

Dates & Events

May 1

Field Applications - Winter & Spring Small Grains, Cool & Warm Grasses, Peas, Vetch

May 27

Holiday - Office Closed

June 10

Field Applications - Corn

July 1

Field Applications - Millet, Sorghum

July 4

Holiday - Office Closed

August 1

Field Applications - Soybeans

September 2

Holiday - Office Closed

November 28-29

Holiday - Office Closed

December 23-31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1, 2020

Holiday - Office Closed

January 13-15, 2020

Seed Improvement Conference - Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE

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NCIA Online Software

NCIA is going paperless! Our new online program is now available on our website at www.necrop.org by clicking on "Field & Lab Applications & Reports". To access the program you will need to have these in place:

- A computer, tablet, or device that will access the internet.
- Chrome or Firefox as browsers (do not use Internet Explorer).
- An email address that you can check regularly! Free email addresses are available from gmail (google), yahoo, hotmail, or your internet provider.

The Form A and Form B system will no longer be used. You will receive field inspection reports, seed lab reports, sales reports, and invoices all through your email.

The Field Application module is ready for use. Fields that are already planted may be entered and those to be planted this spring can be applied for after they are planted. **Due dates have changed.** Late fees will still apply if fields are not entered by the due date.

Other modules you need will be available as you go through the growing season. Lab samples submitted before July 1, 2019, will be located on the old system and samples received after July 1, 2019, will be on the new system. Sales reports for fields entered and harvested this season will also be done through the new program. Sales reports for spring crops planted and harvested in 2018, will be still be processed through the old system.

To login to the program for the first time, your email address must be in the system. So if we already have your email, click on the link on the NCIA web site (necrop.org).

Click "Reset Your Password" at the bottom of the login page. You will need to enter your email and the system will send you an email with a link where you will set your password. Once your password is set you are ready to login to the new system.

On the NCIA website, there is an "Application Help" button that will walk you through the steps to enter field applications. Always call the NCIA office or use the help section on the program if you have questions or problems.

Please call the office with any questions regarding this new software program.

Field Application Due Dates

Small Grains, Grass, Peas	May 1
Corn	June 10
Millet, Dry Edible Beans	July 1
Soybeans	August 1

Seed Improvement Conference

The 2019 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference was held January 14-16 at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte.

The Awards Banquet was sponsored by Husker Genetics, Limagrain Cereal Seeds, Nebraska Wheat Board, Stock Seed Farms, Syngenta AgriPro, and WestBred.

Steve Schumacher, Dalton, Nebraska, was honored as the **2018 Premier Seed Grower**. This award is given to a Nebraska seed enterprise for outstanding achievement in certified seed production and marketing.

Steve has been a member of NCIA for 30 years and involved in agricultural production his entire life.

Steve was born and raised in the Gurley-Dalton area and is one of four children. His Grandparents, Harry and Anne, and parents, Virgil Sr. and Eldora, were pioneers in the Gurley-Dalton area. His Grandfather always had seed production planted and knew the value of Certified seed. Steve served as a contract grower for other area seedsmen as well as producing his own Certified Seed.

Steve has always raised cattle and has developed a very good cow herd.

Steve is still raising Certified Pronghorn HRW wheat and utilizes Pronghorn's good straw production with his cattle enterprise. He has also grown several other varieties of wheat and oats.

Steve and Sheri have raised 2 sons, Andrew and Lucas. Steve and Sheri have always been active in their communities serving where ever they can.

Thirty year members were recognized at the Awards Banquet. They were Roberts Seed (Joe Roberts), Axtell, (left) and Steve Schumacher, Dalton. These members have been active



members of NCIA for a 30 year period.

NCIA Board Reorganizes

Dave Rezac, Valparaiso, and **Jim Girardin**, Broken Bow, were elected to serve on the board representing District 1 and State-at-Large. **Chris Cullan**, Hemingford, was re-elected to State-at-Large. The board elected a slate of officers for 2019. **Harlan Husa** was elected president, **Emery Fox** vice-president, and **Rick Dunbar** treasurer. **Chris Cullan** was appointed as Chair of the Committee of Management for NuPride. **Stan Friesen**, will serve as the NSTA representative to the NCIA board. Other board members include **Jeff Olson** and **Roch Gaussoin**.

2020 Seed Improvement Conference

The 27th annual Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference brings together the memberships of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association and the Nebraska Seed Trade Association. It will be held January 13 - 15, 2020, at The Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

Seed Source Verification

Seed source requires official documentation when making application for field inspections. A basic principle of certification, and a key aspect of traceability, is that seed moves with an official label. An official label, whether a tag, label, or certificate, is issued by the state agency that has certified the seed. This document is how certification agencies communicate with each other to track seed. The official document, no matter if a tag, label, or certificate must be issued by the certification agency. A **tote placard is not an official label**, regardless of how well it is designed or how complete the information on it, unless, there is an official label attached to it. Everyone involved with certified seed should recognize an official document and be advised on the need to retain the seed labels. In 2019 you can use your mobile phone to take a picture of the official label or scan the label and upload it into the new computer system.

Fee Changes

The NCIA Board made changes to the inspection acre fees. Inspection fees have been the same for 24 years. This has been the longest period without an increase on record. The new fee schedule is available on the NCIA Webpage under the Field Services tab at www.necrop.org.

Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

North Platte, NE

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Harlan Husa, President.
- It was determined a quorum of the membership was present.
- The agenda was reviewed. **It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
- **It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2018 annual meeting as presented. Motion carried.**
- Emery Fox gave a preliminary treasurer's report. NCIA started with an approved budget of \$552,000. Total income was \$535,028. Expenses were \$611,117 for a net loss of \$67,117 (after investments). These are all preliminary numbers. **It was moved and seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.**
- The Nominating Committee report was presented. Jim Girardin will run for the open State-at-Large position. Chris Cullan will run for re-election for State-at-Large. Dave Rezac will run for election in District 1. Husa asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. **It was moved and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.**
- Steve Knox gave a management report. Total acres for 2018 were down sharply. Total acres inspected was 52,150 which is a 32,259 decrease from 2017. Corn saw the largest drop. Lab samples were down slightly for 2018. The new software program will be implemented in 2019. Knox thanked the NCIA staff, members, and board.
- Steve Knox recognized Harlan Husa as the outgoing NCIA President. He as recognized Andre Hoyt and Joel Maschmann as out going board members.
- Pageler gave a presentation on the history of fees for NCIA. The increase in inspection and sales fees were reviewed.
- Steve Knox discussed the new online software. He gave a presentation on how to enter fields for inspection. Several questions were answered.
- Harlan Husa asked for old business. There was none.
- Harlan Husa asked for new business. A member expressed their concern over a wait on samples during times when the RST is out of the office.
- **It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned.