

WP3.1 Field Day report from Gunnarsholt, Iceland

Event: Field Day

Date: 8th of August 2024

Place: Gunnarsholt, Rangárvellir, Iceland

Participants: 60

A field day was held in Gunnarsholt in Iceland for the OatFrontiers Project adjacent to other ongoing barley and oat projects that the Agricultural University of Iceland has in Gunnarsholts fields. Small yield plots and big yield plots of the OatFrontiers was presented that included oat varieties that specialists recommend for the NPA region. Target groups for the field day were two, international researchers in the OatFrontiers group, around 20 participants, and the other, farmers, seed importers and other stakeholders from Iceland.

For the OatFrontiers group the aim was to show the varieties of the project and how they grow under Icelandic condition and compare to how they are growing in the other regions of the project. The stakeholder group got a guided tour in the local language through the field trials. The aim of the project was explained, and the primary results of the project were reviewed. Farmers showed genuine interest in the possibility of cultivating oats in Iceland and a good discussion was engaged especially in comparison to other cereal crops.



Figure 1. Hrannar Smári Hilmarsson introduced the Oat Frontiers project at the field day.
Photo: Samson Bjarnar Harðarson



Figure 2. International researchers in the OatFrontiers group gathering for group photo. Photo: Samson Bjarnar Harðarson