

# **PVP and Licensing in Oregon - A Brave New World for Crops With a Public Breeding History. (A04-karow143855-Oral)**

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## **Abstract:**

Oregon State University has a hundred-year history of publicly releasing new field crop cultivars with free access to all, both nationally and internationally. However, protection and licensing of some new cultivars has become necessary for at least three reasons: 1) to preclude essentially-derived use of cultivars without owner consent; 2) to protect privately owned genes contained in publicly developed cultivars; and 3) to secure markets for new cultivars with high value but limited potential volume. The question is how to license to obtain necessary protection in each of these very different situations. We have Plant Variety Protected several wheat cultivars but allowed open access to achieve essentially-derived protection - we think. We are developing a plan for release of Clearfield wheat cultivars that would use licensing criteria, moderate license fees and high seed costs to allow open but 'serious dealer only' access and meet BASF gene protection requirements. We are considering release of specialty potatoes, developed with public funds, to small groups of growers. Details of each of these departures from historic release practice will be given in this presentation.

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