



The Seed Source

NEWSLETTER OF THE KANSAS

October-November 2018

Important Dates

November 22-23 - KCIA office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 15 - Small Grains Distribution Summaries due.

Bulk Retail Facility Summaries due.

December 24, 25 - KCIA office closed for Christmas Holiday.

December 26 thru 28 - KCIA office limited hours

Other Important Dates

Nov. 4 - Daylight Savings Ends

Nov. 11- Veterans Day

Dec. 21- Winter Begins

2019 Seed and Crops Conference

February 19-20, 2019

KCIA

Annual Business Meeting

February 20, 2019

The Seed Source

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Nancy Urbauer Retiring From KCIA

Nancy Urbauer bids farewell to her KCIA family October 31st to embark on what we hope is a long and happy retirement.

Nancy began as a temporary tag printing lady and office assistant in August 1985, when the KCIA office was still located in Call Hall on the Kansas State University campus.

Nancy's husband Dewey, an Ag teacher at Frankfort who also helped with field inspections in the summer, recommended Nancy to Lowell Burchett, the acting KCIA Executive Director. Groundbreaking for the new KCIA office occurred in November of that year, and in January 1986 Nancy was offered a full-time position at the new location which opened in April.

Nancy is still the tag printing lady, but her duties have expanded to those of office administrator and include oversight of membership and seed certification records, a fact to which many who have received a call from Nancy can attest.

Nancy states that she will miss working with KCIA members and will especially miss the conferences where she could put faces to names and voices she became familiar with on the phone. She thanks KCIA for the assistance in attaining her BS in Arts and Sciences, conferred in 2008. She doesn't think she will miss the commute from Frankfort to Manhattan and back every day, especially during bad weather, but she will miss the chance to unwind during the drive.

Traveling is in the future for Nancy, and with 15 grand children, she is likely to do a lot of it. But she is also considering ways to volunteer in her community and may even try her hand at substitute teaching.

We the staff of KCIA bid Nancy a long, productive and satisfying retirement.

2019 Seed and Crops Conference February 19, 20

The 2019 Seed and Crops Conference is scheduled for February 19, 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn/Manhattan Conference Center. There will be an afternoon speaker session on Tuesday February 19 and the social mixer that evening. Kansas Crop Improvement Association and the Kansas Seed Industry Association will hold their annual business meetings on Wednesday, February 20.

There will be a block of rooms at the conference rate reserved for conference attendees. When making your room reservations it will be important to mention the conference in order to receive the special rate. A mailing with additional information will be sent to members in November and information will also be posted at www.kscrop.org.

There will be a few more exhibitor spaces available than last year and these will be on a first come, first serve basis. Companies that may be interested in an exhibitor space should contact the KCIA office.

Please plan to attend the conference and participate in your seed industry.



November Launch Planned for KCIA Seed Laboratory Results Web

A dashboard that will allow KCIA seed laboratory clients to access test results via the web is in the beta testing phase and we expect to release it for general use in November.

The dashboard will allow clients to have on-demand access to sample information with the ability to view, search and sort results, as well as print, export and email results. Historical results will be available beginning with 2017 and anyone in your organization may have access simply by registering at your request. We think this will be a useful, easy to use tool for managing your lab testing results.

Please Watch For These Reports In The Near Future

***Unaccounted For Fields** reports went out the week of October 8. You will only receive this if our records indicate that you had a field pass inspection but that was not tested in the lab. These are often easily explained but we would appreciate your accountability of them.

***KCIA Distribution Report For Resale Seed** - We anticipate sending this report in mid-late November. This report serves as the distribution report for seed you have received via a resale. If you have any unreported paperwork on Resale transactions please submit them immediately so we can include them in the report.

This report lists the resale numbers and the bushel amounts we have on record as being received by you. Review the report carefully and account for the seed received, i.e. sold, carryover etc. If resale seed received by you is not listed, as in the case of a transaction occurring after the report was sent to you, then write on the form the resale number, bushels received and the disposition of the seed. Be sure to send in any unremitted resale forms.

These reports are due December 15 along with the regular distribution reports.

***2019 Membership renewals** will be sent out later in November.

Planning and Preparation Can make Field Application Less Tedious

There's a well-known philosophical question of how do you eat an elephant. The answer is "a little at a time". By having any seed tags or certificates needed for seed source verification uploaded to your computer before making application via the myfields portal, the task will be easier. Planting records, which one could argue should be complete for a seed field anyway, can put all the additional information including legal description and GPS coordinates needed to make application at your fingertips without having to hunt for that errant bit of information which can get frustrating.

While you can't directly make an application off of last year's application, and that is by design, you can with very little effort use a split-screen technique, or a second monitor to pull up last year's field and transcribe it to the new application. Depending on your computer, a second monitor is easy to add by simply plugging it in and changing display settings. It's a tremendous aid when opening multiple programs.

As always, don't hesitate to give us a call if you need assistance when making field application. Definitely do not spend hours trying to solve a problem when a quick phone call to us may save you time and frustration. But in the final analysis, the ease of making field application will rest in large part on how well you are prepared and how complete your records are.

Please do not wait to enter your fields in myfields. Add any field you think you might certify remembering that you will be able to cancel them at no cost when you receive your statement. Though the deadline for field application is March 15, it is much better to begin now and get it done.

By making field application early, not only do you get the task off your back, but it also assists us in prepping our inspector crew so we can serve you effectively and efficiently.

“Procrastination is like a credit card, it's a lot of fun until you get the bill” - Christopher Parker

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