

Dates & Events

December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1

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January 18-20

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Ramada Conference Center, Kearney

January 18

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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 30

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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 - 2016

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 Conference Center on January 18-20 for the 2016 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 9:00 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 Royce Schaneman discussing wheat, and Roch Gaussoin will give an update on the Agronomy & Horticulture Department. Steve Wieglo, UNL Plant Pathology, will talk about wheat diseases and Dr. Baenziger discussing the wheat breeding program. Brad Hertel, Meridian Seed will talk about harvesting and handling field peas. 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 21, 2015. For questions, contact the NCIA by phone 402-472-1444, fax 402-472-8652, or email dbrestel@unl.edu.

Lodging reservations must be made by January 1, 2016. Please call the Ramada

Conference Center at 800-652-1909 or 308-237-3141. The special convention rate is \$72.00 per night. In order to receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the NE Seed Improvement Conference.

Tentative Schedule

Monday, January 18

- 2:00 pm Brewery Tour
- 6:00 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception - Social Hour & Casino Night

Tuesday, January 19

- 8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings
- 8:30 NSTA Annual Meeting
- 9:30 Break
- 10:00 **Where the Wheat Goes After it Leaves the Farm** - Royce Schaneman, NE Wheat Board
- 11:00 **What is Happening in the Department of Agronomy & Horticulture** - Roch Gaussoin
- Noon Scholarship Lunch
- 1:00 **Why All the Disease in Wheat This Year, Will It Happen in 2016?** - Steven Weglo, UNL Department of Pathology

- 2:00 **Harvesting and Handling Field Peas Seed** - Brad Hertel, Meridian Seeds

- 3:00 Break
- 4:00 **Small Grains Breeding Update** - Dr. Stephen Baenziger, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

- 5:00 Product Action Session - **Seed Crop Issues and Resolutions**
- 6:00 Social Hour
- 7:00 Awards Banquet

Wednesday, January 20

- 8:00 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting
- 9:00 NCIA Annual Meeting

Reminder

Seed Production and Distribution Reports for winter small grains and grasses were due December 1, 2015. Late fees of \$10 per field will be assessed on all reports not postmarked by December 1. Payments of sales fees must also be received by December 1 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 2014. 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 18, 2015.**

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Conference Center 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.

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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year