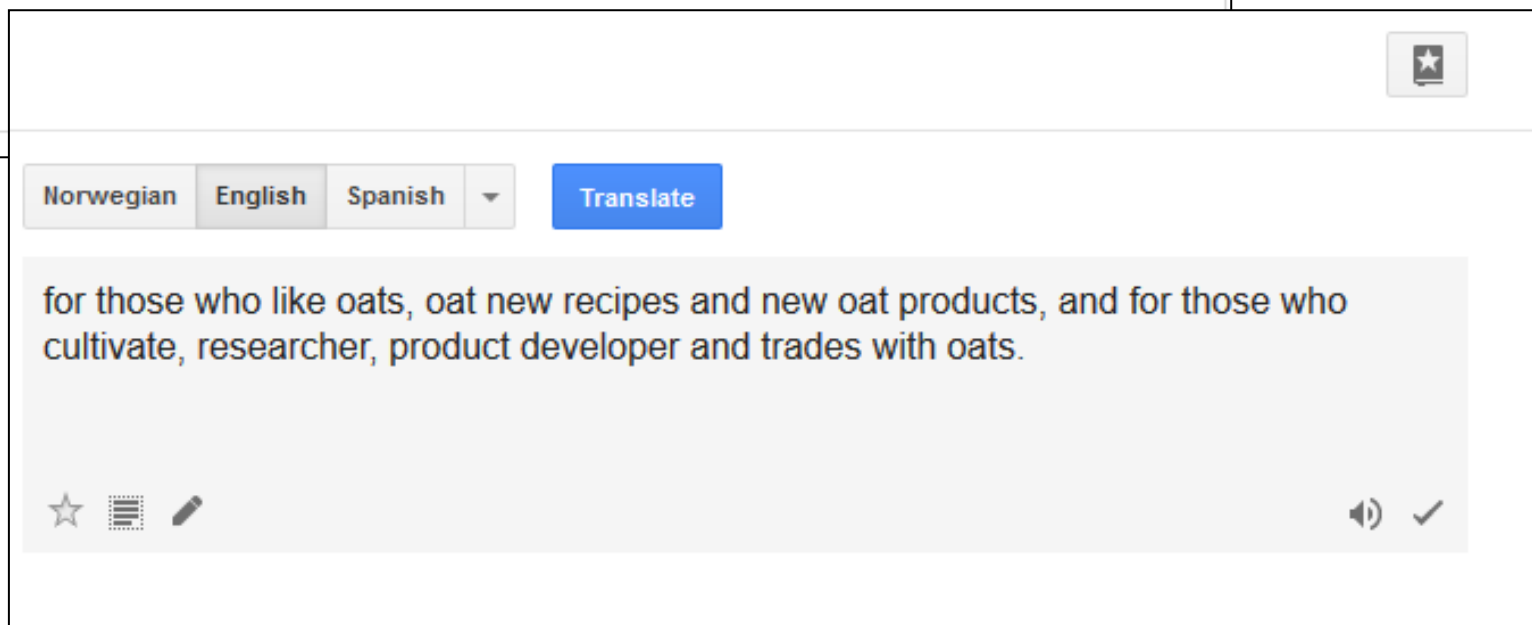
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for those who like oats, oat new recipes and new oat products, and for those who cultivate, researcher, product developer and trades with oats.

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Facebook and other social media sites have their place (we are using Twitter for this conference), but none are really suitable for our needs, mostly because they are not completely accessible, nor are they structured to provide access to the different kinds of content we have to share.

There are also issues with content ownership on social media sites.

Lucky for us, there have been quite a few advances in web design that can help us customize our own site.

Lucky for us, too, that the folks at GrainGenes have been keeping up with the technology!



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This is the official conference edition of the 2014 Oat Newsletter. Due to anticipated changes in the oat newsletter publication, including development of a new web site and the commitment to early publication of full reports from the conference, this version of the oat newsletter is in DRAFT format and contains "First-look" versions of conference reports.

At a future date, this site (<http://oatnews.org>) will contain the new dynamic oat newsletter, as well as additional full reports that are anticipated to be submitted following the conference.

A draft version of the new Oat Newsletter portal is available here: [\[New Oat Newsletter Portal\]](#) *

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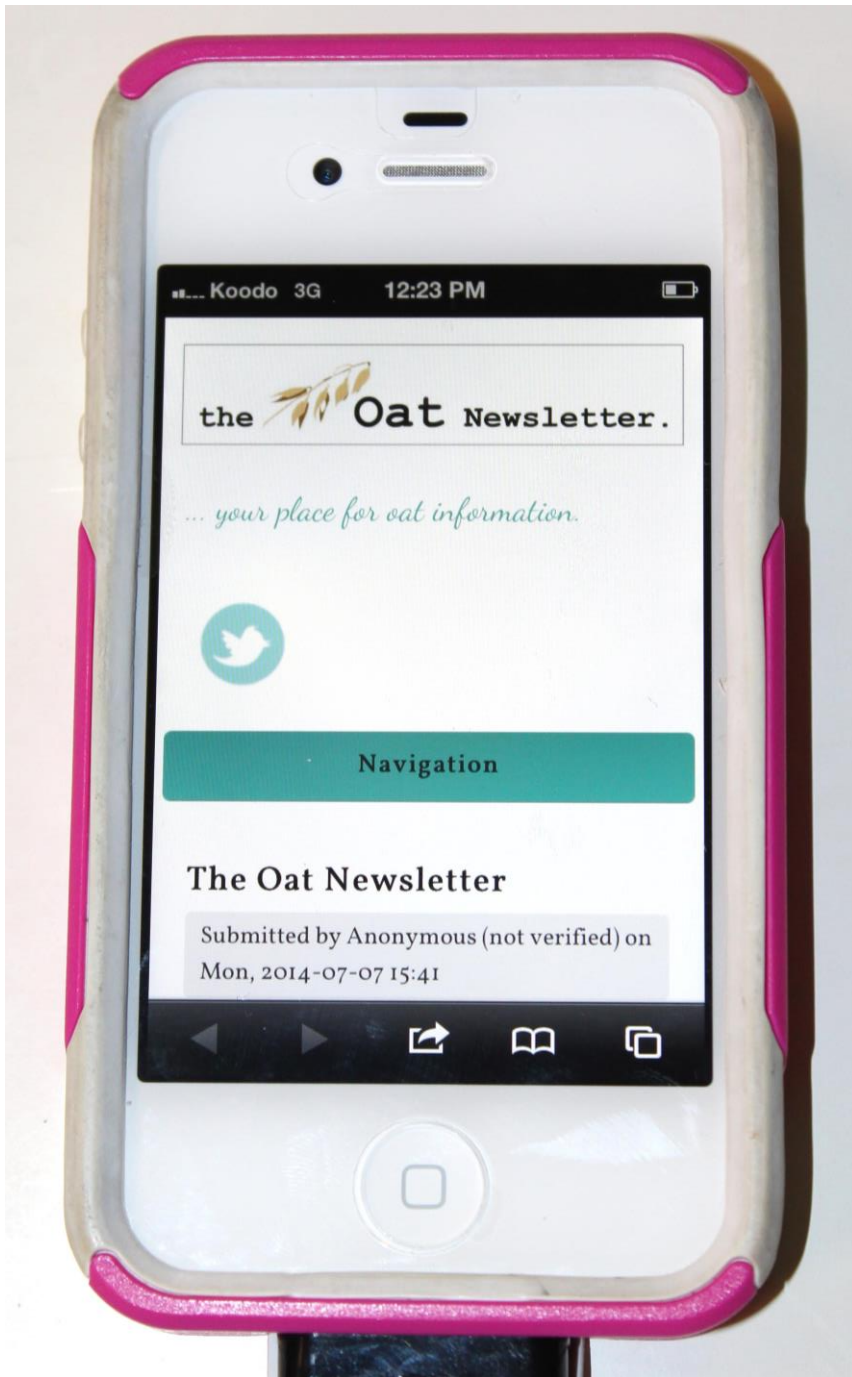
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1998 Winnip

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1986 Ottawa

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1978 College

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1970 Raleigh

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2012 Beijing, China () <http://www.9ioc.net/>

2008 Minneapolis, MN, USA (UMN) <http://wheat.pw.usda.gov/GG2/Avena/event/IOC2008/>

2004 Helsinki, Finland (MTT Agrifood Research Finland) <http://www.mtt.fi/met/pdf/met51.pdf>

2000 Christchurch, New Zealand (New Zealand Institute for Crop & Food Research Limited)
<http://wheat.pw.usda.gov/ggpages/Oats/IOC6.html>

1996 Saskatoon, SK, Canada (CDC, U. Saskatchewan) (Held in conjunction with the VII Barley Genetics Symposium) (link to books?)

1992 Adelaide, Australia () (link to book?)

1988 Lund, Sweden () (link to book?)

1985 Aberystwyth, UK () (link to book?)

1982 State College, PA, USA (Penn State) (Held in conjunction with the AOWC meeting.) (links)

1962 Gainesville, FL, USA (U. Florida) (The 1962 volume of the Newsletter outlines the history of the National Oat Conference from 1946-1963.)

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Gail Schenstead Renkas Canada day cake around 5 –bring lawn chairs.

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Ituna, Saskatchewan

June 29

Thanks to all those who came out for the unveiling of Ituna's Oat Stem on Saturday, June 28 @ 3 pm. A banquet followed at 6 pm . The 34 ft. Oat Stem marks Ituna as the home of the Prairie Oat Growers Association and was made possible by Agrium and Canadian National Railways as well as local contributors and volunteers with Dennis Muzyka as the creator.



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Gayle Bryck One issue has nothing to do with the other. I think the oat stem is beautiful.

4 · June 30 at 8:12am

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Draft resolutions related to oat newsletter, to be put forth at the Business Meeting of the AOWC, 2014:

Be it resolved that the description of the Oat Newsletter as outlined in the Statement of Purpose of the AOWC be altered to read as follows:

“The American Oat Workers Conference shall sponsor an on-line Oat Newsletter at the web address “oatnews.org”, which will direct users to a newsletter portal to be maintained by the USDA/GrainGenes. Members of the Conference are encouraged to submit information about their current research programs to the Editor of the Oat Newsletter. The Newsletter shall also serve as a vehicle of publication for the minutes of the business meetings of the Conference and of the American Oat Workers Conference Committee as well as for Committee Reports and other Conference notes. Abstracts of papers presented at the AOW Conference shall also be published in the Newsletter, but the publication of full reports will be encouraged following each conference. Contributions from other conferences will be encouraged so as to promote the dissemination of oat research information and news. An Oat Newsletter Editorial Committee of researchers and at least one industry rep is to be appointed by the AOWC Chair.”

Be it resolved that back issues the Oat Newsletter be made available online at the new Oat Newsletter site.

Be it further resolved that we thank Mark Sorrells for providing a full set of back issues and PepsiCo for sponsoring the digitization of these back issues.

Be it resolved that the wording of the citation policy for the Newsletter be revised to read as follows:

“Please contact the corresponding author before citing or linking to any article in the online newsletter. Newsletter reports are often preliminary works, and the author may be able to provide more up-to-date references.”

From Volume 1, 1950

I. THE NATIONAL OAT CONFERENCE

A Message from K. S. Quisenberry, Head Agronomist
in Charge of the Division of Cereal Crops and Diseases

It is most gratifying to me to see the National Oat Conference take the initiative in starting an oat newsletter. The generosity of Cornell University and the hearty cooperation of Neal Jensen in putting out the first number is greatly appreciated.

Progress in oat breeding has been most rapid during the past few years. A tremendous amount of work has been done and much material exchanged. Through the various uniform nursery reports, most workers have been informed as to the performance of various strains. A newsletter should supplement these reports and, in addition, carry worth-while information not found in the reports.
----- Its success will depend on the cooperation of all workers.

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