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Dates & Events

December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1

Holiday - Office Closed

January 11-13

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Ramada Inn, Kearney

January 18

Holiday - Office Closed

March 3 - 4

Triumph of Ag Expo, Omaha

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 24

Holiday - Office Closed

June 1

Form A - Dry Edible Beans, Millet

Form B - Forage Grasses, RR Soybean Applications

June 10

Corn Applications

June 27- July 1

AOSCA Meeting, Portland

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Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference - 2010

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 Kearney Ramada Inn and Conference Center on January 11 -13 for the 2010 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 Genetics Network annual meeting will be moved to Monday afternoon). It is condensed into one and a half days to accommodate those that only want to spend one night. **Wednesday morning will be dedicated to NCIA member education and will complete your continuing education requirement for the next three years.** This will be a great time to ask questions and learn about any changes that have been made. The annual meeting will again be held at 11:00 with a buffet lunch to follow.

The speakers on Tuesday will have a range of topics that will address current issues concerning the seed crops grown in Nebraska. Tuesday morning will be dedicated to the future of genetically modified wheat varieties and how they will be developed and introduced to the marketplace.

For questions regarding the program or registration information, contact the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association by phone 402-472-1444, fax 402-472-8652, or email sknox@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 11, 2009. Please call the Ramada Inn and Conference Center at 800-652-1909 or 308-237-3141. The special convention rate is \$69.00 per night. In order to receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Monday, January 11

2:00 pm NGN Annual Meeting

6:30 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception - Social Hour & Casino Night

Tuesday, January 12

7:30 Breakfast

8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings

9:00 NSTA Annual Meeting

10:00 Break

10:30 **Biotech Wheat: In the Beginning What is Happening?** - Dr. Stephen Baenziger, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

How Will They Do It? - Dr. Tom Clemente, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

Will They Buy It? - Glen Weaver, ConAgra

Noon Scholarship Lunch

1:00 Corn Product Action Session

Selling Stover May Cost You More Than You Get - Jim Schneider, UNL Extension

Late Season Corn Aphids - Dr. Tom Hunt, UNL Extension

2:00 Soybean Product Action Session

Sudden Death Syndrome - Dr. Loren Giesler, UNL Plant Pathology
Soybean Stem Borer - Dr. Tom Hunt, UNL Extension

3:00 Break

3:30 Grass Product Action Session

Grass Production - Dr. Ken Vogel, USDA-ARS

Sweet Sorghum Biofuels - Dr. Ismail Dweikat, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

4:30 SmallGrain Product Action Session

Wheat Seed Treatments - Ryan Locke, Syngenta Seed Care

Growth Regulators for Improving Winter Wheat Establishment - Dr. Alex Pavlista, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Awards Banquet

Wednesday, January 13

7:30 Breakfast

8:00 **NCIA Continuing Education Completing NCIA Forms** - Diane Brestel, NCIA Staff

Preparing for Field Inspections - Steve Pageler, NCIA Staff

Submitting Your Lab Samples - Randy Crowl, NCIA Staff

Using the NCIA Website - Steve Knox, NCIA Staff

11:00 NCIA Annual Meeting

Noon Lunch

Reminder

Seed Production and Distribution Reports for winter small grains were due November 1, 2009, and will be delinquent on December 31, 2009. Late fees of \$10 per field will be assessed on all reports not postmarked by December 31. Due to low acres this year, we are doing all we can to lower our expenses. If we could receive your Sales Reports by December 15, 2009, this would help to lower our financial audit expense by reporting all the 2009 income in 2009. The Sales Reports we receive after December 31 make the audit trail more difficult for the auditor to reconcile our accounts.

Certified Seed Bags

A new supply of Nebraska Certified Seed Bags are now available through the NCIA office. We are offering these bags at our cost (\$0.45). Please contact the NCIA office to order your supply.

In Sympathy

Our sincere sympathies goes out to the family of Dennis Thompson. Dennis, 72, died on October 14 in Cheyenne, WY. Dennis was the Secretary-Manager of Nebraska Crop Improvement Association from 1981 to 1997. Before coming to the NCIA, he taught in Chappell and was a junior and senior high principal in Ogallala.. Many of you also know his wife, Joyce, who worked for several years in the Goodding Learning Center located in Plant Science Hall.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. It will be held at the Ramada Inn of Kearney. Elections of board members for District 1 and State-at-Large 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