



## Important Dates

**July 25** - Applications for Fall-inspected Certified crops were due

**September 1** - Payment for Fall-inspected crops due

Soybean Distribution Reports Due

**September 6** - Labor Day, KCIA closed

**November 25 - 26** - Thanksgiving holiday, KCIA closed

## Other Dates

September 22 - Autumn begins

November 7 - Daylight Savings ends

**Reminder: Bulk Sites**  
Please renew or add Bulk Retail Facilities and Bulk Distribution Centers now to be ready for the selling season.

## The Seed Source

If you would like to receive "The Seed Source" via email, please contact us at [kscrop@kansas.net](mailto:kscrop@kansas.net)

### ***Keep Labels and Certificates for Seedstock Purchases***

If you are buying seedstock to plant this fall for certification, please remember that you must keep the official label or seed certificate as proof of seed source for field inspection applications. It is your responsibility to ensure that the documentation for your fields is maintained, and this includes informing your personnel and contract growers to keep the labels and certificates for the seed planted in a field.

We continue to receive a few corporate tote placards with field applications. As your standards require, we will not accept these on field applications as they are not the official certification document representing the seed. You need a label, bulk sale certificate or transfer document authorized by a certification agency, identifiable by the name of the agency and its seal.

Maintaining official documentation of seed source is one of the fundamentals of seed certification. We continue to hear from certified seed sellers about requests for replacement labels from buyers who failed to keep labels for the seed they planted in fall. This is unnecessary work in the spring, especially considering how simple it is to just keep a label from the seed planted. One suggestion is take a photo with your phone at purchase/planting time, because you can upload it directly from your smartphone to your myFields application.

Please do your part to adhere to the standards, and feel free to call us if you need assistance in identifying the appropriate documentation for seedstock purchased.

*(The following is excerpted from the August 2021 newsletter distributed via email. The newsletter can be viewed in its entirety at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org))*

### ***Field Prep for Planting Certified Production is On-Going Operation***

Beginning with the 2022 season, by action of the Board of Directors, rejected fields will be charged the full inspection price minus research fee, plus hours and mileage incurred for re-inspection. While the number of rejected fields is small relative to the total fields inspected, each rejected field represents a failure to properly prepare a field to meet minimum certification requirements that are clearly defined.

Land availability and rotational requirements may force the use of a sub-optimal field for seed production. In these cases it is important to recognize the obstacles to certification and plan ahead for clearing those obstacles by the use of pre-plant or out-of-season herbicides if available or by properly training and overseeing roguing crews to recognize problems and remedy them.

Contract growers can be problematic when assessing the suitability of their own fields, and it might be prudent to confirm suitability of contracted fields prior to planting.

If a field is rejected for other than varietal purity, the problem can be fixed and a re-inspection requested based on inspector availability, but the delay and extra cost is best avoided by proper field choice and pre-season preparation. Please review the certification field requirements for the crop before committing a field to seed production. The following link to an article from KSU may give some guidance in field bindweed control:

**[https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu/article\\_new/pre-emergence-herbicides-for-wheat-456-1](https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu/article_new/pre-emergence-herbicides-for-wheat-456-1)**

### *A Note from Erica on Forms*

Please do not hesitate to call with questions on any paperwork or process. Whether you are a new grower, taking over the certification paperwork, or simply don't do this often enough to remember it, it's better to call than guess wrong. I'll be happy to guide you on the correct way to fill out anything from your Form D Request for Testing to a Transfer/Resale form to correctly completing your Bulk Retail Sales Certificates, Bin Inventory Sheet or Distribution Reports.

### *Seed Lab Dashboard*

A reminder that our Seed Lab Dashboard is available for your use. The dashboard offers a quick and convenient way to view the status and results of samples submitted to the KCIA Seed Quality Testing Lab. The dashboard allows you to filter your results, export to an excel file, or email your results to a third party.

If you have not yet signed up but would like to, please visit our website at [www.kscrop.org](http://www.kscrop.org) and click on the "Seed Lab Dashboard" button above Important Dates. As a new user, you will need to first Register but once we have confirmed and linked your account, you will be able to log on and view/print/email/export on demand your lab results. Try it, you'll like it!

### *2022 Kansas Seeds and Crops Conference*

We are proceeding with planning for an in-person conference February 15-16, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan. Of course at this time we are assuming that we will be able to hold our conference and we'll keep our fingers crossed that we will.

Tentative plans are to hold a seed conditioning clinic in conjunction with our usual conference and it is hoped that our members will participate by sending their employees to this training session.

We will keep you informed as planning progresses. In the meantime, we are open to suggestions as to how and what you would like to see at the conference. Please don't wait too long to give us a call so we have time to follow up.

### *Side Note: Newton Monument Commemorates Arrival of Turkey Red Winter Wheat In Kansas*



Inscription on plaque:

The "Mennonite Settler" designed and sculpted by artist Max Nixon (1915-2000) was dedicated by the City of Newton September 10, 1942. Funding came from citizens of Newton, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S. Work Progress Administration (WPA).

Local wheat farmers often contributed to the fund by giving a few bushels from the fields at harvest time. The limestone sculpture represents a farmer standing in his wheat field. He holds his hat in his hands in a gesture of reverence. The tile mosaic has the message: 'Commemorating Entry Into Kansas from Russia of Turkey Red Hard Winter Wheat by Mennonites'.

In 1997 the monument was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A thorough restoration was completed and the rededication took place on October 1, 2000.

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***"To every thing there is a season..." - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8***