



Farmer Partnership for Sorghum Improvement

The Collaborative Sorghum Investment Program

WHY CSIP: Partnerships are key to turn a sorghum idea into a sorghum technology. Sorghum farmers and stakeholders recognize the need for a strategic capacity to foster partnerships and goal-oriented research that enable sorghum improvement of yield, demand, and value.

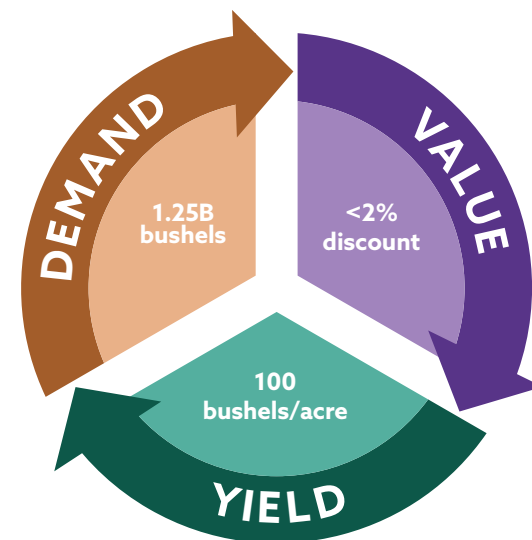
CSIP BACKGROUND:

- CSIP was established in 2016
- The Sorghum Checkoff, Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, and K-State with support from the Kansas Department of Agriculture
- CSIP actively fosters research and development partnerships across public institutions and private companies
- The founding CSIP agreement concludes on March 31, 2025
- Farmer leaders forge a partnership renewal with \$5.8 million of leveraged match opportunity.

CSIP GOVERNANCE: CSIP is governed by a board of directors with representatives from the Sorghum Checkoff, Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, and K-State. The board establishes programmatic priorities, invests in research, and provides oversight.



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is to enhance
sorghum
yield, demand
and value.**





STRAIT (Sorghum Trait) is a cornerstone program of CSIP.

STRAIT has delivered enhanced seed trait technologies available in over half of the sorghum seeds planted by farmers. This cornerstone tackles key seed trait technologies and leads a partner network of public-private seed technologists. Each year, STRAIT convenes partners to evaluate new discoveries and learn what discoveries are needed by farmers.

CSIP INVESTMENT

2016-2025



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YIELD, DEMAND & VALUE

