



The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

November 2017

Important Dates

Conference Dates

February 20-21, 2018 - Kansas Seed and Crops Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan

February 21, 2018 - KCIA Annual Business Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan

!!! December 15 !!!

Distribution Reports Due
Bulk Facility Reports Due

November 23-24 - KCIA Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 25-26 - KCIA Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

December 27 - 29 KCIA will have limited hours

January 1, 2018 - New Year's Day, KCIA closed

Other Important Dates

November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 25 - Merry Xmas!

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If you would like to receive "The Seed Source" via email, please contact us at kscrop@kansas.net

2018 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference

The 2018 Kansas Seed and Crop Conference will be February 20-21, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan. We have a block of rooms reserved for the conference. Use the link on the KCIA homepage under "Important Dates" or call 785-532-9116 and mention the conference. Rooms are available until block is filled, or January 19. A mailing will be made with more information at a later date. The KCIA Annual Business Meeting is held during the conference.

Our speakers for the Tuesday afternoon session will be Forrest Buhler, Staff Attorney with Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, who will speak on the proper wording of disclaimers in labeling to ensure adequate and appropriate protections are in place when selling seed, and Paul Morano, Syngenta, to speak on actively marketing seed for growth in a time of decreasing wheat acres.

Please plan to attend and support your industry.

Refresher Course: myfields Training Videos at kscrop.org

As you prepare to enter your certified fields into myfields, please be aware that we have placed new videos on the myfields help page of our website. Should you need a refresher course in using myfields, these videos should help though Steve admits they likely wouldn't win any Grammys.

We are refining the program somewhat and hope to have additional tools available for your use as time goes by. We will add additional information as it becomes available on the myfields help page of our website. On your myfields home page you will now notice an additional tab "completed" where your last year's applications have been placed. The "submitted" tab will contain your current fields. In addition, a delete button has been added to allow you to delete a main field if you are no longer going to farm it. Otherwise, the application process won't feel any different from last year.

To ease your application process, be sure to have your field information in front of you. Upload beforehand to your computer, official seed source tags or certificates for **seed you purchased** so you can upload them to myfields. Remember that your tag/certificate file must be in .jpg, .jpeg, .png or .gif format and under 100KB in size. If planting your own seed, no tag upload is necessary, just the correct "D" number assigned or the field number (ie KSxxxxx) from an eligible field that passed inspection but did not complete certification testing.

If properly prepared, entering a field in myfields is not particularly tedious so please don't make it so. If you are having trouble, do not hesitate to give us a call for help. Don't spend an exorbitant amount of time trying to figure something out when a phone call can help.

We are also looking into possible electronic procedures for transfers, resales and ultimately labeling but as of yet are not close to any timeframe.

KCIA Standards Committee Seeking Members Wanting to Serve

The KCIA Standards Committee is responsible for reviewing current standards, considering new standards and making recommendations (continued page 2)

to the KCIA Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Steve Schuler. This is a member committee.

KCIA Offers Services Beyond Seed Certification

Our mission statement reads:

The Kansas Crop Improvement Association creates the opportunity for our members to participate in integrity based quality assurance programs that provide superior seed and plant products. We utilize research, education, certification and uniform standards that result in a safe, stable, secure seedstock supply.

As certified seed growers and retailers, you already participate in one integrity-based quality assurance program of sorts, with quality guidelines set somewhat by AOSCA (Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies), the Federal Seed Act and of course by the governing body of KCIA with guidance by the KCIA Standards Committee.

Consider, however, that you can also utilize KCIA to provide verification services for your own in-house quality assurance program, one where you set the parameters. For crops not requiring official seed certification, KCIA can provide similar-type services of oversight for your other production activities. Such additional oversight can show that you are dedicated to quality products, help protect you from costly errors and give your customers confidence in your product. Third-party verification can help put new customers at ease until they become familiar with your product. It can also give you an edge over your competitors. We can also assist in training contract growers.

Our seed quality testing laboratory can accommodate your testing needs and assist you in maintaining seed quality of crops outside seed certification. We can also work with you to decide which tests are necessary and even develop new tests to your specifications.

If you are considering expanding into another area of seed production, or a quality assurance or identity preserved program, consider how your association can assist you. Give us a call.



2017 KSF Kansas 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Display Winners Recognized at State Fair September 9, 2017

The winners of the 2017 Kansas 4-H Variety Plot Display contest were announced September 9 at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson. KCIA helps sponsor the contest by providing the second place Reserve Champion a plaque and \$150.00 dollars. The Kansas Wheat Commission sponsors first place and KARA (Kansas Agribusiness and Retailers Association) sponsors third through fifth place.

Steve Schuler presented Caleb Nord, Larned with the 2nd place plaque and cash prize on behalf of KCIA members.

Left to Right, Wade Weber, Kansas State 4-H Leader, Dexter Small, Neodesha (1st place), Caleb Nord, Larned (2nd place), Jacob Bell, Moscow (3rd place), Luke Ryan, New Cambria (4th place) and Colton Haresnape, Lebanon (5th place).

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