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Columbia Grain International “Cultivates Growth” with the Hire of Paul Porter as Seed Division Manager

CGI taps new hire to secure positioning as the seed industry leader in the PNW and Montana markets.

Portland, OR (OCTOBER 2020) — [Columbia Grain International \(CGI\)](#), a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds, and organics for the northern tier of the United States, is pleased to announce the hire of Paul Porter as Seed Division Manager. Porter joins the CGI team with 28 years of seed business knowledge.

“Porter comes to us with vast private and public sector experience. He truly understands the importance of cultivating high-quality seed and seeking the genetics that CGI partner producers are looking for to make their farm operations more profitable and provide the world with food that they are proud to put on the table,” said President & CEO of Columbia Grain International, Jeff Van Pevenage.



Porter’s career in the seed business began in Eastern Washington in soil building and crop consulting. He then joined Pendleton Grain Growers as a Grain and Truck Department Manager and then Grain Manager, overseeing elevator operation, buying and selling grain, hedging and managing grain positions, seed purchases and sales, and improving distribution channels by truck and rail. Porter was the Seed Division Manager at Agventures NW where he handled seed production and cleaning, elevator operations, contracts, and growers meetings. Most recently, he worked with Washington Genetics, where he promoted WSU wheat and barley varieties to the seed industry in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and Montana.

Porter is an active board member of Washington State Crop Improvement and has served all executive positions, including Secretary, Vice President, President, and Past President. He’s currently the board member for Benton and Yakima Counties.



About Columbia Grain International

Since 1978, Columbia Grain International™ (CGI) has been *Cultivating Growth™* as a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds and organics for U.S. domestic and worldwide export markets. Headquartered in Portland, OR, CGI's reliable supply chain spans the western region of the US, ensuring abundant ingredients for all of its partners, thanks to their trusted relationships with their farmers throughout the fertile croplands of Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, well known for its high-quality wheat, feed grains, canola and pulses. CGI is an owner of Montana Specialty Mills, who operates an organic and non-GMO oilseed crushing facility in Great Falls, Montana, a mustard seed facility in Conrad, Montana, and most recently Montana Craft Malt — providing specialty malt barley from Montana farmers to the craft brewing world. Today, they are vertically integrated, operating assets including grain elevators, processing plants and agronomy centers to support their farmers, which stretch the northern tier of the United States. With multiple touchpoints across the food supply chain, CGI provides trusted solutions and cultivates high-quality ingredients from their local farmers for a farm to table philosophy that nourishes the world, safely.

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