



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

December 2010

## Important Dates

**December 15** - Wheat Distribution Summaries Due.

**December 15** - Bulk Retail Facility paperwork, including inventory sheets and distribution reports due.

**December 24, 2010- January 3, 2011**- KCIA office and seed laboratory closed.

**February 22, 2011**-KCIA Board of Directors meeting, Wichita.

**KCIA Annual Meeting - February 22-23, 2011**, Holiday Inn, 549 South Rock Road, Wichita.

## Other Significant Dates

**December 2** - Chanukkah begins

**December 7** - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**December 21** - First Day of Winter

**December 25** - Christmas Day

**January 1, 2011** - New Year's Day

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## Upcoming KCIA Annual Meeting Offers "Vision"

The KCIA annual meeting will be held February 22-23 at the Holiday Inn, 549 South Rock Road, Wichita. This was the site of the annual meeting in 2009. The road construction that had been a nuisance has been completed and attendees will find it an easy destination. In addition to site selection, other planning is proceeding nicely.

KCIA, KWA, AGSECO, and KSIA will hold Board of Directors meetings on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in preparation for the annual meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grant Weidman of Manchester Bag Company will host his traditional hospitality room the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. KCIA and the other organizations will hold their annual meetings the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by lunch and awards presentations. Speaker presentations will begin shortly after lunch.

This year's speaker program has a "vision" theme. 2010 has been an exciting year for the future of the wheat seed industry in Kansas. Public university collaboration agreements with private companies, and the expansion of Limagrain in the US, provide promise of growth at a time when wheat acres are falling prey to corn and soybean production.

What does the future hold? No one really knows but we can perhaps gain some insight as to how seed producers can meet that future. We have asked representatives of several companies to give us their best read on what the future will look like for our member seed-producers and the industry in general.

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## Distribution Reports Are Due December 15

Distribution reports are due at KCIA by December 15, 2010. The producer of the seed must fill out the distribution report on the back of the original *Certificate of Inspection* and return it to KCIA. Persons receiving certified seed via a seed resale received a *KCIA Distribution Report for Resale Seed* from KCIA that must be completed and returned by the deadline.

This information is necessary for KCIA to conduct its business. Please file by December 15 to avoid penalties.

## Bulk Retail Facility Paperwork Is Due December 15

If you operate as a Bulk Retail Facility, please submit your paperwork, including the *KCIA Distribution Report for Resale Seed*, inventory sheets, KCIA's copies of any Bulk Retail Certificates used, and any un-submitted documentation for seed received to KCIA by December 15 to avoid penalty.

## Noteworthy Items

\* The KCIA office and the Seed Quality Testing Laboratory will be closed December 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011.

\* 2011 KCIA calendars should be shipped the first week of December to those who requested them.

\* You can receive your seed lab reports electronically via e-mail simply by making a request to Eric at [efkia@kansas.net](mailto:efkia@kansas.net).

### 2011 KCIA Membership

KCIA membership renewal and approved conditioner/grower conditioner renewal forms were sent out November 19. If you did not receive these please notify our office. Membership renewal is due January 1, 2011. To expense fees in 2010, send a check by December 23, 2010. To expense these items in 2011, check the "Bill my account" box and we will charge your account on January 3, 2011.

### 2011 Kansas Wheat Yield Contest

Wheat producers have until March 20, 2011 to enter the second annual Kansas Wheat Yield Contest, sponsored by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, and BASF. The March 20 deadline allows producers to assess the condition of the wheat crop after it breaks dormancy in the spring, according to the Kansas Wheat website (see Wheat Scoop).

The contest includes three regions: Western Kansas (Region 1), Central Kansas (Region 2), and Eastern Kansas (Region 3). Producers with the top yield will receive a \$1000 cash prize and a plaque. Farmers can also participate in a quality initiative by submitting a 5-pound sample of wheat from the contest field. The sample with the highest quality parameters will also receive a cash prize.

Further details for the contest, including entry fee and restrictions, are at [www.kswheat.com](http://www.kswheat.com).

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Speakers from Syngenta (AgriPro), Monsanto (Westbred), Limagrain Cereal Seeds, and BASF will address their company visions for the future of the wheat industry and offer insight how the seed producer of today can prepare for changes that may come. In addition, BASF will address current changes to their stewardship program for Clearfield® wheat production.

Our last speaker of the day will keep us firmly grounded in the present by explaining how to make sure your business is properly insured to conduct a seed business.

We hope you'll make plans to attend your annual meeting, both to participate and to meet old friends and maybe make some new ones. We will be mailing registration forms to our members in January. We will also place the form on our website [kscrop.org](http://kscrop.org) so that if you need to, you can just copy one off and send it in.



Season's  
Greetings  
*From the KCIA Staff*

*"Nothing that I can do will change the structure of the universe. But maybe, by raising my voice, I can help the greatest of all causes - goodwill among men and peace on earth". - Albert Einstein*

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