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## Dates & Events

### December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

### January 17-19

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte

### January 17

Holiday - Office Closed

### March 15

FORM A - Winter Small Grains

### April 15

Form A - Spring Small Grains

### May 15

Form A - Forage Grasses  
Form B - Small Grains

### May 30

Holiday - Office Closed

### June 1

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

### June 10

Corn Applications

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## Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference - 2011

The NCIA Staff and Board of Directors would like to invite all of the members of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and Nebraska Seed Trade Association (NSTA) to join us at the North Platte Sandhills Convention Center on January 17 -19 for the 2011 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference. The annual conference brings together members of both Associations for educational presentations, business meetings, and interaction with colleagues. Excellent speakers and a trade show that will address issues that impact your seed enterprise will highlight the conference.

The conference will be formatted similar to last year (although the NuPride annual meeting will be moved back to Wednesday morning). It is condensed into one and a half days to accommodate those that only want to spend one night. The Product Action Sessions will all be held consecutively. This will allow each member to attend those that interest them or they may attend all of the sessions. **Your attendance of the conference will fulfill your continuing education requirement for the next three years.** The annual meeting will again be held at 11:00 with a buffet lunch to follow.

Tuesday morning Intellectual Property Rights lawyers from Jondel and Associates will explain what happens when genetic trait patents on seed crops expire. The Product and Actions Sessions will follow in the afternoon with time at the end of the day for any issues or resolutions to be brought forward on any seed crops.

For questions regarding the program or registration, contact the NCIA by phone 402-472-1444, fax 402-472-8652, or email [dbrestel@unl.edu](mailto:dbrestel@unl.edu). The schedule and registration form is located on the NCIA web site <http://www.unl.edu/ncia>

Lodging reservations must be made by December 31, 2010. Please call the Sandhills Convention Center at 800-760-3333 or 308-532-9090. The special convention rate is \$95 for an inside suite and \$64 for an outside room per night. In order to receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

## Tentative Schedule

### Monday, January 17

6:00 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception - Social Hour & Casino Night

### Tuesday, January 18

8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings

9:00 NSTA Annual Meeting

10:00 Break

10:30 **Trait Patents-What Happens When They Expire** - Robert Jondel, Ph.D., J.D. and James Weatherly M.S. of Jondel and Associates

Noon Scholarship Lunch

1:00 Product Action Session 1

**SoyWater Demonstration** - Jessica Torrior, Ph. D, Post Doctoral Research Associate

2:00 Product Action Session 2

**ASTA Current Issues** - Pat Miller ASTA

3:00 Break

3:30 Product Action Session 3

**Drought Resistant Traits** - Michael Fromm, Director, UNL Center For Biotechnology

4:30 Product Action Session 4

**Wheat Varieties and Testing** - Dr. Stephen Baenziger, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture and Teshome Regassa, Extension Educator and Crop Variety Testing Coordinator

**New Insurance for Seed Producers** - Robert Cerda, President, Crop Insurance Systems

5:30 Product Action Session - **Seed Crop Issues and Resolutions**

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Awards Banquet

### Wednesday, January 19

8:30 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting

10:00 NCIA Educational Update

11:00 NCIA Annual Meeting

11:45 Lunch

\*Breakfast will be available to those staying at the hotel.

### Reminder

Seed Production and Distribution Reports for winter small grains and grasses were due December 1, 2010, and will be delinquent on December 15, 2010. Late fees of \$10 per field will be assessed on all reports not postmarked by December 15. Payments of sales fees must also be received by December 15 to avoid late fees

### 2011 Spring Seed Guides

2011 Spring Seed Guides will soon be available in the NICA office. Please call if you would like copies, and we will mail them when they become available. However, the Seed Guide is currently available on the NCIA website. [www.unl.edu/ncia](http://www.unl.edu/ncia)

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. It will be held at the Sandhills Convention Center of North Platte. Elections of board members for District 2 and 3 and financial reports are a couple of the items on the agenda. If you have any questions, please call the NCIA office.



Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year