

Dates & Events

December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1 - 2

Holiday - Office Closed

January 16 - 18

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Ramada Conference Center, Kearney

January 16

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 29

Holiday - Office Closed

June 1

Form A - Dry Edible Beans, Millet

Form B - Forage Grasses, RR Soybean Applications

June 10

Corn Applications

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference - 2017

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 16-18 for the 2017 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 will highlight the conference.

The conference will span only one and a short half of a day to accommodate your early drive home. You will only need to spend one night. **Your attendance of the conference will fulfill your continuing education requirement for the next three years.** The annual meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday and the conference will conclude after the educational session and election of the new Board members are announced.

Tuesday morning Paul Jasa, Extension Engineer, will inform the group on what is happening with cover crop research. Serge Edme, Research Geneticist USDA-ARS, will inform us on his grass breeding efforts. After the Scholarship Lunch the speaker sessions will follow in the afternoon with time at the end of the day to address any issues or resolutions that have been submitted 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 tentative schedule and registration form is located on the NCIA web site (<http://www.necrop.org>). Please complete and return the registration form by **December 19, 2016**. 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.

Lodging reservations must be made by January 1, 2017. After this date, the rooms will be released and regular rates will apply. Please call the Ramada Conference Center at 800-652-1909 or 308-273-3141. The special convention rate is \$74 room per night including a hot breakfast. In order to receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Tentative Schedule

Monday, January 16

- 1:00 pm Tour - Ward Labs
4007 Cherry Ave., Kearney, NE
- 6:00 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception - Social Hour & Casino Night

Tuesday, January 17

- 8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings
- 8:30 NSTA Annual Meeting
- 9:30 Break
- 10:00 **Cover Crops** - Paul Jasa, Extension Engineer, Biological Systems Engineering
- 11:00 **Perennial Grass Breeding** - Serge Edme, Research Geneticist, USDA-ARS
- Noon Scholarship Lunch
- 1:00 **Bacterial Streak in Corn:** Impact on Yield, Exports and Trade - Julie Van Meter, Nebraska Department of Agriculture
- 2:00 **Agricultural Drones** - Justin Kyser, DigitalSky
- 3:00 Break
- 4:00 **Small Grains Breeding Update** - 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 18

- 7:30 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting
- 9:00 Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting

Reminder

Seed Production and Distribution Reports for winter small grains and grasses are due December 1, 2016. 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 2015. 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, 2016.**

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Conference Center of Kearney. Elections of board members for District 2 and 3 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