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Dates & Events

NCIA Office Hours
7:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30

November 1

Sales Reports Due-Winter
Small Grains

November 26-27

NCIA Office Closed

December 4

NCIA Board of Directors
Meeting

December 15

Sales Reports Due-Grass

December 24-31

NCIA Office Closed

January 1

NCIA Office Closed

January 11-13, 2010

Nebraska Seed Improvement
Conference - Ramada Inn,
Kearney, NE - **Attendance**
will complete your
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Credits.

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Planning Ahead

Growers should really plan ahead before planting a field to certified seed production. They should review all of the field standards for the crop and confirm that the field can meet those standards. For example, be aware of the cropping history, and if a weed listed as prohibited is found uncontrolled in the field at inspection, that field could be rejected.

Many growers know what weeds are present on their land from previously growing certified seed, but perhaps contract growers are not aware of the prohibited weed restrictions in certified seed fields. It is important to know the fields into which you are planting. Crop standards also state that a field must be clearly defined. Fields that do not have distinct borders may be rejected or require corrective action before passing. It is important to leave a space between adjacent fields so inspectors will know where to inspect. Also, growers must know the isolation distances for different classes of the same crops, like hard red winter wheat and hard white winter wheat. There are other important considerations when planting a certified seed field, so consult the Nebraska Seed Certification Standards before you plant. It will give the field a head start on passing certification.

March 15 is the due date for the Form A (Declaration of Certified Seed Fields). Please don't wait until March 14 to complete the Form A. They are sent out the first of February and are available on the NCIA website. There is no cost or penalty for sending them in early but there is if we receive them after March 15.

Certified Seed Bags

Certified Seed bags are available though the NCIA office. We are offering these bags at our cost (\$0.45). Please contact the NCIA office for the quantity of bags that you need. We will bill you and arrange the time and place for you to pick them up.

Labeling Requirements for Treatment of Wheat Seed

Again this year scab (fusarium) has been found in some of the wheat samples submitted for laboratory testing. Since the scab often affects the level of germination, many seed growers need to treat their certified wheat before offering it for sale.

There are some labeling issues that need to be addressed when selling seed that is treated. The Nebraska Seed and Pesticide Law require that treatment information be on each bag of seed or made available to the buyer if the wheat is sold in bulk. Treatment labels or Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available from the dealer that provides the treatment or you may get them from the manufacturer of the seed treatment.

Remember to always provide this information when selling treated certified seed.

AOSCA Elects Leadership

The Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) held it's 91st Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. The Board of Directors elected it's leadership for 2009/2010 and newly elected regional representatives joined the Board.

Steve Knox, President (North Region)
Nebraska Crop Improvement Association

Robert Stewart, VicePresident (West Region)
California Crop Improvement Association

Mike Moore, Past President (West Region)
Wyoming Seed Certification Service

Dale Adolphe (Global Region)
Canadian Seed Growers Association

Enzo Cerda (Global Region)
Chile Department of Seeds

Terry Hollifield (South Region)
Georgia Crop Improvement Association

Ron Larson (West Region)
Montana Seed Growers Association

Steve Sebesta (North Region)
North Dakota State Seed Department

Chet Boruff, Secretary/Treasurer
AOSCA, Chief Executive Officer

NCIA Membership Meeting!

The Staff and Board of Directors enjoyed having dinner and discussing the summer season with NCIA members at the Classic's restaurant in Beatrice. The Board met the next day at the Beatrice Holiday Inn for their third quarter meeting.

Bulk Seed Sales

A Bulk Sales Certificate must accompany each sale of Certified seed. This Certificate is the tag for bulk sales. If you sell seed and do not give the purchaser a sales certificate, you violate state and federal labeling laws. The seed would not be considered as certified. NCIA provides these certificates free of charge. Due to the Master License Agreement with Husker Genetics, you will now have two different bulk sales certificates to use. The "**Grower Buyer Agreement and Bulk Sale Certificate**" printed on a full sheet of paper, is to be used for the varieties developed in Nebraska. For example: Alliance, Antelope, Arapahoe, Arrowsmith, Buckskin, Goodstreak, Hallam, Harry, Infinity CL, Millennium, Niobrara, Overland, Pronghorn, Scout 66, Wahoo, and Wesley. The "**Bulk Sale/Transfer Certificate**" should be used for other wheats originating from AgriPro, WestBred, Kansas, and Colorado. Please call the office to request Bulk Sale Certificates.

2009 Fall Seed Guides

2009 Fall Seed Guides have been mailed and are available to members who need extra copies for customers. The Fall Seed Guide also includes the University Variety Tests. The NCIA portion of the seed guide is also available on our website at www.unl.edu/ncia.

Inspected Acres for 2009

Not including NE Foundation Seed

Crop	2009 Acres	2008 Acres	%Change
Barley (winter/spring)	38	35	8.6%
Grasses - Total	1,208	1,318	-8.3%
Cool Season	100	193	
Warm Season	1,108	1,125	
Hybrid Corn - Total	19,096	98,990	-80.7%
Certified & OECD	16,549	97,865	
Quality Assurance	2,547	1,760	
Millet	707	891	-20.7%
Oats	693	1,138	-39.1%
Phytosanitary	10,947	36,300	-69.8%
Soybeans - Total	2,568	3,014	-14.8%
Quality Assurance	765	498	
Roundup Ready	1,563	2,516	
Triticale	0	289	-100%
Wheat - Total	24,981	27,668	-9.7%
Hard Red Winter (CRT)	24,092	26,544	
Hard Red Winter (QA)	0	12	
Hard White Winter	784	960	
Hard Red Winter	105	152	
TOTALS	60,238	169,643	-64.5%