

Dates & Events

December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1

Holiday - Office Closed

January 12

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney

January 18

Holiday - Office Closed

May 1

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

May 31

Holiday - Office Closed

June 10

Field Applications - Corn

July 1

Field Applications - Millet, Sorghum

July 5

Holiday - Office Closed

August 1

Field Applications - Soybeans

September 6

Holiday - Office Closed

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2021 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference

The Staff and Board of Directors would like to invite all members of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and Nebraska Seed Trade Association (NSTA) to join us at the **Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska, on January 12** for the 2021 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the conference has been consolidated into a one day event. There will be no exhibitors and all local Health Department requirements will be followed. The Holiday Inn has asked that the attendees wear a mask when outside the meeting room and in hotel hallways.

Tuesday will start at 9:00 a.m. with the Nebraska Seed Trade Association annual meeting. There will only be one speaker this year, **AND YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS PRESENTATION BY STEPHEN BAENZIGER starting at 10:00 a. m.!** This will be the last conference that he will attend due to his retirement in 2021. Dr. Baenziger will be reminiscing about the wheat varieties he has developed during his illustrious wheat breeding career.

At Noon, we will have the Awards Lunch and recognize those awarded scholarships, present the Premier Seed Grower Award, and other IMPORTANT recognitions.

Starting at 1:30 p.m., the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association annual meeting will start. The Board asks that the membership please try to attend this meeting to elect new Board members and make sure we have a quorum to conduct the meeting. The NuPride Genetics Network annual meeting will follow immediately after.

Please complete and return the registration form before December 18, 2020. 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 dbrestel@unl.edu or sknox@unl.edu.

Lodging reservations must be made by December 21, 2020. Please call the Holiday Inn at 308-237-5971. The special convention rate is \$89.95. In order to

receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 NSTA Annual Meeting

10:00 **For All The Wheat Varieties I've Ever Known** - Stephen Baenziger, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

Noon Awards Lunch - Recognition of scholarship winners, Premier Seed Grower, and Presidential Award of Excellence

1:30 Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting - Elect new members to the Board of Directors, 2020 Annual Report, Nebraska Seed Tracking System Update

2:30 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting

3:00 Adjourn

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Kearney. Election of board members for District 4 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.

All resolutions and discussion topics must be submitted to the NCIA office 2 weeks before the conference to be addressed at the NCIA Annual Meeting.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR