

## Dates & Events

### December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

### January 1 - 2

Holiday - Office Closed

### January 12-14

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte

### January 19

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 25

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 - 2015

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 12 -14 for the 2015 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.

**Your attendance at the conference will fulfill your continuing education requirement for the next three years.** The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and the conference will end when the meeting concludes. **This will be an informative annual meeting. So we encourage everyone to attend.**

Tuesday morning will start with Matt Stockton discussing the commodity markets, and Kim Clark will share information on ethanol in Nebraska. Other highlights will be Tom Hoegemeyer presenting the History of the Seed Corn Industry and Dr. Baenziger discussing the wheat breeding program. We again have scheduled time at the end of the day for any issues or resolutions to be brought forward on any seed crops.

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

The schedule and registration form is located on the NCIA web site <http://www.necrop.org>. Please complete and return the registration form by December 15, 2014. For questions, contact the NCIA by phone 402-472-1444, fax 402-472-8652, or email [dbrestel@unl.edu](mailto:dbrestel@unl.edu).

**Lodging reservations must be made by January 1, 2015.** Please call the Sandhills Convention Center at 800-760-3333 or 308-532-9090. The special convention rate is \$98

for an inside suite and \$68 for an outside room per night. In order to receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the NE Seed Improvement Conference.

## Tentative Schedule

### Monday, January 12

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

### Tuesday, January 13

8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings

9:00 NSTA Annual Meeting

10:00 Break

10:30 **Commodity Marketing** - Dr. Matt Stockton, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economist

11:00 **BYO Ethanol Project** - Kim Clark, Director of Biofuels Development, Nebraska Corn Board

Noon Scholarship Lunch

1:00 **Herbicide Resistant Weeds** - Dr. Greg Kruger, Assistant Professor, Cropping Systems Specialist

2:00 **Evolution of the Corn Seed Industry** - Tom Hoegemeyer - Professor of Practice

3:00 Break

3:30 **Wheat Varieties** - Dr. Stephen Baenziger, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

4:30 **Introduction to Global Grains Technology, LLC** - Peter Peerbolte

5:00 Product Action Session - **Seed Crop Issues and Resolutions**

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Awards Banquet

### Wednesday, January 14

8:00 NuPride Genetics Annual Meeting

9:00 Wind and Renewable Energy for Nebraska - NPPD

10:00 Break

10:30 NCIA Annual Meeting

11:30 Conference Ends

## Reminder

Seed Production and Distribution Reports for winter small grains and grasses were due December 1, 2014, and will be delinquent on December 15, 2014. 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.

## Cooperative Advertising Program

Nebraska Crop Improvement Association is continuing the cooperative advertising program for Certified seed members. The program is established to help members promote their Certified seed products and Nebraska developed varieties. This program is available for localized print ads. NCIA will cost share ½ of an approved ad up to 10% of the members sales fee paid in 2013. Ads must promote Nebraska developed varieties and not be dominated by private company varieties. Ads must be submitted to the NCIA office for approval along with a copy of the invoice for the ad. If the ad is approved, NCIA will pay for ½ of the cost of the ad. **Ads must be received by December 19, 2014.**

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sandhills Convention Center of North Platte. Elections 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.

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Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year