



The Seed Source

Newsletter of Kansas Crop Improvement Association

November 2022

Important Dates

February 22-23, 2023

2023 Annual Seed and Crops
Conference

November 11 -Veterans Day
KCIA office closed

November 24-25 - Thanksgiving,
KCIA office closed

December 15 - deadline for small
grains distribution reports for
paper transactions and online
accounting

Bulk Retail Facilities reports due

Other Dates

November 6 - Daylight Saving
Time Ends

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Annual Winter Meeting Set for February 22-23

The annual Seed and Crops Conference will be February 22-23, 2023, at the Manhattan Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center. We are currently in the process of planning the event and will be seeking sponsors and exhibitors. We would appreciate any input toward making this conference a valuable and rewarding experience for attendees.

We will have a conference page at www.kscrop.org soon. This year we are planning on having a seed certification round table and want the members involved to help strengthen our certification program.

Annual KCIA Business Meeting February 23, 2023

Our annual business meeting will be February 23, 2023, at 11:00 am. Board elections will be held during the meeting. Please plan on attending to vote and for our annual review of Kansas Crop Improvement Association.

Board Elections – The Central, East-at-large, and West-at-large Board positions are up for election at the 2023 annual meeting. Incumbents Dan Rhine, Central District and Tyler Ediger, West-at-large can stand for re-election. Steve Ahring, East-at-Large Director will have served the maximum number of consecutive terms and will not be up for re-election for this position. The Southeast District was not filled at the last meeting and will also be on the ballot.

Members wishing to be on the ballot for these Board positions can either contact KCIA, their District Representative, or be nominated from the floor during the annual business meeting.

The strength of KCIA lies in its members and its leadership. Do your part.

Distribution Reports Due December 15 for Paper Transactions and Online Actions

Distribution Reports are due December 15. Penalties will be assessed for late submittals. Certification will not progress next season for individuals failing to submit Distribution Reports.

As always, the Certificate of Inspection Distribution Report must be completed and mailed for each seed lot this year. Additionally, if no actions are recorded online, a fee will be applied by KCIA staff for entering seed transactions from paper to the program for you. Dirty seed movements and Interstate transactions which cannot be conducted in the program at this time, are not subject to this fee. Also currently excluded from this processing fee are any Transfer or Resale of Kansas Certified Seed in Bulk forms, but if not submitted by the 5-business day requirement during the season these must be mailed now.

To avoid the fee if you used up old bulk retail sales certificates, use the new action item on each lot "Record Paper Sales Certificates" to enter your paper copy sales total, and mail your physical copies for verification as usual.

Distribution reports are key to providing carryover seed quantities and keeping seed lots active. It is a vital aspect of the traceability component of seed certification that all growers and dealers are accountable for.

Penalties will be assessed and should be considered self-inflicted. We don't want the penalties; we need the paperwork.

Return your Old Forms

KCIA is reimbursing members for the return of the following previously purchased forms which are now outdated: Bulk Retail Sales Certificates, Transfer of Seed Certified by Another State Pending Certification in Kansas, Transfer of Seed Pending Certification in Another State, and Request for Testing and Certificate of Inspection aka Form D, issued prior to 2022.

Send your unused old forms in with your 2022 Distribution Reports to receive a credit on account for the current value of the forms and the postage for your 1st class standard or flat size envelope. Clear out your filing cabinet and make a buck! Limits apply, call for details before December.

Seed lot Management Program

The launch of the seed lot management dashboard has gone well enough that as was previously announced at the last annual meeting and in newsletters, we are making the use of it mandatory for the 2022 reporting. Failure to use the program will result in charges assessed to the member for having KCIA staff enter data that could easily be entered by the member.

Several requests have been made of our members to sign up and use the dashboard in order to become familiar with it and to help us work out any bugs. With the help of the members using the program, we have been able to make improvements. By and large the system has worked well and its unfortunate that there are members that chose not to be proactive in this launch.

The program was announced two years ago and was planned as a way to better track seed movement, expedite seed resales, and allow members to print their own bulk sales certificates. Not only does the program bring accuracy to inventory tracking, but it also eliminates the need to order bulk retail sale certificates and Transfer or Resale of Kansas Certified Seed in Bulk forms since the member can print their own. Except for interstate transfer of seed, which is currently not a part of the program, but should be in 2023, the dashboard, if used in totality, eliminates end of year paperwork for distribution reports.

KCIA staff expresses their sincere gratitude to those members that were early adopters of the program and whose assistance has been invaluable during this launch season. If you have yet to sign up, it is strongly suggested you do so.

Pavement in place for eventual new entrance for KCIA

Workers have completed the paved section that will become the new entry for KCIA.

Our current Kimball Ave access is slated to be removed as part of the larger area construction project. When completed, access will be by way of the new Agronomy Farm frontage road.

The name KanRed has been proposed for the pavement section connecting KCIA with the Agronomy Farm road. KanRed was the first wheat certified in Kansas in 1919.



Field Applications Due March 15, 2023

Last year, we had a significant number of members neglecting to make field application by March 15. We gave the benefit of the doubt and ascribed it to overall pandemic brain fog and being a one-off.

We are asking that everyone make a conscious effort to meet the March 15 date for submitting fall-planted fields for inspections, and in this way preventing the implementing of more stringent application guidelines.

Remember, if a field is applied for but has to be later canceled, it may be cancelled at no cost up to the time the inspector enters the field.

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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