



The Seed Source

Newsletter of Kansas Crop Improvement Association

Important Dates

Information on the conference can be accessed by clicking “2023 Seed and Crops Conference” on the kscrop.org homepage

January 28— last day to reserve available rooms at conference rate

February 1— Exhibitor and Sponsorship registration requested by this date

February 7— Registration for conference requested by this date

February 22-23— 2023 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference

February 23

KCIA Annual Business Meeting

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2023 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference February 22-23, 2023, Manhattan

Open Forum Will Discuss Seed Certification and Auxiliary Seed Production Programs

Do you have ideas that can benefit members of our Association? Comments on our seed dashboard? Let's discuss it!

One event on the docket for our upcoming Seed and Crop Conference will be an open forum to discuss and strengthen our Association's seed programs. We hope to hear from attendees how needs of seed producers are being met by KCIA and what services or changes will keep our Association a relevant and important part of Kansas agriculture.

The session will be Wednesday afternoon and of one-and-a-half-hour duration. During this session, attendees will be recognized and able to voice questions, concerns, or input on what strong points should be maintained. We hope to get an idea of the direction our membership thinks we should be pursuing as we move into the future.

Send your questions, concerns, or affirmations to sfskcia@kansas.net prior to the forum. This is not a prerequisite for bringing up an issue at the forum, but it will allow Steve time to research it to better provide answers.

If you submit a question or concern, you can have the option of Steve presenting in anonymously or presenting it yourself at the forum. The heads up to us will ensure we can get you an answer.

Please plan to attend and participate in this chance to strengthen our Association.

Pennycress A Potential Cover Crop/Oilseed Crop

Researchers have been working with pennycress, a winter annual weed we are all familiar with, to develop it as a multi-use cover crop that can be harvested as an oilseed crop. Advanced breeding and gene editing techniques has led to a converted pennycress that will in the future be marketed under the trademarked name CoverCress™.

We have invited representatives of CoverCress, Inc, to discuss this new crop. CoverCress is planning a pre-commercialization demonstration of CoverCress™ in select geographies in Fall 2023.

This session will be at 8:00 am Thursday morning of the 2023 Seed and Crops Conference.

Musical Group *Too Many Degrees* Will Entertain Conference Attendees

In today's hectic world it's too easy to forget to slow down every so often and smell the roses, or in this case listen to the music. We believe it is important to do so, so this year we've decided to add some music leading into our mixer.

Our musical entertainment consists of three college professors and an MD surgeon. Hence the name "Too Many Degrees". The group has performed since 2005 in one form or another. They will perform from 4 - 5 Wednesday afternoon. The group's repertoire includes bluegrass, western, and pop music in a laid back atmosphere.

We'll serve hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 7:00 leaving plenty of time for you to make dinner plans. Drinks will be provided, including non-alcohol beverages.

Good music, good friends old and new and hors d'oeuvres. It seldom gets better than this.

Conference Business Meetings, Associate Meetings

Taking care of business is a little easier when everything is in the same place at the same time. The Seed and Crops Conference is the venue for the annual business meetings of the not-for-profit organizations Kansas Crop Improvement Association, Kansas Seed Industry Association and Kansas Wheat Alliance. Companies such as WestBred, Limagrain Cereal Science have associate meetings planned and AGSECO will also have a meeting.

If you belong to or, are an associate of one of these entities, you know how important it is to be an initiative-taking member. It is important to stay in contact and up to date to benefit from the cooperation that personal and business relationships bring to business. Moreover, your participation is vital to ensure that those organizations important to your business are aware of what is needed to help you succeed.

Do not miss this annual opportunity for interaction with your seed industry. It is a lot of participation packed into a short timeframe.

Please Register by February 7, Room Block Reservation January 28

To plan properly, we need a good idea how many will be attending at our conference. This enables us to give numbers to the hotel for meal and break planning as well as seating.

Please join us, and please submit your registration to us by February 7. Our members of record were mailed a registration form in December. The form is also available by going to our website www.kscrop.org and clicking on the conference link on the homepage.

We reserve a small block of rooms at a slight discount under the conference name at the Hilton. This link is likewise on the conference page noted above. These are on a first-come first-served basis and must be reserved by January 28.

We hope you will join us!

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