

# Current work to address mortality in Louisiana

- Investigating root causes
  - Collaborations throughout the region
    - Genetic testing
    - Handling effects
    - Gear types
- Breeding
  - Diploids
    - New breeding populations
    - Improve diploids as viable alternative crop
  - Tetraploids
    - New tetraploids from locally adapted populations
    - Selection on tetraploids for triploid performance