

Dates & Events

December 24 - 31
Holiday - Office Closed

January 1
Holiday - Office Closed

January 14 - 16
Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte

May 1
Applications Due - Small Grains, Grasses, Peas

May 27
Holiday - Office Closed

June 10
Applications Due - Corn

July 1
Applications Due - Millet

July 4
Holiday - Office Closed

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2019 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 **Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte on January 14-16** for the 2019 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

The conference will begin Monday and end Wednesday with one-on-one training on the new computer system. Please bring all your field information (maps, tags, invoices, etc.) and have the NCIA staff help you enter into the new online system. Feel free to bring your lap top, tablet, or cell phone you plan to use to complete applications. NCIA will also have two lap taps available to use.

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 www.necrop.org. **If you have not done so already, please complete and return the registration form ASAP.** 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.

Please call the Sandhills Convention Center at 800-760-3333 or 308-532-9090. The special convention rate is \$115 for an inside suite and \$80 for an outside room per night. In order to receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Hope to see you in North Platte!

Monday, January 14

2:00-5:00 pm Online Forms Help
6:00 pm NSTA Past Presidents' Reception/Social Hour & Casino Night *Atrium*

Tuesday, January 15

8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings *South Platte*
8:30 NSTA Annual Meeting *South Platte*
9:30 Break *Niobrara/Dismal*
10:00 **Reducing Pesticide Exposure and Promote Pollinator Communities in Ag Areas** - Katharine Swoboda Bhattarai, UNL Postdoctoral Associate *South Platte*
11:00 **Experiences with Cover Crops** - Scott Heinemann, Winside, NE *South Platte*
Noon Scholarship Lunch *North Platte*
1:00 **Commodity Markets** - Matt Stockton, UNL, Ag Economics *South Platte*
2:00 **Innovations In Agriculture** - Tom Clemente, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture *South Platte*
3:00 Break *Niobrara/Dismal*
4:00 **Small Grains Breeding Update** - Stephen Baenziger, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture *South Platte*
5:00 Product Action Session - **Seed Crop Issues and Resolutions** *South Platte*
6:00 Social Hour *North Platte*
7:00 Awards Banquet *North Platte*

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting *South Platte*
9:00 Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting *South Platte*
10:00 - 12:00 Online Forms Help

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 2017. 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 31, 2018.**

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte. Election 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.

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 a
Happy New Year