

Tom Pauly named 2018 Premier Seed Grower by KCIA

Tom Pauly of Conway Springs, Kansas was awarded the title of Premier Seed Grower for 2018 by Kansas Crop Improvement Association on February 20th at the annual Seed and Crops Conference held in Manhattan, Kansas.

A life-long farmer, Pauly (center in photo at right), along with his wife Laura and nephew Andrew, farm over 1,500 acres as Tom Pauly Farm. Tom Pauly Farm grows wheat, corn, soybeans and has operated a very successful Certified Seed Wheat business for the past 20 years.



Photo: Laura Pauly, Tom Pauly, and Andrew Devlin

Pauly served as South Central Director to Kansas Crop Improvement Association from 2006-2015. Through his formal ties to KCIA and his everyday farming and seed growing practices Pauly has been a passionate advocate for quality seed production and distribution. He believes this is a necessary aspect of modern agriculture and a key foundation for healthy family farm businesses. He is motivated by new ideas and caring for the land through no-till farming practices to be a good steward of the land and do the best he can for future generations.

The Premier Seed Grower award was presented by KCIA Board President Mike Sieck.



Mike Sieck, Tom Pauly, Steve Schuler at Seed and Crops Conference

Since its inception in 1930, 166 Premier Seed Grower awards have been presented by Kansas Crop Improvement Association (KCIA). To qualify for the award, the recipient must have several years of experience as a certified seed producer, with certified seed being a major component of their business, must exhibit quality consciousness in all production and sales practices, and must be involved in public service activities. Recipients are selected by ballot with previous year's honorees casting the votes.

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