



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

November-December 2011

## Important Dates

**November 30** - KCIA Board of Directors meeting, KCIA office.

**November 24** - Thanksgiving Day. Office closed Nov. 24-25.

**December 15** - Wheat distribution reports due.

Bulk Retail Facility reports due.

**December 26-30** - Holiday Break, office closed.

**February 21-22, 2012** - Kansas Seed and Crops Seed Conference, Wichita Hyatt.

### Other Important Dates

December 21 - First Day of Winter

December 21-28 - Hanukkah

December 25 - Christmas

January 1 - New Year's Day

March 20, 2012- First Day of Spring

***"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow"*** - Edward Sandford Martin

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### ***Kansas Seed and Crops Conference at Wichita Hyatt February 21-22, 2012***

Please plan to attend the annual seed conference February 21 and 22 at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita. The conference is the site of the annual general business meetings of Kansas Crop Improvement Association, Kansas Seed Industry Association, and Kansas Wheat Alliance.

Boards of Directors of these organizations will meet during the day Tuesday, February 21. AGSECO also has a board meeting scheduled Tuesday in conjunction with the conference. Tuesday evening from 5-7pm there will be an informal mixer for all registrants. This will be an opportunity for folks to visit with each other, discuss business, or perhaps make dinner plans for the evening. The registration table will be open and each registrant will receive two free drink tickets for the mixer. Later, continue to interact with your peers in the hospitality room, hosted by Manchester Bag Company.

Annual general business meetings will be Wednesday morning. Member participation is very important to the success of each organization. Your participation will insure that your organizations continue to meet your needs as a seedsman. An awards luncheon will immediately follow the general business meetings.

The Wednesday afternoon speaker program will feature Bill Bockus, KSU, Sally Clayshulte, Bayer Cropscience Wheat Geneticist, and Darrell Holaday of Advanced Market Concepts. Following the speakers will be an informal question and answer session on the seed certification program.

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### ***Nick Snyder wins KCIA-sponsored Reserve Champion in 4H/FFA Wheat Plot Contest***

KCIA was proud to present the prize for Reserve Champion in the 4H/FFA Wheat Plot Contest to Nick Snyder of Larned, September 10, at the Kansas State Fair. KCIA Executive Director Steve Schuler presented the award. Nick received a plaque and a check for \$150.00.

Contestants each planted five varieties of wheat and created an educational display to report yield and other plot data in an interesting and informative fashion. Nick's display was titled "This Year Wheat Farming Was No Picnic".

Nick is the son of Shelly Fox and David Snyder. He and his family hosted the Pawnee County Extension Wheat Plot two years ago. Nick has been a member of the Gem Dandys 4-H Club, Larned, for 6 years. He has exhibited wheat, soybeans, corn, alfalfa, and grain sorghum at the Pawnee County Fair and Kansas State Fair. He also participated in the State 4-H Show in August.



***"Remember, This December, That love weighs more than gold!"***

~Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon

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Bill Bockus, a professor with the Kansas State University Department of Plant Pathology, will present findings of his research on the effects of fungicide treatment on seed size and the effect of seed size on plant stand and yield. His research was funded in part by KCIA.

Sally Clayshulte is the North American Wheat Breeding Manager for Bayer Cropscience. She will discuss Bayer's move into wheat genetics and give insight into Bayer's goals and strategies as they expand into the wheat seed industry.

Darrell Holaday is a marketing consultant/strategist, and President of Advanced Market Concepts. His presentation will focus on marketing strategies, with relevance to both the seed and the grain industries.

Following the speakers, there will be an open-forum on seed certification. The forum will provide opportunity for discussion of various aspects of seed certification and permit audience members to suggest how the seed certification program may be improved to better serve the seed industry and its customers now and in the future. Audience members may also ask for clarification of current standards for seed certification.

**Meeting Registration:** Registration has been set at \$75.00 for participants and \$55.00 for spouses. A \$10.00/person LATE FEE will apply to registrations postmarked after February 7. You can download a registration form by clicking the conference link under "Headlines" at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org).

**Room reservations:** Room rates are \$101 plus tax for single or double occupancy. Be sure and identify yourself as part of Kansas Seed and Crops Conference room block in order to receive the special room rates. Please make your room reservations by February 3, 2012 to get the conference room rate. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-888-421-1442, or online, by visiting [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org) and clicking the conference link under Headlines.

Come, enjoy yourself, enjoy the company of friends and associates, enjoy Wichita, and participate in this very important conference. Don't sit on the sidelines and let things happen...Make them happen!

**Same Stuff, Different Year**

**2012 Membership and Approved Conditioner renewals.** KCIA membership renewal forms and approved conditioner/grower conditioner renewal forms will be mailed soon. If you do not receive these please notify our office. Membership renewal is due January 1, 2012. To expense fees in 2011, send a check by December 21, 2011. To expense these items in 2012, check the "Bill my account" box and we will charge your account on January 3, 2012.

**Distribution Reports due December 15.** Distribution reports are due at KCIA by December 15, 2011. 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 will receive a KCIA Distribution Report for Resale Seed from KCIA that must be completed and returned by the December 15. This information is necessary for KCIA to conduct its business. Please file by December 15 to avoid penalties.

**Bulk Retail Facility reports 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.

**Field Applications for 2012 small grain fields** will be mailed shortly to producers that had fields in 2011. If you do not receive them, or are a new producer and did not have fields in 2011, please contact our office to request them. Please submit your field apps early so that we can plan for inspection.

*We, the staff of KCIA, wish to express our gratitude for letting us serve you this past year. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and fulfilling holiday season and a happy new year!*

*"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time". ~Laura Ingalls Wilder*

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