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### **Montana Wheat Leader Elected to National Office**

*Great Falls* – Montana wheat producer Bing Von Bergen was elected First Vice President of the National Association of Wheat Growers at the organization's Board of Directors meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

Von Bergen joins an officer team headed by newly-elected NAWG President Erik Younggren and includes:

Erik Younggren, Hallock, Minnesota, President;  
Bing Von Bergen, Moccasin, Montana, First Vice President;  
Paul Penner, Hillsboro, Kansas, Second Vice President;  
Brett Blankenship, Washtucna, Washington, Secretary-Treasurer; and  
Wayne Hurst, Burley, Idaho, immediate Past President.

Von Bergen has been a wheat and barley producer near Moccasin, Montana, for more than 30 years. He served as an officer of the Montana Grain Growers Association for five years and is a past director of the National Association of Wheat Growers, serving as chairman of NAWG's Domestic and Trade Policy Committee.

In his local community, Bing has served in several leadership roles including as a director and president of the Benchland Farmers Co-op, a director of the Moore Farmers Oil Co-op and an advisory board member of the Basin State Bank. He has also been a Hobson Public School board member and an advisory member for the Central Montana Ag Research Center. In addition to farming, Bing is the co-owner of Heartland Seed Company which specializes in small grain seeds as well as grass and alfalfa seed.

NAWG officers typically commit to serve for five years when they are selected for the role of secretary-treasurer, though they must be reviewed and nominated by the NAWG Nominating Committee and approved by the NAWG Board of Directors before each year of service.

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