

Dates & Events

December 23 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1

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January 15 - 17

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln

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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 28

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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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2018 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference

The 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 Embassy Suites Hotel in Lincoln on **January 15-17** for the 2018 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

With so many positive comments about our last conference held in Lincoln, we have returned for 2018! We are meeting in the beautiful Embassy Suites Hotel at a super reasonable rate for sleeping rooms, excellent facilities, and a exquisite menu for our lunches and banquet!

The conference will begin Monday with a tour of **National Manufacturing** and end on Wednesday with a tour of **Innovation Campus**. All the usual informative speakers, exhibitors, and meetings will fill Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Your attendance of the conference will fulfill your continuing education requirement for the next three years.

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 15, 2017**. For questions regarding the program or registration information, contact the NCIA by phone 402-472-1444, fax 402-472-8652, or email dbrestel@unl.edu.

Lodging reservations can be made through the following web page

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-NSI-20180115/index.jhtml>

or by calling 1-402-474-1111 and asking for the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference rate. Room rates are \$89.00. **Reservations must be made by December 26, 2017, to receive the conference rate.** Parking is available at adjacent city parking garages. Valet parking is also available.

Monday, January 15

1:00 pm Tour - National Manufacturing /TMCO, 701 S. 6th Street

5:30 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception - Social Hour

(Nebraska men's basketball has a game at 8:00 pm)

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings

8:30 NSTA Annual Meeting

9:30 Break

10:00 **Palmer Amaranth** - Jenny Rees, Extension Educator, UNL

11:00 **Dealing with Dicamba** - Tim Creger, Pesticide/Fertilizer Program Manager, NDA

Noon Scholarship Lunch

1:00 **Agricultural Drones** - Dave Brauer/Wayne Milton, Ag Data and Drones

2:00 **Mitigating Winter Wheat Seed Quality Losses Caused by Fusarium Head Blight** - Stephen Wegulo, UNL Pathology Department

2:30 **CoAxiom** - Chad Shelton, Albaugh Chemical

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 17

8:30 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting

10:00 Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting

1:00 Tour Innovation Campus - 2021 Transformation Drive

Certified Lab Fees

Members of NCIA receive a discount on testing fees of their seed produced and certified in Nebraska. This discount of 15% off the service rate was established by the NCIA Board of Directors in 1992 and then updated to 10% a few years later. In 2014, service fees were increased and the certified rates failed to be updated. In order to keep with the policy previously established, the rates for certified lab fees have been updated. The updated fee schedule is posted on the NCIA website at <http://www.necrop.org/Seedlab.htm>. These fees will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

Commercialization Partner of the Year



Nutech Ventures recognized Nebraska Crop Improvement Association and NuPride Genetics Network with the Commercialization Partner of the Year Award. Nutech stated that, "the team of NCIA/NuPride Genetics, the University, Husker Genetics, Nutech Ventures, and the seed companies of the network provide a robust path to move University of Nebraska-Lincoln seed technologies from research and development to the farmers field".

Reminder

Seed Production and Distribution Reports for winter small grains and grasses were due December 1, 2017. 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.**

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites, Lincoln. 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.

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 2016. 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, 2017.**