

Dates & Events

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

November 27-28

NCIA Office Closed

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Winter
Small Grains

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Grass

December 12

NCIA Board of Directors
Meeting

December 24-31

NCIA Office Closed

January 1-2, 2015

NCIA Office Closed

January 12-14, 2015

Nebraska Seed
Improvement Conference -
The Sandhills Convention
Center, North Platte -
**Attendance will
complete your
Continuing Ed Credits**

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Field Inspection Standards Must Be Followed

A discussion about field standards with the Board of Director at this year's summer quarterly meeting occurred due to a number of fields found to contain Primary or Prohibited Noxious weeds during inspections this season and several instances of poor adherence to the seed field border requirement. The NCIA Board reiterates that the standards should be followed as written which may result in rejection of fields completely or reinspection of fields at an additional cost of \$2 per acre.

As is stated in the Nebraska Seed Certification Standards, "Every field for which inspection is requested must demonstrate proper seed production management. This includes evidence that reasonable precaution has been taken to eliminate contaminating crops and varieties and objectionable weeds. **The presence of Primary or Prohibited Noxious weeds bearing seeds in any field at inspection will disqualify it for seed purposes.** If the top growth of such weeds has been completely destroyed at the time of field inspection the field may be approved." A list of all noxious weeds is available in the NCIA standards or from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

In addition, the field standards for Small Grains also states "A field for the production of the Registered or Certified class seed should be separated from other varieties of the same crop type by either an uncropped strip 10 feet wide or a 10 foot wide strip equally divided between the two varieties shall be discarded at the time of harvest." NCIA is trusting that the 10 foot border is being discarded at the time of harvest however a visible border or break between fields must be visible or marked with a flag that is above the mature height of the crop. Again if the border is not visible, the field will be subject to a reinspection at the additional cost of \$2 per acre. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure all seed fields are ready for inspection prior to the NCIA certification inspection and not to simply correct what is found after the initial inspection has occurred. The current Nebraska Seed Certification Standards are available at www.necrop.org.

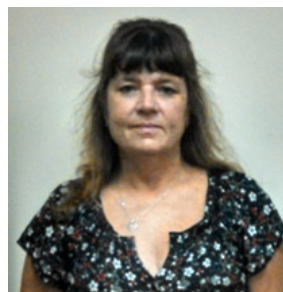
2015 Seed Improvement Conference

The 22nd 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 12 - 14, 2015, at The Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte, Nebraska.

NCIA Seed Test Reports Available Online

Just a reminder, the NCIA lab reports are available online via the NCIA web site at www.necrop.org. To access your seed tests, you must first call the NCIA office to register a password to access your reports. Please document your password somewhere so you do not have to call the office each time you need to access your seed reports. We have had very few reports of any problems with the reports; but if you encounter any problems, please contact us so we can address any issues.

New Lab Services Supervisor



Hello. My name is Lynn Robinson. As the Lab Services Supervisor, I am the latest addition to the NCIA team. I recently relocated from Homedale, Idaho, and am enjoying Lincoln

and the surrounding areas.

I completed my general education at Palomar College in southern California then moved to Idaho to work with potatoes in the quality assurance lab. A few years later, I was offered the opportunity to work with agricultural seed and have been testing seed now going on 10 years. I received my RST certification in 2008 in St. Paul.

My husband and I have two children and three grandchildren. As empty nesters, we have more time to travel, ride our atv's, and in general enjoy our peace and quiet with our three beagles.

Seed Sample Bags

The NCIA has Seed Sample Bags available for your use. Using these bags and filling them out will help get your samples entered quickly and correctly. They are provided free of charge. If you need bags, please call the office.

NCIA Certified Seed Books

The Certified Seed Books are printed and ready for your use. The books are free for your use. Members who would like us to send them the free seed books will only be responsible for the postage.

Sales Reports Due Dates

Winter small grains and all grass sales reports are due **December 1**. Reports will now be considered delinquent if not received in 15 days. So reports not postmarked by December 15 will be assessed a \$10 per field late fee. This fee will be assessed each month until reports are received.

Fall Seed Guides

UNL Extension's Fall Seed Guides is available online at http://issuu.com/unlvarietytesting/docs/2014_unl_fall_seed_guide, or you can purchase it at <http://marketplace.unl.edu/extension/extpubs> for \$2.50 per copy. Contact Teshome Regassa at 402-472-1489 if you have any questions about the publication.

Inspected Acres 2014

(does not include Foundation)

Crop	2014	2013	%Change
Field Peas	3,158	1,012	57.0%
Grasses - Total	893	918	-2.7%
Cool Season	66	86	
Warm Season	827	832	
Hybrid Corn - Total	34,530	51,552	-33.0%
Certified/ OECD	32,720	48,731	
Quality Assurance	1,810	2,821	
Millet	613	785	-21.9%
Miscellaneous	154	146	5.5%
Oats	3,361	2,015	66.8%
Phytosanitary	8,271	2,719	204.2%
Soybeans - Total	2,514	2,257	11.4%
Quality Assurance	314	217	
Roundup Ready	2,200	2,040	
Triticale	1,465	512	186.1%
Wheat - Total	35,141	25,524	37.7%
Hard Red Winter	33,936	25,122	
Hard White Winter	1,028	402	
Hard Red Spring	177	0	
TOTALS	90,100	87,440	3.0%