



The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

February-March 2012

Important Dates

February 21-22, 2012

KCIA Annual Business Meeting in conjunction with the **Kansas Seed and Crops Conference**, Wichita Hyatt.

Room Reservations by Feb.3 to get conference rate. Mention KCIA conference when making reservation. The KCIA website has a link to the hotel for on-line reservations.

Meeting Registration by Feb. 7, please.

March 15 - Small grains field applications **due** in KCIA office.

April 15 - Deadline for Kansas Wheat Yield Contest. Visit www.kswheat.com.

May 1- Payment **due** for certification of summer-inspected crops.

Other Important Dates

February 29 - Leap Day

March 11 - Daylight Saving Time

March 20-First Day of Spring

April 8 - Easter

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Don't Forget: Kansas Seed and Crops Conference February 21, 22

We hope you are planning to join us at the Wichita Hyatt for our annual business meeting and the 2012 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference.

Conference programs and registration forms have been mailed to members and an emailing has also been distributed via our KCIA email listing. If we missed you, the information is also posted on our website: kscrop.org. You may also make hotel reservations from our website. Please remember to reserve a room by February 3 and to state that it is for the conference in order to get the room discount.

Three KCIA Board of Directors positions will be up for election during the KCIA annual business meeting. Nominations for the Southwest, South Central, and North Central positions will be brought forth by the KCIA Nominating Committee and nominations will be received from the floor.

Conference registrations are due back to the KCIA office by February 7. This will allow us time to coordinate meals and services with the hotel.

We hope to see you there!

Field Applications due March 15

Please make every effort to get your field applications in to KCIA by March 15.

We need your applications by this date in order to ascertain what the total small grain certification acres will be for 2012. It is vital for us to have this information early in order to determine the recruitment needs for new field inspectors. It also helps us to predict where the greatest need for field inspectors will be, and how best to meet that need.

In addition, timely submittal of field applications will ensure that Form B statements will be sent to members well ahead of the payment deadline, thus avoiding penalties.

Remember, a field application can always be cancelled on the Form B statement so don't let indecisiveness or uncertainty delay your field application submittal. You will be able to cancel them later so submit any field that you are continued, see ***Applications***, page 2

Noteworthy Items

-Please be sure to get your field applications filed with KCIA by March 15. Fields applied for may be cancelled on the Form B generated from your field applications so be sure to include all eligible fields.

-When you receive your Form B (or statement) from KCIA please be sure to verify the information on the statement for completeness and accuracy.

-Ensure that payment is made to KCIA by May 1 to avoid penalty. The penalties are in place to promote timely filing and can be easily avoided by submitting paperwork by the deadline, preferably before.

You can receive the Seed Source, as well as other informational distributions, electronically from KCIA by contacting Eric Fabrizio via email at efkcia@kansas.net.

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considering for certification.

Be sure to include proper seed source documentation and to accurately describe the field on the application form. Verify that the legal description of the field is correct and that directions to the field are detailed enough for the inspector to find it. If possible, including road names is a very useful and appreciated inclusion for field directions.

Accurate Field Maps are Important

Erroneous legal descriptions or poor directions to a field greatly complicate the task of field inspection. Please carefully review your field applications and ensure that the information you provide is correct.

Landmarks such as waterways, tree lines, oil wells, farmsteads, etc., even though you may feel they are crudely drawn, can be very helpful to an inspector trying to locate an unfamiliar field. Road names are also very helpful. If giving directions from a nearby town, “three miles south of 4th and Main in Mytown, 2 miles west on Thataway Rd” provides much clearer information than “5 miles southwest of Mytown”.

If the field in question is difficult to get to, or surrounded by other fields of similar type, please add a bit more detail to your map to enable your inspector to assure him/herself that it is the correct field and how to get to it. If the field is a strip between other strips of fields, indicate in the drawing the field relative to the others. It may be that submitting an FSA map with your application is the best answer.

Know Someone That Would Make A Good Field Inspector?

If you know someone that you think might make a good field inspector, Steve Schuler would appreciate a heads up.

Beyond the obvious physical requirement of being able to walk miles of wheat fields in a day, it is important for a field inspector to have a conscientious work ethic and the commitment and drive to complete the task in timely fashion.

An agricultural background is very helpful, and I would dare say preferred, but training is available and if a person is committed he or she can become proficient quite quickly.

Field inspection fits in very nicely for teachers on summer break, or new retirees with some available time. It is not a stop-gap for people temporarily out of work, as I am looking for people who hopefully will return year after year to help inspect. This is why teachers and retirees are a nice fit.

Field inspection is a very rewarding outdoor activity, and one that fills a very important need.

I ask KCIA members to please invite good inspector prospects in your community to notify me if they might be interested. Teachers, especially Vo-Ag teachers, make excellent field inspectors as do new retirees, especially county agents and farmers.

So, if you know of someone, and they are interested, have him or her call me at 785-532-6118 and I'll be happy to discuss it with them. Thanks in advance for your help.

Mild Winter Weather Benefits Kansas Wheat Innovation Center Construction

Progress on our new neighbor to the east appears to be going well, helped in part by the mild winter weather.



The center will be the new home of the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, and Heartland Plant Innovations (HPI), as well as several other entities involved in the wheat industry.

When completed, the center will include 15,000 sq.ft. of office space, 15,000 sq.ft. of advanced wheat genetics laboratory space, and 10,000 sq.ft. of green house space.

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