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**About NAWG**

Since 1950, the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) has been the primary representative in Washington D.C. for wheat growers. Today, NAWG works with a team of 21 state wheat grower organizations to benefit the wheat industry at state and national levels. From their offices in the Wheat Growers Building on Capitol Hill, NAWG’s staff members are in constant contact with state association representatives, NAWG grower leaders, Members of Congress, congressional staff, and various government agencies, most notably the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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