CAIGE Feedback From Breeders

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Responses

- 8 Wheat breeding organisations invited to reply
- 5 responses

Questions

- The impact that the CAIGE project is having on their breeding programs
- What do the breeders think about CAIGE
- How are they using the germplasm from the CAIGE program
- What is the value of CAIGE for their program
- How is CAIGE contributing to their research

Individual Replies

- “Extensive feedback already provided through 2013 GRDC review. Very happy with how that review was conducted. Also happy with changes including broadening of scope to include other crops”
- “The CAIGE project has the potential to deliver a lot of value but MTA constraints prevent this value from being realised”
- “Can’t really comment at this early stage having only recently signing the MTA”

Broad Replies

- CAIGE is providing a lot a value to breeding programs and is being ran very well
- Very good communication, availability and response times
- Offers diversity to our programs
- Germplasm being used in program as you might expect; best lines progressed and some also used as parents. Still need balance!
- Including Rajaram's material is likely to provide additional value
- But are there any restrictions on the germplasm? Are there issues with CAIGE investing in a private breeding program?
- Interaction on breeder tours very important. Good that pre-breeders are invited

Suggestions

- Ensure focus is maintained; access to germplasm and breeder interaction
- Questions about the value to growers and Australian breeders of bringing CIMMYT and ICARDA breeders to Australia each year for field tour?
- Would be good for the CAIGE trip to go beyond Obregon and Aleppo to include other countries CIMMYT and ICARDA have a presence, ie China, Kazakstan, Kenya, North Africa, etc.