



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

December 2009

## Important Dates

### December 25-January 1

Christmas & New Year's Holidays  
KCIA Office Closed



### January 9

KCIA Founded in 1902

### January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
KCIA Closed

### February 2

Groundhog Day

### February 9-10

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

### February 14

Valentine's Day

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## 2010 Annual Meeting Reminder

Don't forget to reserve your spot at the 2010 KCIA/KSIA Annual Meeting February 9-10 in Manhattan, KS.

The event will take place at the K-State Alumni Center. Enclosed is your registration form and tentative schedule, which also can be found on our website [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org).

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## THE SEED SOURCE

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## Changes to Certification Standards

The KCIA Standards and Procedures Committee met December 1st to review certification issues. December 10-11 the Board of Directors met and discussed the suggestions put forth by the Standards and Procedures Committee concerning loose smut and wheat blends.

The KCIA Board of Directors has approved a recommendation to require seed treatment for loose smut of wheat when incidence of the disease exceeds field standards. An effective seed treatment to control loose smut of wheat will be required if smutted plants are present at 1 smutted head per 1000 heads in Foundation fields, 3 smutted heads per 1000 heads in Registered fields, and 5 to 9 smutted heads per 1000 heads in Certified class fields. In addition, a field producing Certified class seed will be

rejected if 10 or more smutted heads per 1000 heads are present. A recommendation for seed treatment at lower disease incidence is also included for each class.

The Board also approved a recommendation to remove the restriction requiring Approved Conditioner status in order to blend or mix certified seed. Persons other than Approved Conditioners now may blend or mix certified seed components for sell. However, those creating blends or mixes are subject to additional KCIA standards, as well as any state or federal laws governing such activity.

For any questions on these changes please contact the office at 785-532-6118.

Steve Schuler, Director, Certification Services



## Note From Daryl Strouts, Executive Director

Dear KCIA members and friends,

On February 14, I will be leaving KCIA in order to accept the position of President of the Kansas Wheat Alliance. As many of you know, KCIA has been providing administrative services to KWA for the past 18 months, including 25% of my time as Executive Director. This relationship has been beneficial to both KCIA and KWA during this time.

It has always been in KWA's business plan to hire a full-time executive in early 2010. The importance of this decision has been elevated recently as genetic trait providers like Monsanto, Limagrain, and others have announced their intentions to make significant investments into wheat trait and variety development. I am excited about the opportunities that are ahead for KWA and its members, and I look forward to serving as their executive.

Growing up on a certified seed production farm my relationship with KCIA began when I was a K-State student and was hired to do field inspections and seed analysis in 1981. My years at KCIA have been a blessing. It has been an honor to work with members and staff to achieve a seed certification program second to none. I have appreciated the relationships I have enjoyed with all of you and hope they will continue in my future role with KWA.

Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year!

Daryl Strouts

## *'Twas the Day Before Due (alternate title – "Just Hop to the Top")*

*DL Strouts*

'Twas the day before due, Ed and Tim too, Distribution reports on their minds. Paperwork, questions, a comment or two, they were worried 'bout getting behind. They had their certificates, Form D's and receipts to substantiate all their activity. But the numbers wouldn't jive, it was under their hide and adding to the proclivity.

The report says there's some, but in the bin there is none of the finest of certified seed. And they planted the best of the worst of the rest of the clean-out that they didn't need.

So they called for assistance knowing Nancy's persistence would soon resolve the conundrum.

Unavailable was she, so renewing their plea asked for Ardyce's knowledge and wisdom.

"Out till noon" 'twas replied, then the deafening cry came for Steve to offer advice. "Not in yet" they were told, put their phone call on hold and now had been deterred thrice.

So the Boss they requested, then delivered their test to the man at the top of the heap. He listened with patience to the long lamentation of the duo their quest quite replete.

His self-esteem low, they deliver the blow, he's not their choice one, two or three. 'Tis the season of giving, our Lord, He is living! but assistance they want to receive. He tells them the facts, puts them back on the track and tries to be very polite. The duo is grateful accepting their fate full of attitude now quite contrite.

He knows what he speaks, his pride re-complete, the call now nearing conclusion. Daryl told them to hop to the man at the top to reduce future info confusion. And they heard him bemoan as he hung up the phone with a holiday-like retort. Many forms to them all, 'nough to deck all the halls, Distribution's the final report.

## ***K-State Crops Team, 2009 Champions***



Above, the KState Crops Team with their awards: Coach Dr. Kevin Donnelly, Jared Kohls, Jared Unrau, Kelly Yunghans, and Bryson Haverkamp.

The team with their jackets provided by KCIA: Nathan Keep, Jared Unrau, Ben Meyer, Bryson Haverkamp, Kelly Yunghans, Jared Kohls

The K-State Crops Team won the 2009 National Championship by winning both the Kansas City Board of Trade and Chicago CME Group Collegiate Crops contests in November.

The team placed first in all three phases of the contest consisting of grain grading, plant and seed identification, and seed analysis. In these phases participants are required to grade eight different samples of grain; identify 200 different plant and seed samples; and analyze seed samples for impurities.

To recognize their excellent performance they received a team scholarship from the contest sponsors at Kansas City, and individual scholarships at Chicago.

KCIA is a proud supporter of the K-State Crops Team. Visit [www.agronomy.ksu.edu](http://www.agronomy.ksu.edu) for more information about the K-State Crops Team.

## **Get to know your KCIA Board and Staff: Sarah E. Velasquez**



**Name:** Sarah E. Velasquez

**Position:** Membership Services Specialist

**Organizations:** American Agriculturalists

Editors Association, International Association of Operative Millers

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading, walking my dogs, taking classes, and genealogy

**Most important issues for KCIA:** Growing and changing to better serve younger generations of seed producers

**The best things in life are. . .** My dogs and family



## *Editor's Note*

"As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same."

-Donald E. Westlake

"Bah, humbug!" -Ebenezer Scrooge

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."

-Hal Borland

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

-Edith Lovejoy Pierce

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