



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

September 2009

## Important Dates

### 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

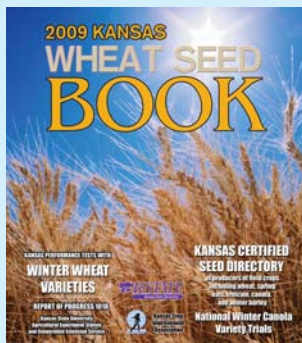
Patriot Day

### September 22

First Day of Autumn

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**A reminder that the 2009 Kansas Wheat Seed Book was released this August. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the KCIA office. The directory can also be found on our website [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org).**



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## THE SEED SOURCE

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## Report from the Laboratory

The KCIA seed testing laboratory is going full steam in the heart of wheat testing season. Quality has been very good with the exception of a few areas that are once again suffering some scab (*Fusarium* spp.) fungal infections. The infection levels are, however, not nearly as severe as seen in the last two years.

	# tested	Avg. Germination	Germination Range	Test Weight Avg.
All samples	828	94.9%	46 – 98%	61.3 #/bu.
Certified samples	636	95.1%	49 – 98%	61.7 #/bu.

<i>Fusarium</i> Infection Level of Sample	2009 (% of total tested)	2008 (% of total tested)
Slight	27.2	31.6
Moderate	6.6	16.2
Severe	1.4	7.7

As we draw closer to planting time, we understand the necessity of getting results back to you as quickly as possible. The laboratory will continue to try to keep the turnaround time to a minimum. In an effort to get results back to you as quickly as possible, I would like to again remind you that we can email results directly to you upon completion. If you would like to receive your results by email, please let me know (see July 2009 Newsletter).

*Eric Fabrizius, Lab Manager*

## Certification Points of Interest

- **Overland Is Not a Wheat Variety.** There has been some confusion recently about a new wheat variety out of Nebraska. Several plots and publications referred to this variety as "Overland". The actual name of the variety is NE01643. "Overland" is a registered trademark of Husker Genetics that is often utilized in conjunction with the wheat variety, NE01643. You may see publications or references to "Husker Genetics Overland Brand NE01643 Wheat (HRW)". This would be the proper way to refer to this variety when utilizing the "Overland" trademark. Seed certified by KCIA will be labeled as "NE01643 Wheat", without reference to Husker Genetics or Overland unless the labeler demonstrates the right to use this brand name and/or trademark.
- **Bulk Retail Facilities** are approved to receive eligible Certified seed in bulk and sell it under their own label. KCIA is maintaining a list of Approved Bulk Retail Facilities on our website under the heading "2009 Approved Bulk Sites."
- **Keep in mind** according to KCIA Standards for Certification, only Category I conditioners may blend varieties of wheat for sale as a blend.



## Kepley Named for Distinguished Service



Norbert Gerstenkorn and Larry Kepley both received Distinguished Service Awards. Photo courtesy of Kansas Wheat.

Larry Kepley was chosen for the Distinguished Service award by Kansas Wheat. He is the owner of Kepley Wheat Seed in Ulysses, KS, and is a certified seed grower.

Kepley has been in the agriculture field for many years. He graduated from Kansas State University and held various agriculture related positions before returning to the farm. He has served on various boards and committees in the wheat industry, and has been an advocate for white wheat advancement. In 1985 Kepley received the Premier Seed Grower award from KCIA.

We would like to congratulate Larry Kepley on his achievements.

## Parking Permits for Football Games



Football season is just around the corner, and prime parking is available at the KCIA facility. This lot is a closed lot, available only by purchasing a permit. The lot is managed on game days by the KSU Agronomy Graduate Student Association. Proceeds from parking permits go to fund speakers, events, and scholarships for the club.

If you would like to purchase a permit for our lot, please contact the KSU Agronomy Graduate Student Association by visiting [www.ksuagsa.org](http://www.ksuagsa.org), or calling 785-532-2766.

## Kansas Wheat to Hold Wheat Yield Contest

Kansas Wheat has put together a wheat yield contest to start this fall. Farmers are encouraged to enter the contest, which will reward the top yielder in three different regions \$1000. The regions will consist of Western Kansas, Central Kansas, and Eastern Kansas.

Kansas Wheat has specified that only certified seed may be grown on the plot. To support the use of certified seed, Kansas Crop Improvement Association will award the seller of the winning certified seed in each region with \$100. This must be a legal transaction of certified seed to qualify.

To enter, farmers must register a 10 acre plot, and provide information about the growing conditions, practices, and management of the plot. Those that wish to participate should submit an entry form to Kansas Wheat by January 5, 2010. The cost is \$50 per entry, and each participant must be at least 18 years old and a Kansas resident.

For additional information call Kansas Wheat at 866-75-WHEAT, or visit [www.kswheat.com](http://www.kswheat.com).

## Get to know your KCIA Board and Staff: Pat Murphy



**Name:** Pat Murphy

**Employer:** KSU  
Assistant Director of Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources; Professor of Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Department

**Position with KCIA:** Board Member

**Family:** Wife Ann, one son, one daughter, and four grandsons

**Organizations:** American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Gamma Sigma Delta, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Extension Honorary, Alpha Epsilon, Agricultural Engineering Honorary, Tau Beta Phi, Engineering Honorary, Registered Professional Engineer

**Hobbies/Interests:** Home building, gardening, fishing

**Most important issues for KCIA:** New variety development and variety certification/protection

**The best things in life are...** Family and working with great people.

## Editor's Note

In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.

- William Blake

The difference between a good farmer and a poor farmer is a week.

- Phil Needham

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