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## Dates & Events

### June 1

Form A - Dry Edible  
Beans, Millet  
Form B - Forage Grasses  
RR Soybean Applications

### June 10

Corn Applications

### July 1

Form A - Certified  
Soybeans  
Form B - Dry Edible  
Beans, Millet

### July 5

Holiday - Office Closed

### August 1

Sales Reports - Spring  
Small Grains

### August 15

FORM B - Soybeans

### September 1

Sales Reports - Millet,  
Soybeans, Field Beans

### September 6

Holiday- Office Closed

## Wheat Seed Testing

Before the seed is sold, a conditioned representative sample of at least 700 grams (1.5 pounds) of each seed lot must be submitted to the NCIA Lab to determine purity and germination. The submitted sample must represent the quality of the seed lot as it will be offered for sale.

Forgetting to test your seed may result in selling seed that is not finally Certified. It is your responsibility to make sure all of your seed lots have had a complete test.

Here are some reminders of how seed must be tested to be sold as Nebraska Certified Seed!

- ✓ If an affidavit was issued on your seed field, it must be filled out, signed, and sent back within 30 days as specified on the form.
- ✓ A **complete test** (purity, germination, seed count, test weight, and noxious weed exam) has to be done on the cleaned seed. This needs to be representative of the seed lot **not just dipped off the top!**
- ✓ A preliminary sample sent in for a germination test **does not qualify** for completing the certification requirements. Prior to tags or bulk sales certificates being issued, a conditioned sample representative of the seed lot must be tested for the complete test.
- ✓ After conditioning the seed from a jointed goatgrass contaminated field, **an additional 5 pound sample is required** to finish the certification requirements. This sample will be checked for uniformity, effectiveness of the seed conditioning, and the final purity, germination and noxious weed exam is done.
- ✓ Allow at least 15 days for the results of your tests. We have to prechill every seed sample for 5 days prior to the 7

day germination time.

- ✓ **Please** put the field number from the field inspection report on the seed sample bag. Samples without this information are processed last and it could delay planting and testing of your seed. This saves us a lot of time and work in checking eligibility and keeps your certification cost from going up.
- ✓ Remember that all of your carryover seed must be retested prior to sale. Many growers forget and find themselves with ineligible seed during the short sales season. Don't forget to send in a sample of any carryover seed and get the germination updated. Damage in storage is all too common and selling poor quality seed is a good way to lose customers. Be sure to include the previous years lot number, along with amount of seed and other vital information to assist us in processing your samples as rapidly as possible.

## Maps for Field Inspections

Providing maps with your Form A applications for small grains or other crops is an important part of the application process. By providing an area map of your fields, you can allow us to be more efficient in finding the field with fewer phone calls to you by the inspectors. The notice stated on the application letter says that any applications received without a map and proper legal description or county road address will not be processed until this information is supplied. We have not enforced this; but with declining revenues, we must be able to do the inspections more efficiently or we will have to increase inspection fee to cover costs. To those of you who always provide us with good maps, we thank you! Those who don't include maps please consider doing so, even yet this year. If you can send them by June 10, we can get them to our inspectors to use.

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## 2010 Nebraska Winter Wheat Field Days

Monday, June 14, 8:00 am	Banner County - From Kimbell: about 12 miles N on Hwy 71, 11 miles W on CR 6. Plots are at N side of the road (at intersect of CR 6 x 21)
Monday, June 14, 11:00 am	NE/WY State line - From Lyman, NE 2 miles S on CR 2, 0.5 miles W on CR J, 7 miles S on Rd 63 to WY Rd 32. Plots are 0.75 miles W on S side of road. From Hawk Springs, WY 10 miles E on CR 32. BBQ lunch sponsored by Westco to be served at 12:30 pm.
Monday, June 14, 3:00 pm	Albin County, WY - From Albin 2.5 miles W on Hwy 216, 2 miles S on Rd 159, 0.3 miles W on Rd 227, 2 miles S on Rd 159, 3 miles W to Rd 156, turn N 0.7 miles. Plots are on the W edge of the N center pivot
Tuesday, June 15, 10:00 am	Sheridan County Rainfed - From Hwy 20 on E side of Clinton 0.1 mile S on 270.
Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 pm	High Plain Agricultural Lab - On Hwy 385, 6 miles N of Sidney or 7 miles S of Gurley to Huntsman Elevator; 2.5 miles W on Rd 32, 0.5 miles N on Rd 109, 1 mile E on Rd 32N. Plots are 1/2 mile NE of HPAL shop
Thursday, June 17, 9:00 am	Morrill County Rainfed (Near Dalton) - From Bridgeport about 18 miles S and W on Hwy 88 to Redington, 3 miles S on Rd 81, 3 miles W on Rd 76 to intersection of Rds 75 & 76. Plots are on S side of intersection, Or 4 miles W on Hwy 88, 2 miles S on Rd 75, 1 mile E on Rd 78, 1 mile S to intersection of Rds 75 & 76. Plots are on SE corner of intersection.
Thursday, June 17, 3:00 pm	High Plain Agricultural Lab - Along with the HPAL Field Day. Plots are about 1/2 mile NW of HPAL shop. Dryland plots are at the central E side of Field #13 and organic plots are on the NW corner of Field #3.
Friday, June 18, 8:00 am	Box Butte County Dryland - From Hemingford about 5.5 miles SW on Hwy 2, 0.6 miles W on Hall Rd. Plots are on S side of road (this is 0.25 west of Hall Rd & Rd 67).
Friday, June 18, 10:00 am	Box Butte County Irrigated - From Hemingford 0.5 miles W on Hwy 2, 0.25 miles N on Rd 71. Plots are on the W side.
Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 am	Holt County Irrigated - Breakfast at Blarney Stone Restaurant in O'Neill. 5 <sup>th</sup> and Douglas. Meeting in cooperation with The Seed House-O'Neill, Arrow Seed-Broken Bow, and Syngenta Seeds-Kearney.
Monday, June 14, 5:00 pm	Chase County Irrigated - Meet at Wheat Plot (Program & meal after plot tour). From Enders – 1 mile N, 1 mile W (just across railroad tracks) 0.25 mile S. Meeting in cooperation with Luhrs Certified Seed & Conditioning and Agri-Pro Seeds.
Tuesday, June 15, 8:00 am	Keith County Rainfed - Breakfast at Village Cafe in Brule. Meeting in cooperation with Arrow Seed Company.
Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 am	Furnas County Rainfed - Breakfast at First United Methodist Church in Arapahoe. 701 5th Street. Meeting in cooperation with Arrow Seed Company.
Wednesday, June 16, 6:00 pm	Red Willow County Rainfed - Meal at Community Bldg at Red Willow Cnty Fairgrounds. West 5th and O Streets in McCook. Meeting in cooperation with Frenchman Valley Coop, McCook.
Wednesday, June 15, 6:00 pm	Saline County Rainfed - Meal and 7:00 p.m. field tour. The wheat field is about 2.5 miles S of Wilber on NE 103 S/Co Rd 2250.