



BEAN IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE

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2016 Research Notes: Submission of **2-page reports** is requested by **February 8, 2016** for inclusion in the next 2016 BIC Annual Report (Vol. 59). 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. 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.
- ♣ Please submit the electronic copy of your report as an e-mail attachment to: phil.miklas@ars.usda.gov and use **MS Word (No pdf. files)**. **All email submissions will be acknowledged** and no hard copy is required. **If you do not receive an acknowledgment within 10 days, please resubmit your report.**
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