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## Professional History

### Current:

DuPont Pioneer: Retired  
University of Nebraska, Dept. Agronomy & Horticulture: Adjunct Professor and Lecturer  
North Dakota State University, Dept. Plant Sciences: Adjunct Professor

2002- March 2016: DuPont Pioneer

Position:  
Senior Research Scientist  
Hybrid Crop Development, Wheat  
Lincoln NE

### Career at Pioneer:

2013-March 2016:

Pioneer Senior Research Scientist, Wheat Product Development, Lincoln, Nebraska

#### Responsibilities:

- Build a research and development program in North America for the hard winter and hard spring classes of wheat, targeting commercialization of hybrid wheat seed
- Acquisition of hard winter and hard spring wheat germplasm
- Develop collaborative projects with public wheat breeding programs to support DuPont Pioneer's new R&D effort in the hard classes of wheat

2008-2013:

Pioneer Senior Research Scientist, Maize Product Development, York, Nebraska

- Project lead for 108 RM corn breeding project for western sales region
- Technical support to the western regional sales team

2005-2008:

Pioneer Senior Research Scientist, Performance Predictability and Molecular Breeding, Mankato, Minnesota/Johnston, Iowa

- Development of statistical and analytical tools used for product evaluation and advancement

- Training staff and scientists (globally) in application and utilization of proprietary information management software

2002-2005:

Pioneer Senior Research Scientist, Product Knowledge and Delivery, Mankato, Minnesota

- Characterization and advancement of 100-103 CRM commercial hybrid products
- Technical support to the northern regional sales team

Special recognition/rewards:

Two DuPont Pioneer awards for work on development of statistical tools and software used for hybrid advancement

Patents awarded while with Pioneer:

Numerous patents on commercial maize hybrids and maize inbred lines

1997-2002- Monsanto

Roles while at Monsanto

Senior Hybrid Wheat Breeder and Technical Director, NA Hybrid Wheat Development

Responsibilities:

- Lead for the hard winter wheat breeding program, targeting commercial hard winter, white wheat products
- Lead introduction of molecular breeding techniques to the NA hard wheat product development team

Global Director, Quality Trait Breeding-Maize

- Coordinate quality trait product development (maize) for Monsanto
- Regions covered:
  - Thailand
  - China
  - Brazil
  - Argentina
  - US

1989-1997-University of Nebraska

Faculty, Agronomy Department, University of Nebraska

Appointment: 80% Research, 20% Teaching

Responsibilities:

- Research Project:
  - Maize Breeding and Quantitative Genetics
- Teaching - Courses Taught (all graduate level courses)
  - Population Genetics
  - Biometrical Genetics and Plant Breeding
  - Matrix Algebra for Statistics

- Advising graduate students

1986-1989-USDA/ARS, Lincoln, NE

Research Geneticist, Grain Sorghum

Appointment: 100% Research

Responsibilities:

- Develop and evaluate methodologies used for genetic improvement of elite sorghum germ plasm
- Develop systems for efficient development of cytoplasmic male sterile and restore lines used as parents for sorghum hybrids
- Introgression of non-domestic germplasm into elite germplasm adapted to the high plains of the US

1973-1983-Ower/Manager-Black Cow Cattle Company, Ainsworth, NE

250 cow/calf herd

800 head feedlot

1,000 acre irrigated farm

Corn

Alfalfa

#### **Education Background:**

1971: BS, Range Management and Ruminant Nutrition (Honors Program), University of Nebraska

1973: MS, Plant Breeding and Statistics, Oregon State University

1986: PhD, Quantitative Genetics/Applied Mathematics, University of Nebraska

#### **Professional Affiliations:**

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Crop Science Society of America

Society for Range Management

Phi Kappa Phi

Sigma Xi

#### **Recent Academic Activities:**

##### **Graduate Education Initiative**

Member of committee charged with review and assessing graduate education in Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, University of Nebraska

##### **Recent Courses Taught**

Fall 2018 and Fall 2019

AGRO 815D, Breeding Cross Pollinated Crops

For resident and distant ed graduate students

Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Spring 2020

AGRO 986: Field Research: Design, Analysis, and Reporting

For resident and distant ed graduate students

Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Workshop Given**

14-15 February 2017

“Use and Analysis of Unbalanced Data”

Department of Plant Science, North Dakota State University

Leads: Blaine Johnson (Adjunct Professor), Keith Boldman (DuPont Pioneer), Rich Horsley, Dept Head & Barley Breeder

**Workshop Given**

9-10 January 2018

“Field Evaluation and Analysis of Unreplicated and Unbalanced Field Experiments”

Department of Plant Science, North Dakota State University

Leads: Blaine Johnson (Adjunct Professor), Keith Boldman (DuPont Pioneer), Rich Horsley, Dept Head & Barley Breeder

**Workshop Given:**

19-20 March

“Field Evaluation and Analysis of Non-replicated and Unbalanced Field Experiments”

Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, University of Nebraska

Leads: Blaine Johnson (Adjunct Professor), Keith Boldman (DuPont Pioneer)

**Selected Publications**

B. Johnson. 1989. The probability of selecting genetically superior S3 lines from a maize population. *Maydica* 34: 5-14.

B.E. Johnson, J.S. Posch, C.O. Gardener, and T.C. Hogemeyer. 1997. Registration of 42 maize parental lines: N501 to N521, N523 to N526, N528 to N530, and N532 to N545. *Crop Sci.* 37:1404-1405.

M. Obaidi, B.E. Johnson, L.D. Van Vleck, S.D. Kachman, and O.S. Smith. 1998. Family *per se* response to selfing and selection in maize based on test cross performance: A simulation study. *Crop Sci.* 38:367-371.

B. Johnson and Y.H. Liu. 1997. Classification of maize S2 families using bicriteria linear programming. *Maydica* 42:317-322.