



The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

July-August 2019

Important Dates

NOTICE

July 24-25 KSIA Summer Conference in Salina

!! July 25 - Application for Field Inspection on Fall Crops Due

September 2 - Labor Day KCIA Office Closed

February 18-19, 2020 - Annual Business Meeting and Seed and Crops Conference

Bulk Retail Facilities applications and renewal can be made now

The Seed Source

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

Thank you!

As we close out one of the latest, and in some areas the wettest, field inspection season in recent memory, we wish to thank certified seed producers for your cooperation during the inspection season and also for your continued association with KCIA.

We also wish to thank our field inspectors without whom it would be very difficult to provide a service so vital to our certification program.

Harvest Reports Sent

KCIA members with certified seed production activity this season will be receiving a Harvest Report with this newsletter mailing. This report lists the fields that we have on record as passing field inspection. You do not need to return this report to KCIA but we ask you to review the report and ensure that your records are aligned with ours.

Also, remember that accidentally comingling seed from rejected fields with that of a passed field will cause rejection of all the seed.

2020 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference February 18-19

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual conference which includes the KCIA annual business meeting. It will be at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Manhattan.

We will be developing the program over the next few months and welcome any input from you in adding the maximum benefit of the conference to you and your employees. Likewise, as a KCIA member, if you have something you wish addressed at our annual business meeting, please contact Steve Schuler.

Information will be posted on our website and mailed to members as it develops.

Seed Laboratory Update

Wheat quality testing is beginning to pick up the pace. We have not completed the germination testing of a lot of new crop seed as yet but there is definitely going to be issues with reduced germination results due to *Fusarium* (Head Scab) infection.

How widespread the issue is going to be remains to be determined but it will likely be more prevalent than we typically see. *Fusarium* infection seed lots are not pleasant to deal with for you or the lab but a quality product can be achieved if you understand the process needed to get there.

To understand more about working with infected seed lots, please visit our website www.kscrop.org and view the *Fusarium Info Sheet* under Headlines.

Seed Conditioning Reminders

Seed conditioning plays a huge role in how your customer perceives your seed product. It is important for the certified seed producer to play an active role in the oversight of the seed conditioning process.

Whether you are a grower-conditioner or have your seed custom cleaned by a KCIA-approved conditioner, ensure that the equipment is clean to prevent contamination. Although approved conditioners are professionals, things can happen and an extra set of eyes won't hurt. Assess the screenings to ensure the seed is being properly cleaned. If you are not seeing the occasional good seed in the screenings, it's possible the seed is not being cleaned aggressively enough.

Approved conditioners are not allowed to custom clean rye or triticale in the same season in which they are cleaning wheat seed for certification. *continued next page*

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They should wait until wheat cleaning season is completed. A KCIA inspection of the equipment is required if rye or triticale is run through the machine prior to the completion of certified wheat seed cleaning season.

Summer Interns Assist KCIA Staff, Learn About Seed Certification

Each summer KCIA hires 2-3 college students to learn about our certification program and to assist KCIA with field inspections and seed laboratory duties. Students may choose to pursue internship credit toward their degree or simply work for us through the summer.

Our current interns are Travis Bigler (L) and Nick Stafford. Travis is from Salina and is pursuing a degree in Agronomy, Consulting and Production option. Travis is pursuing internship credit. Nick Stafford is from Kingston, New Hampshire and is also enrolled at KSU in Agronomy under the Consulting and Production option.

After having travelled Kansas during field inspection season, our interns will now settle down to finish out the summer working in the seed laboratory before returning to school this fall.



Transfers and Resales Have a Time-Sensitive Return Requirement

A transfer or resale of certified seed is a chain-of-custody document, and as such the completed form is to be returned within **5 business days** of the seed movement. The completed form can be mailed, faxed, or scanned and emailed, so there is no excuse for not fulfilling this requirement.

In addition, each year we have a few improper moves of certified seed to entities not authorized to receive such seed. It is contingent upon the seller of the seed to ensure the move is proper. If seed is moved to an unauthorized receiver, the seller will be responsible as the labeler of that seed. If seed is moved improperly to a facility, the seller will be required to either sign that facility up as a bulk distribution center, or take the seed back. If seed moved improperly through a transfer or resale is sold improperly labeled by the receiver, KCIA will consider the seller conducting the improper transfer or resale seed responsible.

As authorized bulk retail facilities are re-approved for this season, KCIA will maintain a list of approved Bulk Retail Facilities and Bulk Distribution Centers on our website. Otherwise, please call our office to verify eligibility.

We all have the responsibility to protect the integrity of certified seed and urgency does not negate this responsibility.

Bulk Retail Facility Annual Renewal

Now is a good time to renew your Bulk Retail Facility status for the upcoming season. You can find information on bulk retail facilities at our website www.kscrop.org on the Bulk Retail Facilities and Bulk Distribution Centers page.

If you were a Bulk Retail Facility in 2018, you will use the application form and mark “renewal”. An on-site inspection is not necessary for renewal.

If you have not been a Bulk Retail Facility but wish to become one, you will complete the application marking “New Site” and request an on-site inspection from KCIA.

Renewing or applying as a new site now will ensure that your site is up and running to receive and market certified seed.

Bulk Distribution Centers

Certified producers utilizing bulk distribution centers to sell bulk seed off-site should make sure to update their site listings with KCIA.

For those growers utilizing bulk distribution centers in 2018, KCIA will be mailing a list of current centers for you to update.

A registration form is available at www.kscrop.org on the Bulk Retail Facilities and Bulk Distribution Centers page to sign up new sites.

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