



Important Dates

November 25 - 26 - Thanksgiving holiday, KCIA closed

!!! December 15 - Distribution and summary reports due from growers and Bulk Retail Facilities

December 15-16 - Board Strategic Planning Retreat

December 20-23 - KCIA limited office hours

December 24 - KCIA closed

December 31 - KCIA closed

Other Dates

December 21 - Winter begins

January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day

The Seed Source

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

Certified Seed Logo Flies High

Some of you will remember the certified seed bags with the red, yellow, and blue Kansas Certified Seed badge. This seed shield became the de-facto certified seed logo.

Dayl Unruh, owner of Iron Horse Seed at McPherson wanted to put the logo on a new bin as part of his own certified seed heritage.

We hired a local graphic designer to clean up the logo and put it in a format that could be used by the printer. We granted the bin builder a one-time use permission to place the logo on one of Dayl's bins.



Dayl was happy with the results and so are we.

2022 Kansas Seed and Crops Conference February 15-16

Plans are continuing for an in-person 2022 conference. The conference will again be held at the Hilton Garden Inn and Manhattan Conference Center and the date has been set for February 15-16, 2022. Keep an eye out for our later email with our group rate reservation link.

Randy Luken of Bratney Company will host a seed conditioning clinic the morning of the 15th. Laboratory size equipment on a self-contained trailer will include an air/screen, length grader, and color sorter. This is a good opportunity to send your key seed conditioning personnel for training, as we have not held a clinic in a while.

Much like our 2020 conference, we are planning on having breakout sessions of interest to attendees. Please contact us soon if you have any suggestions on speakers or topics you may wish to have.

We would appreciate any input from our members to help us have a successful conference. We will keep you informed as planning progresses.

Board Retreat

The KCIA Board of Directors will have a strategic planning retreat in December to discuss our Association plan for its future. The retreat will be held in Manhattan.

KCIA has contracted with Roots and Legacies Consulting, Inc to facilitate the retreat. Roots and Legacies will be contacting some KCIA members as part of their background research for the retreat.

As a member, if you are not contacted in this phase of preparation, you are always welcome to give your feedback to Steve Schuler or your board representative.

Distribution reports

Distribution reports are due December 15. We ask that you not wait until the last minute to attend to this very important paperwork. Seed producers need to complete the distribution report section on the back of the Certificate of Inspection and return the white KCIA copy of bulk retail sale certificates to the office by the deadline. Bulk Retail Facilities need to return resale inventory reports, bin inventory sheets, and the KCIA copy of bulk retail sale certificates.

All sellers and buyers are responsible for turning in any resale/additional purchase forms that may not have been submitted when originally due. Please check with Erica if you are unsure your paperwork was received.

Field Applications

Remember that you can make field application through your *myFields* as soon as your field(s) is planted, and we already have a few started. Please do not wait until March 15 to make your application. It is very easy to cancel a field up until the inspector arrives, so enter all you think you might want to certify. We know a lot can happen between now and March 15 and some fields may be abandoned. You will be refunded for cancelling a field up to inspection time.

Make sure you have kept labels of purchased seed for proof of seed source. Remember KCIA must have an official certifying agency document. Tote placards or other documents without official markings will not be accepted for seed source. Go out to your burn pile now and grab a photo of those labels. Also, your *myFields* experience is a lot easier if you have all your labels uploaded and field information handy when you begin.

We realize that since you only use *myFields* once a year that some things might become foggy. Our website *myFields* page will help jog your memory and you can call us for assistance also.

KCIA Continues to Fund Student Success and Learning in Agriculture

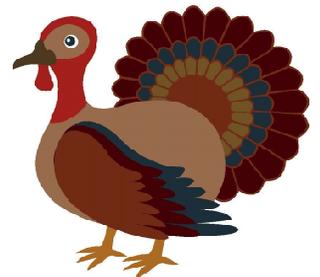
Congratulations to Kansas Lange of Garfield, KS, awarded our 2nd place prize in the 2021 KSF 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Contest!

Congratulations to Adelaide Katzer of Louisberg, KS, awarded the Kansas Crop Improvement Association Scholarship for Fall 2021. Addie has been working in our seed lab while attending school since fall of 2019.



Your KCIA staff wish you and yours a safe and a...

Happy Thanksgiving!



“There is always, always something to be thankful for.” - unknown

“Give thanks for a little, and you will find a lot.”
- Hausa proverb

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