

# The Seed Source

December 2023

#### Newsletter of Kansas Crop Improvement Association

### **Important Dates**

## 2024 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference

February 21-22, 2024 Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan Including:

Feb 22, 11:00am

KSIA Annual Business Mtg

Feb 22, 10:00am

December 15 - Distribution
Reports due
December 25-26 - Christmas
Holiday, KCIA closed

hours

December 27 -29 -- KCIA limited

January 1, 2024 - New Years Day,
KCIA Closed

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#### Distribution Reports Due December 15

It's the time of year when cold winds blow, family and friends gather round, and distribution reports are due! With the launch of the Seed Lot Management Dashboard this year, your distribution will be completed within the dashboard and there is no paper distribution report to mail in.

To complete the distribution report, be sure for each seed lot to enter all your sales, discard, and own use through the online dashboard by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, all resales and additional purchases should have been accepted in your notifications (if they are correct).

There are exceptions to what sales activities can be reported through the dashboard, however. In-state and out-of-state transfers of pre-certified but inspected seed, and out-of-state resales of certified seed still require paper forms. While KCIA should have received copies of these at the time of transaction, if they were not submitted, they must be mailed or emailed by the deadline.

In addition, the old three-copy bulk retail certificates and paper resales of clean seed were obsoleted and should not have been used. As these sales were conducted outside of the dashboard, please call the office immediately to discuss how to report those sales. Refrain from using those paper forms in the future as certificates and resales are now logged within the program.

Everyone in the office is available to answer your "how do I?" questions if you call. We also have helpful step-by-step videos on our website if you need a refresher. Both sales on sticky labels and bulk retail sales certificates you printed are reported from the "Lot Details & Tracking History" action item.

Once you have reported all your activity, the remaining weight should match your carryover in the bin. A bushel or two difference in your total lot is allowed, but if anything doesn't add up and match your office records, please reach out to the office so we can investigate the glitch. You can reach Erica by phone or email.

#### 2024 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference February 21-22, 2024

Planning continues for our upcoming Kansas Seed and Crop Conference, which hosts the annual business meetings of the not-for-profits Kansas Crop Improvement Association, Kansas Seed Industry Association, and the Kansas Wheat Alliance, as well as corporate associate meetings, speakers, and entertainment. The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn and Manhattan Conference Center, February 21-22, 2023.

This year we are planning a Wednesday evening of entertainment we hope will appeal to everyone. In addition to our usual social mixer as in years past, this year we are adding a dinner, open card games, and a professional DJ (Dave Lewis, of K-State announcing fame) for dancing. Spouses are invited as our guests. We are also contemplating corn-hole toss game if there is interest. The goal is to get together and just have a good time, and yes, probably talk a little business. We are contacting the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce for Wednesday afternoon activities for the spouses wishing to partake.

We will soon be contacting potential exhibitors and sponsors to be a part of our conference. If you know of a company that would benefit by exhibiting at a seed industry conference, please give them or us a heads up.

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Registration forms and more information will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. We will also post these on our website.

The conference, like our associations, is for all of us. Don't miss this chance to interact with your peers. And, don't miss this chance for an entertaining evening with your significant other.

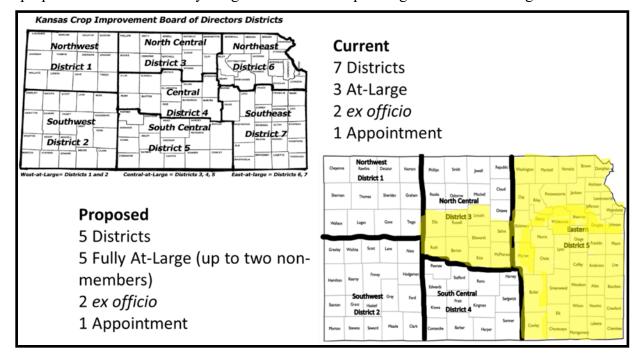
#### **Board Restructuring Proposal Before Membership at Annual Meeting**

One item that will come up for consideration by the general membership at our 2024 KCIA annual meeting during the Seed and Crops Conference is restructuring of the KCIA Board of Directors. This was first presented at last year's conference.

Currently, the Board consists of 13 members: an elected Director from each of seven districts; three at-large Directors from the West, Central, and East regions; a Director appointed by KSIA; and two *ex-officio* Directors consisting of the head of the KSU Department of Agronomy and the Director of Extension. The Director of Extension has been unfilled for several years.

The proposal would see the number of Board districts reduced to five, at-large positions increased to five statewide (no regional restriction), two of which could be held by non-members. The *ex-officio* and appointed positions would not change. The total positions remain at thirteen. The counties in yellow below are the ones that that will experience a district change.

This proposal will be voted on by the general membership during the annual meeting.



#### **Summer 2024 Internships Available**

KCIA is currently accepting applications for summer interns for the 2024 wheat season. This is a great opportunity for students of any major to learn more about seed production. For more information or if you know anyone who is interested, please contact Marion Spiering at mskcia@kansas.net.

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