



The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2010

Important Dates

July 4 -
Independence Day

July 26 -
KCIA Board of Directors
Meeting - Salina

July 27 -
KSIA Summer Seed
Conference - Ramada
Conference Center, Salina

Other Significant Dates

June 14 - Flag Day
June 20 - Father's Day

*"First get your facts,
then you can distort
them at your leisure"* -
Mark Twain

*"Man is the only animal
that blushes, or needs
to"*- Mark Twain

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Don Phillips, Owner of Phillips Seed Farms, Passes Unexpectedly

Don Phillips, owner of Phillips Seed Farms, Hope, died unexpectedly April 20 in Columbia, MO. Memorial services were held at Emanuel Church in Abilene. Don was laid to rest in New Basel Church Cemetery, Abilene. Don has one daughter, Allison, who survives.

The family had requested in lieu of flowers at the service, donations be made to Central Kansas Free Fair Rodeo Committee. Representatives of KCIA, Kansas State University, and certified seed growers attended the service, as did many friends, family members, and employees of Phillips Seed Farms.

Allison Phillips has assumed the role of President of Phillips Seed Farms, and the company will continue in the seed business. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Don.

Summer Intern Hired

KCIA has hired Alex Hecht as a summer Intern for 2010. He will assist with field inspections and seed testing through the summer. He had been employed part-time by the KCIA Seed Quality Testing Laboratory.

Alex is the son of John and Debra Hecht. He was born in Great Bend and lived there for 12 years. He moved with his family to Farmington, New Mexico and lived there several years before his family returned to Kansas to live in Wichita. He enrolled in the KSU College of Engineering to study Mechanical Engineering before transferring to the College of Agriculture to pursue a degree in milling science.

Prior to coming to K-State, Alex played baseball for McCook Community College in McCook, Nebraska. He enjoys baseball and basketball, as well as other sports.



Crop Insurance Conference Calls

Crop Insurance Systems, Inc. (CIS), a crop insurance research and development firm that works on behalf of growers and grower organizations, is developing a program for the certified wheat seed industry. At present, certified wheat seed can only be insured at the same price as wheat for grain.

CIS would like to discuss the program with growers before presenting it to the
continued, see *Conference Calls* page 2.

Noteworthy Items

Approved Seed Conditioner certificates were mailed May 20. If you have not yet submitted your renewal for 2010, now would be a good time to do so and avoid delays during the seed conditioning season.

Letters have been sent out to growers who declared carryover seed on their 2009 distribution reports. Instructions are provided as to what needs to be done for 2010 seed sales. Please submit lab samples as soon as possible.

Lab reports are available by email. If you would like your results immediately upon completion in .pdf format, please make your request to efkcia@kansas.net.

Wheat Harvest 2010

Wheat harvest will soon be under way. We at the KCIA office wish you a very safe and productive harvest season. In the last Seed Source, preparing a field for inspection was discussed. Please remember the following when harvesting fields for certification:

Do not harvest a field without reviewing the inspection report. Confirm that the field has been inspected and that it has passed for certification. If a field is harvested prior to inspection the seed is not eligible for certification. If seed from a rejected field is consolidated with seed from a field that has passed inspection, all of the seed becomes ineligible. Do not assume a field has been inspected and that it has passed. Review the report!

Keep harvest records for the Harvest Report. KCIA needs an estimate of the number of bushels harvested from each certified field. An estimate for each field can be achieved simply by keeping track of how many combine hoppers, gravity wagons, pup trucks, or semi-trucks are filled for each field and calculating the bushels based on the capacity of each. This is information a seed producer should have anyway and it should not be too difficult to complete the harvest report if notes are taken during harvest.

Seed from fields of the same variety and class upon passing field inspection may be consolidated prior to final certification. This can be done at harvest when bin space is limited or when the grower wishes to reduce paperwork by combining seed from one or more fields into one. The harvest report will still require separate bushels reported for each field. Bear in mind that seed from different fields to be consolidated should be of similar overall quality to avoid increased conditioning costs. The Form D must be used to report field consolidation to KCIA and can generally be done when seed samples are submitted for testing. There is a tutorial on use of the Form D on our website.

These and other reminders can be reviewed in your Standards and your Procedures booklets. They can also be found online at www.kscrop.org.

Conference Call, from page one

USDA. CIS has set up two meetings via the internet. Both meetings will include a brief presentation and an opportunity to comment on the insurance program from your home, office or cell phone. A computer is helpful, but not necessary.

Each meeting is limited to 12 participants. Attendance is on a first come basis. Once the lines are full, access to the conference call ends.

Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP), or call in using your telephone.

Thursday June 3rd at 8:00 am

Follow this link for the June 3rd meeting.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/481492304>

Dial 914-339-0016

Access Code: 481-492-304

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the meeting

Meeting ID: 481-492-304

Monday June 7th at 8:00 am

Follow this link for the June 7th meeting.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/449499161>

Dial 218-844-4928

Access Code: 449-499-161

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Meeting ID: 449-499-161

Importance of Inspector Notification

Inspectors are instructed to notify growers as soon as field assignments are received. If you are within a week or so of harvest and have not heard from an inspector or from KCIA please contact us immediately so that we can get you scheduled. It is possible that your fields have not been distributed but are instead with the roving KCIA field staff working their way toward your fields and a particular inspector has not yet been assigned. But, even in this case, you should hear from us at least several days prior to your harvest. Nobody wants to delay harvest waiting on the field inspector, and that includes the field inspector.

Also, keep in mind that field inspectors are not authorized to enter any field prior to 72 hours post-application of any farm chemical, please inform your inspector if any such conditions exist that would compromise this. If you have a dog that bites, do not allow it access to your inspector. The same would go for dangerous livestock in a pasture that the inspector must traverse to reach a field.

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