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News Release

**For Immediate Release Contact:** Brent Bowers, Communications and Marketing

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**Howard Named Grand Champion Senior Bread Baker at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Renee Howard from Headrick, OK in Jackson County recently placed first in the White Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of White Bread topped the other entries in the class also winning her the title of Grand Champion for the Senior Division entry.

The contest is an annual event sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and State Fair of Oklahoma. “We had 98 entries from 44 counties this year, all champion or reserve champion winners in the county contests,” said David Gammill, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. “We had great attendance and always enjoy the opportunity to award the top bread bakers in the state.”

The contest consists of 12 classes, 6 in the senior division and 6 in the junior division. Senior division classes include white bread, whole wheat bread, dinner rolls, other wheat breads, sweet breads and bread machine. Junior division classes include white bread, dinner rolls, other wheat breads, sweet breads, specialty shape breads, and bread machine.

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**Photo Caption: Renee Howard, Headrick, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of White Breadin the White Bread class.** **Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker; Karleigh Britt, Oklahoma Spokesmodel for Miss United States Agriculture representing Carter county and David Gammill, Chairman, Chattanooga also present the 1st place ribbon, grand champion ribbon and 2023 state fair medallion**.



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**Miller Wins First in Whole Wheat Bread Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Priscilla Miller from Perkins, OK in Payne County, recently placed first in the Whole Wheat Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *Priscilla’s Delicious Whole Wheat Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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**Photo Caption: Priscilla Miller from Perkins, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Whole Wheat Bread category at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with her *Priscilla’s Delicious Whole Wheat Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Priscilla’s silver tray award.**



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**Robinson Wins First in Senior Division, Dinner Rolls Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Courtnie Robinson from Marietta, OK in Love County, recently placed first in the Dinner Rolls Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of 30 Minute Dinner Rolls topped the other entries in the class.

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A group of men posing for a photo

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**Photo Caption: Courtnie Robinson from Marietta, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Dinner Rolls bread category at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with her 30 Minute Dinner Rollsrecipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Courtnie’s silver tray award.**



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**Simonsen Wins First in Other Wheat Breads Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Glen Simonsen from Davis, OK in Murray County, recently placed first in the Other Wheat Breads Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. His Other Wheat Bread recipe topped the other entries in the class.

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A group of men holding a plaque

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**Photo Caption: Glen Simonsen from Davis, OK, receives his Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Other Wheat Breads category at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with his Other Wheat Breadrecipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Glens’s silver tray award.**



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**Wooderson Wins First in Senior Division, Sweet Breads Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Mary Ellen Wooderson from Blackwell, OK in Kay County, recently placed first in the Sweet Breads Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Orange Nut Glazed Raisin Bread topped the other entries in the class.

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**Photo Caption: Mary Ellen Wooderson from Blackwell, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Sweet Breads category at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with her *Orange Nut Glazed Raisin Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Mary Ellen’s silver tray award.**



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**Thorn Wins First in Senior Division, Bread Machine Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Melody Thorn from Woodward, OK in Woodward County, recently placed first in the Bread Machine Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Swiss Onion Bread topped the other entries in the class.

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**Photo Caption: Melody Thorn from Woodward, OK, receives her first place ribbon in the Bread Machine category with her Swiss Onion Bread recipe at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Melody her blue ribbon.**