Pressure Canning Hydrated Wheat

It has come to my attention that some consumers are using untested recipes and processes to can hydrated wheat berries (kernels) using the USDA Complete Guide to Canning process for canning dried beans.

The recipe for canning dried beans has not been tested using wheat berries and is therefore NOT a tested recipe. The starch in wheat may interfere with the heat penetration during canning. Insufficient processing can result in botulism food poisoning.

Under ideal conditions, uncooked wheat may be stored for long periods with excellent results. Store in sealed containers in cool (60°F or less), dry areas or keep frozen until used.

Par-cooked or presoaked wheat may be refrigerated three to four days and fully cooked wheat may be refrigerated for one week; both may be frozen for up to six months.

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Please read U.S.U.’s publication on Home Storage of Wheat for more information.