



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**September-October 2016**

## Important Dates

**Bulk Retail Facilities Applications and renewals due anytime now.**

**Bulk Distribution Center Registration due anytime now.**

**September 1** - Payment for Certification of Fall inspected crops due.

**September 5** - Labor Day, KCIA office closed.

**November 24, 25** - Thanksgiving, KCIA office closed.

**December 15** - Distribution reports due.

Bulk Retail Facility summaries due

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**February 21, 22, 2017** - Kansas Seed and Crops Conference and KCIA annual business meeting. Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan.  
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**Other Important Dates**  
September 17 - Constitution Day.  
September 22 - First Day of Autumn  
November 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends  
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*If you would like to receive "The Seed Source" via email, please contact us at [kscrop@kansas.net](mailto:kscrop@kansas.net)*

Just a quick review of some of the key aspects of the Kansas seed certification program. Please consider that the strength of your state seed certification rests in everyone's willingness to do his/her part to uphold the standards espoused by the program.

Additional information can be found at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org)>Certification Resources>Technical Aids.

**Bulk Retail Facilities** – these are sites approved to buy and sale certified seed. They own the seed and label it. They apply to KCIA to receive this status, and undergo site inspection and training. Once a bulk retail facility is approved, they need only reapply annually to maintain status. Information regarding the operation of these sites is found at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org). New sites can find the application form on the website. A bulk retail facility may also serve as a distribution center for a contract grower.

**Bulk Distribution Center** – these are sites contracted by a certified grower to sell seed. The grower conducts an on-site inspection and informs the personnel how to properly handle and label the wheat sold. The registration form can be found on our website. The bulk distribution cannot itself buy and sell certified wheat, but instead serves as an agent for the grower, who supplies the wheat and labels. A site can serve as a distribution center for more than one grower.

Bulk retail facilities and bulk distribution centers are listed on the homepage at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org).

**Seed conditioning** – all seed must be properly cleaned by a KCIA-approved conditioner. It is the responsibility of both the grower and the conditioner to ensure that equipment used to handle seed is properly cleaned and maintained. If jointed goat grass was found in the field, the seed must be passed over secondary equipment such as the length grader or the gravity table, in addition to the air/screen cleaner.

A conditioner may not clean rye or triticale during wheat cleaning season. If this happens, KCIA must conduct an inspection of the equipment after such an incident, to ensure the absence of rye or triticale prior to any additional cleaning of wheat seed for certification.

The grower should be forthright with the conditioner as to what potential weed problems may be present to insure removal of those weed seed is within the capabilities of the equipment. The conditioner should be forthright with the grower as to whether or not he/she will be able to clean the seed satisfactorily.

Screenings should be checked occasionally to see what weed seed is present, and whether or not additional adjustments should be made. Optimum conditioning will throw the occasional good seed out.

**Marketing seed** – until testing is completed indicating the seed meets or beats the minimum standards for certified seed, it is not certified seed. Any marketing of seed prior to achieving certification will place the seller and the buyer at potential risks. Occasionally it happens that seed is promised at a certain price prior to the completion of quality testing only to have the grower find that common bunt has been discovered and the seed must now be treated to be sold, as per certification standards. The grower now is faced with renegotiating the price, or absorbing the additional cost of seed treatment. It is important not to sell the seed prior to testing, and definitely do not move it.

Proper labeling is an important part of marketing seed. Certified seed that moves without a label is not considered to be certified. Ample information for properly labeling seed can be found on our website. It is important to note that out-of-state seed must list the state of origin.

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If some inspection services had been performed by that state's agency, additional wording will be necessary. Contact our office.

**Transfer and Resale** – Transfer is the movement of seed harvested from a field that has passed inspection from the grower of that seed to another grower or approved conditioner, who is now responsible for conditioning and completing certification to that seed. A Resale on the other hand is the movement between the proper entities of seed that has completed certification. Bulk retail facilities and Category 1 conditioners and Category 1 growers can receive seed via a resale and sell that wheat under their name. Any grower can sell their certified seed via a resale.

A transfer requires the use of a transfer kit, available from our office, and the submittal of samples along with a completed form. A resale requires only the completion of the form.

It is important to note that the minimum standards for seed to move as resale are set higher than the minimum needed to attain certification. Again, do not move seed until testing is completed.

For either a transfer or a resale, the Transfer or Resale of Kansas Certified Seed in Bulk form must be used. It is a rather self-explanatory form and must be obtained from our office as they are serially numbered and serve as official labels. This form is not available on our website. There is also some training items located on our website. This form is to be returned to us within five business days of the transfer or resale.

**Interstate movement** – When Kansas Certified seed is moving out of state, either as a transfer or resale, it is contingent upon the receiver in the other state to ensure that he/she is using the proper documentation as required by their state.

When out-of-state seed moves into Kansas, if a Kansas label is desired, that seed must undergo a ten-pound CSI inspection, just like all Kansas seed does. This is simply because we test a larger quantity of seed than the neighboring states. Generally, documentation will require verification of the agency in the exporting state.

More on out-of-state seed can be found on our website, especially in our procedures manual.

**Our website** – there are several items on our website intended to assist you in your certification activities. Most are under "Certification resources". Especially look at the outline of Kansas certification. It is very concise and can aid you immensely. However, never hesitate to give us a call if you need to. KCIA staff is here to assist you in keeping Kansas Certified seed among the best in the country.

Stewardship of your (our) certification program is important to keep it strong and valuable. Please keep it strong through your participation and compliance, and your willingness to hold others to the same standard.

*“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence”* -Vince Lombardi

*“If you want total security, go to prison. There you’re fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing lacking... is freedom”* - Dwight D. Eisenhower

*“I have left orders to be awakened at any time during national emergency, even if I’m in a cabinet meeting”* - Ronald Reagan

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