

# Kansas Crop Improvement Association

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Dear Members and Seed Industry Friends,

Mark your calendar to be with us for the 2019 Kansas Seed & Crops Conference, February 19-20, 2019 in Manhattan. We request your registration by February 7 to adequately accommodate your attendance.

The conference hosts the annual business meetings of Kansas Crop Improvement Association and the Kansas Seed Industry Association. Other meetings and sessions are being held in conjunction with the conference, making this event not only informative, but a convenient way to participate in several organizations without having to make multiple trips to various locations.

We are trying something a little different this year to enhance your conference experience. Rather than a block of presentations and a block of business meetings, we have split them up. AGSECO and Kansas Wheat Alliance will hold their meetings on Tuesday. This will be followed by an excellent presentation by David Dam, of Alterrain, Inc.

After David's presentation, we will move to the East Kaw Room for the Trade Show mixer, featuring free drinks (leaded or unleaded) and an opportunity to interact with the exhibitors in a social setting. The mixer is an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends, catch up on business and perhaps make dinner plans.

Wednesday morning, after a hearty breakfast, we will have another speaker session. We have invited Rick Novak of Colorado Seed Growers Association to speak on his experiences with Industrial Hemp, and are currently seeking a second speaker on a topic of interest to attendees.

KSIA and KCIA business meetings will follow Wednesday's speaker session to round out the morning. Lunch (early registration required, no walk-ins) will be followed by the Limagrain Cereal Seeds meeting. As of this time the remainder of Wednesday afternoon is open, but we may add additional programming if the opportunity arises.

We have a limited number of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn under our conference block and these tend to go fast. There is a link on our website to make reservations on line, or you may call the hotel directly at 785-532-9116. Be sure to mention the conference when making your reservation. Should no rooms be available, hotel staff will be happy to direct you to another hotel.

The conference packs a lot into a short time. That is by design. We know your time is important. Please don't overlook this opportunity to interact with your seed industry peers and to provide your valuable input to those organizations for which your participation is vitally important.

Hope to see you there!

Steve F. Schuler