



# The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

January-February 2017

## Important Dates

**February 7- Register by date for annual conference**

**February 22 - KCIA Annual Business Meeting - Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan**

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**February 21, 22 2017**  
2017 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference and KCIA annual business meeting. Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan.

**March 15 - Due Date for Electronic Filing of Field Applications on myfields**

**May 1 - Payment Due for acres applied for inspection.**

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### 2017 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference

As our conference grows closer, we want to remind our members that your participation is important to us and we hope that you are planning to join us. Please remember to register by February 7 so we can make final preparations. We will have our educational session on Tuesday beginning at 2:30 pm followed by our social mixer from 5-7 pm. The business meetings will be held on Wednesday followed by lunch.

For our Tuesday session we have asked Jesse Woofter of the Kansas Department of Agriculture Plant Protection Division to speak on the regulations and permitting requirements governing the application of seed treatments and the sale of treated seed. We will then hold an open seed certification session where we will address current issues as well as any concerns of those involved in the industry. The open session will also offer an opportunity to receive assistance with our new electronic field applications if desired. Joe Westhoff, of Colorado Wheat Research Foundation will give an overview of the new, patented, non-GMO herbicide-tolerant wheat that should be available to farmers in 2018. Exhibitors will be on hand from Tuesday afternoon to the end of the conference.

Of course the greatest thing about the conference is the opportunity to see old friends and perhaps make some new ones in our industry. The mixer Tuesday evening is the perfect time to catch up on the news over a couple of complimentary drinks.

Your participation will be valued at the business meetings of the organizations to which you belong. This is especially true for any elections scheduled. In our case, KCIA members should have received notice of open board positions and an invitation to make nominations from the floor. Activities like this are important not only for the health of the organization, but also to help insure that the needs of members are adequately represented.

Conference information was mailed mid-December and is also available at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org). Here you will find registration forms as well as a link for room reservations while they last.

### Myfield.info Update

Things are proceeding with the new electronic form submittal. About sixty members have entered fields so far and we hope that the rest will follow suit shortly. As we find small issues we have been able to get them rectified in reasonably short order with the help of Wendy Johnson. I will repeat several things here in the hopes that they will help things go smoothly when you enter the electronic age of form submittal. It is important to realize that the longer you wait to set up your account and get your fields entered, the less time there will be to solve any problems and get your fields applied for prior to the March 15 requested date.

\*Only one account per membership.

\*View the instructional videos on the myfields page of [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org).

\*Make sure that your GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) are in Decimal Degrees and not degrees.min.sec

\*Give myfields some time to work if your internet service is slow.

\*If you are experiencing a lot of problems, it may be that your web browser needs to be updated. *Continued next page*

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- \*Upload images of your labels to your computer prior to applying for a field, as you will be asked to insert the image into the application. Make sure that you save images as an image file and not as a .pdf.
- \*Applications without proper seed source documentation can not be approved.
- \*If the field was planted with your own seed, you do not have to insert a tag image. Just enter the “D” number, and the words “own seed” in the box where it asks for source.
- \*If you don’t have ready access to field GPS coordinates, there is a slide presentation on the myfields page of kscrop.org explaining how to use Google Earth to obtain them from the comfort of your own home.
- \*There is an FAQ (facts and questions) on the myfields page of kscrop.org. This will contains hints and fixes.
- \*Don’t procrastinate, take the plunge and do it now.
- \*Don’t hesitate to call KCIA for assistance with myfields. We will be happy to walk you through the steps.

Most of the information you will need I have placed on our myfields page at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org). However, if you would rather give me a call and have me walk you through it, we can certainly do that. In fact I have done this several times. The important thing is to not wait too long to tackle it.

### ***Seed Laboratory Report Changes - Eric Fabrizio***

I recently participated in a survey of seed laboratories on details of lab reports issued to customers. During this survey, I became aware that if the weight of a submitted sample does not meet the minimum weight for the species by AOSA Rules, then a statement to that effect must go on the report. This will only apply when a purity/noxious test is requested, as there is no minimum weight for a germination test.

For example, the minimum weight for a purity/noxious on wheat is 500 grams. A sample is submitted to the lab but weighs 480 grams. In this instance we will conduct the test but the following statement will appear in the comments section of the laboratory report: “Insufficient sample size: Not enough seed was submitted to meet the minimum noxious exam weight of the AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds.”

When submitting a sample with the intention of labeling the product for sale, it is important to provide adequate sample to get an official test by AOSA rules. I will be working on updating the Seed Laboratory page on the KCIA website to provide some guidance on the weight of seed needed for the majority of the species we test.

The second change on laboratory reports will be when pigweed seed is found in a purity exam. Due to recent developments in another state, we will no longer be reporting ‘pigweed’ but instead, we will report ‘*Amaranthus* sp.’ found. The problem is that a seed analyst cannot visually differentiate Palmer Amaranth, a noxious weed in Ohio, from other *Amaranthus* species, including pigweed. In order to not give the impression that a lot does not contain Palmer Amaranth by reporting pigweed, we will fall back to just reporting the more encompassing term of *Amaranthus* sp. If a Kansas noxious exam is conducted, *Amaranthus* sp. will be considered a common weed, however if a USA noxious exam is requested, then it will appear as a noxious weed. By default, the KCIA lab will do a Kansas noxious exam, so if you will be moving seed to other states, you would need to request the USA noxious exam.

***“The over-all point is that new technology will not necessarily replace old technology, but it will date it. By definition. Eventually, it will replace it. But it’s like people who had black-and-white TVs when color came out. They eventually decided whether or not the new technology was worth the investment.”***

Steve Jobs

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