



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

July 2009

## Important Dates

### July 4

Independence Day

### July 25

Application for Field  
Inspections on Fall Inspected  
Crops Due

### August 15

Wheat Harvest Report Due

### September 1

Payment for Certification of  
Fall Inspected Crops Due

### September 1

Soybean Distribution  
Reports Due

### September 7

Labor Day  
KCIA Office Closed

### September 11

Patriot Day

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**This year at field days we noticed some individuals had been planting test plots of Turkey Red wheat. If you are interested in purchasing some Turkey Red wheat seed, please contact Daryl Strouts at the KCIA office.**

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## THE SEED SOURCE

Sarah E. Velasquez, Editor

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"The Seed Source" via email,  
please contact me at  
[sevkcia@kansas.net](mailto:sevkcia@kansas.net)

## Testing Season Is Drawing Near

With wheat harvest in full swing, the laboratory is preparing for the busy testing season ahead. To expedite the testing process, we have a few reminders as you prepare to send samples.

· There have been reports of *Fusarium* (head scab) in some parts of the state. If you suspect your seed may be infected, a preliminary germination test is highly recommended. In addition, the laboratory does offer a treated germination test where a raw sample is treated prior to a second germination test, which will help to determine the severity of the infection and what response each lot may have to a fungicide seed treatment.

· In an attempt to help the lab be more efficient, if you are shipping several ten-pound samples at once, please mark the "D" number on each bag and leave the forms accessible inside the box. This will help us spend less time removing the forms from inside each bag prior to processing.

· Please fill out the forms completely and be sure to securely close each sample to keep shipping damage to a

minimum. Cloth bags, available through the KCIA office, are highly recommended for submitting your final certification samples.

· Submit your samples as early as possible. We understand that this is a busy time of year, but the sooner you can get your samples to the lab the less of a crunch we will all be in when September comes around.

· The laboratory will soon begin sending out email notifications of samples received. These notifications, in PDF format, will let producers know when and what samples were received, what tests are going to be performed, and the identifying characteristics of the samples (class, kind, variety, lot number, "D" number, etc.). This notification will be by email only. If you wish to receive this notification, please send an email to the laboratory manager, Eric Fabrizius, at [efkcia@kansas.net](mailto:efkcia@kansas.net), indicating you would like this service. The email address



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## KSIA Summer Seed Conference

July 26-27 will be the Kansas Seed Industry Association Summer Seed Conference at the Ramada (formally the Holiday Inn) in Salina. This event is a collaboration between KSIA, AgriPro, KWA and WestBred. Each sponsor will have their associate and member meetings individually.

The lunch session will feature Phil Needham, whom some of you might remember from the 2008 Kansas Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting and Seed Clinic. For those of you who are not familiar with Mr. Needham, he is a renowned crop management consultant. He lectures around the country at seminars and workshops about improved crop practices. His program, titled *Certified Seed: A Wheat BMP* will discuss the advantages of growing certified seed wheat. All conference participants are welcome to attend this portion of the conference.



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## “Testing” continued

submitting the request will be the address we will send the notification.

Also, a reminder that final reports are also available by email. These are in PDF format as well, and will be sent the day all tests are completed. We currently send results via email as requested, on a sample by sample basis. If you wish to receive your results through email on all samples submitted to the lab, please send your request to the email provided above.

We hope you have a successful harvest and look forward to serving your testing needs.

*Eric Fabrizious, Lab Manager*

## KCIA 4-Star Sponsor for Kansas FFA



*Sarah E. Velasquez and Ben Hutto pose with Ben's awards at the 2009 Kansas FFA Convention.*

KCIA has again been recognized as a 4-Star sponsor for the Kansas FFA Foundation. At the 81st Annual Kansas FFA Convention, Sarah E. Velasquez presented the Proficiency Award in Diversified Crop Production to Ben Hutto.

The proficiency award program is a way to recognize members for their excellence in supervised agricultural experience (SAE) programs. The two program categories are entrepreneurship and placement. Entrepreneurship recognizes members who own a production operation or manage an agribusiness enterprise. The placement program is for members that are employed or interning for an agricultural business.

Ben is from the Riverton FFA Chapter, and is currently attending Fort Scott Community College. His parents run a farm operation consisting of crops, hay, cattle, and hogs. Ben participates in all aspects of the farming operation, and hopes to someday run his own farm. His future plans include attending Kansas State University in agronomy.

We would also like to congratulate Shaun Ohlde for obtaining a proficiency award in Specialty Crop Production. Shaun is the son of Ronald and Anita Ohlde from Linn FFA Chapter. His proficiency was awarded for his participation in business and production at Ohlde Seed Farms. His goals include attending Fort Hays State University majoring in agronomy, and eventually joining the family seed business.

## “Conference” continued

A hospitality suite, sponsored by The Manchester Company, will be open the evening of Sunday the 26. If you plan to arrive on Sunday evening, reservations can be made by calling the Ramada at 785-823-1739, and asking for the Kansas Crop Improvement room block. The Kansas Crop Improvement Association board meeting is scheduled to follow the conference on the 27, resuming the morning of the 28.

Keep your eyes out for a letter in the mail from Kansas Crop Improvement Association containing the conference schedule. There will be a return postcard enclosed for you to RSVP. For more information on Phil Needham, please visit his website at [www.needhamag.com](http://www.needhamag.com).

## Get to know your KCIA Board and Staff: Rayshell Colson



**Name:** Rayshell Colson

**Position:** Registered Seed Technologist

**Family:** Daughter Jordan, 8 1/2.

**Organizations:** Society of

Commercial Seed Technologists

**Hobbies/Interests:** Crafts, sewing, and shopping

**Most important issues for KCIA:** Quality seed testing

**The best things in life are...** Peace, quiet, and a cool breeze.

## Editor's Note

Its getting hot out there, and summer is clearly upon us! This year in Kansas there have already been reports of heat related illnesses. Therefore I thought it prudent to relay some tips from the CDC on preventing heat related illness.

**Tip 1: Drink Plenty of Fluids.** Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink. Don't drink fluids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar.

**Tip 2: Stay Indoors if Possible.** If you do not have air-conditioning, go to the mall or the library to cool off for a few hours. If you have to be outside dress accordingly in light weight, light colored, loose fitting clothing.

**Tip 3: NEVER Leave Any Person or Animal in a Vehicle.** The inside of a car can get hot fast, even in the winter.

For more information visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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