



## BEAN IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE

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**2015 Research Notes:** Submission of **2-page reports** is requested by **February 6, 2015** for inclusion in the next 2015 BIC Annual Report (Vol. 58). Reports, notes and other items concerned with research on *Phaseolus* species should be submitted **electronically**, as an e-mail attachment to: [phil.miklas@ars.usda.gov](mailto:phil.miklas@ars.usda.gov). Only electronic copies will be accepted. An original hard copy is **NOT** required. Notes should be of general interest to BIC members; thus **local/regional variety, fertilizer, chemical or other legume** results are not suitable due to BIC space limitations. **Different traits published in separate reports for the same trial experiment will not be accepted nor will a series of papers of similar format, topic, etc., received from the same lap/group.**

- ♣ **Each BIC member** can submit **two, 2-page** research reports, exclusive of news items, germplasm releases, or biennial meeting proceedings. [**Additional 2-page reports may be submitted at the rate of US \$25/report, with payment included.**]
- ♣ 2-page reports must be **single-spaced**, typed on 8.5 by 11 inch **letter size**. (**Not A4 paper**) with **1-inch wide margins** on all sides. Please use **12-point font size, Times New Roman**. All reports must be limited to 2-pages or will be returned to the author.
- ♣ All tables, graphs and figures must fit within the 2-page limit and size format. If tables and figures are not in MS Word format they may not be reproduced accurately. Metric units are preferred.
- ♣ Center the title at the top of the page, and include authors' names, institution or company, and address beneath the title.
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