



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

November 2009

## Important Dates

### November 1

Daylight Saving Time Ends

### November 11

Veterans Day

### November 15

Statement of Unaccounted-for Fields due

### November 26-27

Thanksgiving Holiday  
KCIA Office Closed



### December 15

Wheat Distribution Summaries Due  
Bulk Retail Facility Inventory Sheets and Certificates due

### December 25-January 1

Christmas & New Year's Holidays  
KCIA Office Closed



### February 9-10

KCIA/KSIA Annual Meeting  
K-State Alumni Center  
Manhattan, KS

Please note above that the KCIA office will be CLOSED the week between Christmas and the New Year, Dec 25 through January 3. We will reopen on January 4.

## THE SEED SOURCE

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## Important Reminders, Dates

- The *Statement of Unaccounted-for Fields* is due **November 15th**. If any of your fields were inspected but did not complete certification, you will need to complete this form. This form requires growers to report the disposition of seed that was not certified and the reason for not completing certification. Crops that have not completed certification may not be sold as seed.
- 2009 *Wheat Distribution Reports* are due **December 15th**. Please return the original *Certification of Inspection* with reported certified sales, planting, carry-over, and marketed grains sales. Copies of *Bulk Sales Certificates* issued to customers need to be attached to the *Distribution Report*. Late reports are assessed a \$50 penalty for late filing.
- *Bulk Retail Facility Inventory Sheets*, *Distribution Report for Retail Sale*, and *Bulk Sales Certificates* are due **December 15th**. These forms are necessary to maintain Bulk Retail Facility status.
- 2010 membership, grower conditioner, and approved conditioner renewal forms will be mailed out in November. These must be returned by **January 31, 2010** to maintain a current member status.
- The *Application for Field Inspection* will be mailed out in November. Please apply for all fields that are eligible. These forms are due in the office on **March 15, 2010**, but can be returned at any time prior to that date. Don't forget to include seed source documentation if the seed planted was from purchased seed.

## Standards Committee Meeting

The Standards Committee will be reviewing and discussing any issues or changes to the standards. Your input and opinions are valuable to us. If you have any concerns about the KCIA standards or any other policies, please feel free to contact us at 785-532-6118 or [kscrop@kansas.net](mailto:kscrop@kansas.net).

## Inspector Performance Survey

Accompanying this month's newsletter is an inspector evaluation form. If you are a certified grower and had fields inspected this year, we ask that you take some time to give us your feedback. We use this information to determine what we are doing correctly, and what areas we may need improvement. Steve Schuler, Director, Certification Services, will review the completed surveys and refine inspector training to, "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative," to quote an old Bing Crosby tune.

If you don't wish to give your name, or can't remember who your inspector was, please complete the survey anyway. KCIA can provide the inspector's name if you can't remember. If you have a particular issue that you feel needs to be addressed, and the survey just doesn't seem to cut it, please contact Steve directly.

Please complete and return the survey to KCIA as soon as possible so that we can make the best use of your input.

Thank you for participating in this very important part of seed certification.

– Steve Schuler, Director, Certification Services

## Members Support Wheat Research

As many Kansas Seed Producers know, funding research projects is crucial for the development of new wheat varieties that are resistant to pests and diseases. Because wheat development is so important in the sustainability of the wheat farmer, fifty cents per acre of the KCIA certification fees is used for research. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year \$37,200 was approved for wheat, soybean, sorghum, and canola research. Since 1976 KCIA members have provided over \$1.5 million for research through certification fees.

Although this funding is important to the ongoing development of new varieties, KCIA policy states that members can ask for a refund of their research support fees. *The Research Fee Refund Request Form* can be found on our website at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org) under Resources, Forms and Manuals. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## 2010 KCIA/KSIA Annual Meeting

The 2010 KCIA/KSIA Annual meeting is scheduled for February 9-10 in Manhattan, KS at the K-State Alumni Center.

The annual meeting is an opportunity for growers, dealers, and conditioners to network and socialize while gaining information about the seed industry. We hope you will join us for our informational sessions to learn about technology, tools, and advancements in the industry.

Keep your eye out for your registration form which will be mailed soon. A room block has been set at the Holiday Inn across from campus, and reservations can be made by calling 785-539-7531. Make sure to mention the Kansas Crop Improvement Association when making your reservations.

### Tentative Schedule

February 9th  
7:00 PM - Hospitality Suite at the Holiday Inn

February 10th  
8:30 AM - Registration

9:00 AM - KSIA/KCIA/KWA Associate Meetings

12:00 PM - Lunch Banquet

1:30 PM - General Session

4:00 PM - Adjourn

## Technical Aids Online

As many seed producers know, a lot of information is needed for seed certification and distribution. One of our goals at KCIA is to make this process as easy to complete as possible. Therefore we are constantly adding new forms, teaching materials, and seed related information on our website at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org).

Specifically our Technical Aids section can be of much value to our members. Here you will find presentations, tools, and links to help you better understand and manage the

certification process. For example, we have provided materials about weed identification and management to inform you of weed issues that might affect certification. We have also posted PVP resources to assist with transfers or resales. Many other resources can be found on the page to help you with seed production and certification.

The goal of the Technical Aids section is to assist you in your seed production ventures. If there is any information you feel is missing that you would like to see, please let us know.

## Get to know your KCIA Board and Staff: Dean Fouts



**Name:** Dean Fouts

**Business:** Johnson Seed

**Position:** Board Member, Southeast District.

**Family:** Wife Debbie; Children Heather, Erica, and Matthew; 2 grandchildren.

**Organizations:** Masonic Lodge 69, Methodist Church.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Keeping bees.

**Most important issues for KCIA:** Building certification programs that meet the changing needs of members and growers..

**The best things in life are...** Family and good friends.

## Editor's Note



K-State has created a website with a wealth of interactive tools about agronomy for children from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The site, called Growing in Agronomy, provides various tools and games that explore agronomy, including activities on dirt, earthworms, and insects in the soil. Printable coloring sheets, science projects, and educator tools are also available.

To take advantage of these great tools visit [www.agronomy.ksu.edu/GIA](http://www.agronomy.ksu.edu/GIA).

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