



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

March 2011

## Important Dates

**March 15 - Field Applications Due.**

**March 29 - Research Committee Scheduled to Meet.**

**March 30 - KCIA Board of Directors Scheduled to Meet**

**May 1 - Payment for Certification of Summer Inspected Crops Due**

### Other Significant Dates

March 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 20 - First Day of Spring

April 24 - Easter Sunday

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*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning". Albert Einstein*

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### ***Roger May 2010 Premier Seed Grower***

Roger May, Oberlin, Kansas (right in photo) was named 2010 Premier Seed Grower by Kansas Crop Improvement Association at the 2011 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference held in Wichita on February 23.

May, who holds a B.S. degree in Animal Science from Kansas State University, is a fourth-generation farmer and manages the daily operations of the 125 year-old May Family Farm. He has served on both the Kansas Crop Improvement Association and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers boards of directors. In addition, he serves on the local conservation board. He is active in his local church, 4-H, and FFA. Roger and his wife, Sue, won the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award in 1993. They have two children, Erin, a third grader, and Ryan, a sophomore. Both kids are great farm hands, and plan to be the fifth generation to join the family farm. Roger's father, Walter May, received the Premier Seed Grower Award in 1965.

Since its inception in 1930, 157 Premier Seed Grower awards have been presented. Recipients are selected by ballot with previous year's honorees casting the votes. The award presentation is sponsored by the High Plains Journal. Jennifer Latzke, of the High Plains Journal presented the award to Roger.



### ***Tim Oborny Completes Service As Director, President of KCIA***

Tim Oborny, Bison, (left in photo) completed his ninth and final year on the KCIA Board of Directors, having served the maximum of three consecutive three-year terms as Director to the Central District. In addition, Oborny served as KCIA Board President from 2008 to 2011.

Oborny received two plaques, one commemorating his service on the board for the past 9 years and another commemorating his service as Board President. Darrin Delange presented the plaques to Oborny.

### ***Field Applications for Small Grains***

Field applications for small grains are due in the KCIA office by March 15. You should have received blank forms back in December. If you are unable to locate or need more applications, please contact the KCIA office and we will get more out to you.

We encourage you to fill out forms on all fields eligible for certification, regardless of your intentions to complete certification due to crop conditions or need. continued, see *Field Applications, page 2*

### ***Noteworthy Items***

Field applications are due in the KCIA office by March 15 to avoid penalties. Please submit all eligible fields. There will be opportunity to cancel fields later at no charge on the Form B statement.

The Declaration of Certifiable Perennial Crops forms were mailed March 7. Based on this form, field applications for perennial fields will be printed and mailed to growers.



### ***Herb Mattson Completes Term As KSIA Representative to KCIA***

Herb Mattson (right in photo), Lavant, receives a plaque from out-going KCIA President Tim Oborny. The plaque was presented by KCIA in appreciation of Mattson's service as the Kansas Seed Industry Association representative on the KCIA Board of Directors for the past three years. Mattson also served as the KCIA representative on the KSIA Board of Directors.

### ***Participants Make 2011 Kansas Seed And Crop Conference a Success***

Good member turnout, good speakers, and good sponsors, not to mention good food, all came together to make our 2011 annual business meeting a success. We

the staff of KCIA wish to thank all of you that participated. There would be no conference without you. We welcome any comments that will help us in planning for next year's conference.

### ***Field Applications*** *continued from page one*

This will help us to adequately prepare for the inspection season, as well as avoid confusion on a field's status and potential late application fees. You will not be assessed a fee for any field application until the Form B is sent out in mid-April. At that time, you can evaluate your situation and cancel any field, if you feel it is necessary, again at no charge.

As always, please be very thorough in filling out applications. Accurate legal descriptions and detailed maps are very important to make sure that field inspectors are able to locate and inspect the correct fields. Seed sources and land history are also very important to make sure your field is, in fact, eligible for certification.

If you have any questions when filling out applications, please do not hesitate to call the office.

### ***Howard Behnke New KCIA Central District Director***

Members elected Howard Behnke, Lyons, to serve as KCIA Director for the Central District during the annual business meeting in Wichita. He succeeds outgoing Central Director Tim Oborny.

Behnke is a Category I Grower and has been a KCIA member since 1995. He operates a 2400-acre dryland crop, 200-acre pasture, and a 120 cow/calf operation. He has served on the local school board, the Rice County FSA board, and as a Church Elder and Scout leader.

In other general balloting, Darrin Delange, East-at-large Director, and Darwin Ediger, West-at-large Director, were re-elected for additional terms.

### ***Board Selects Roger May KCIA Pres., Tom Pauly VP of Standards, at Reorganizational Meeting***

During the reorganizational meeting immediately following the general membership meeting, the Board nominated and elected Roger May President of the Board, and Tom Pauly, Vice President of Standards.

May is the representative for the Northwest District and succeeds Tim Oborny as President. Pauly represents the South Central District. He succeeds May as the Vice-president of Standards. The Kansas Seed Industry Association appointed Durango Schmidt, manager of Greenbush Seed, Hutchinson, KSIA representative to KCIA. The KCIA Board in turn appointed Schmidt KCIA representative to KSIA. Darrin Delange, the East-at-large director, agreed to serve another term as Vice-president of Research.

The current Board of Directors is: **Roger May**, President; **Darrin Delange**, Vice-president of Research; **Tom Pauly**, Vice-president of Standards; **Sam Datteri**, Southeast District; **John Kramer**, Northeast District; **Mike Baxa**, Central-at-large; **Howard Behnke**, Central District; **Darrin Delange**, East-at-large; **Darwin Ediger**, West-at-large; **Tom Pauly**, South Central District; **Calvin Bohnert**, North Central District; **Roger May**, Northwest District; **Maurice Miller**, Southwest District; **William Schapaugh**, ex-officio, KSU Agronomy; **James Pat Murphy**, ex-officio, KSU Extension Director; and **Durango Schmidt**, KSIA rep to KCIA, KCIA rep to KSIA.

KCIA members should feel free to contact their Board representative with concerns or suggestions concerning KCIA or seed certification. KCIA staff will also be happy to forward messages to members of the Board.

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