

Dates & Events

December 23 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1

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January 13 - 15

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln

May 1

Field Applications - Winter & Spring Small Grains, Cool & Warm Grasses, Peas, Vetch

May 25

Holiday - Office Closed

June 10

Field Applications - Corn

July 1

Field Applications - Millet, Sorghum

July 3

Holiday - Office Closed

August 1

Field Applications - Soybeans

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2020 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 13-15** for the 2020 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Monday will start with a tour of the **Center for Plant Science Innovation**. Tom Clemente manages this plant breeding and genetic transformation lab. The tour will start at 1:00 p.m. in room E228 of the Beadle Center located at 1901 Vine St, in Lincoln. Parking is limited. If you would like to car pool, the NCIA vehicles will leave the hotel at 12:30 p.m. The NSTA Past Presidents Reception will begin at 5:30 at the hotel with free time after for those wanting to checkout happenings in the Haymarket and downtown which are within walking distance.

Tuesday will start as usual with the Nebraska Seed Trade Association annual meeting. Speakers for Tuesday include Daren Redfearn on cover crops, Ismail Dweikat on Industrial Hemp, and Mitch Coffin on NE State Seed Law. The afternoon will include information on the Soybean Gall Midge and Allan Vyhnalek giving a presentation on "Avoiding Fireworks When Two Generation Manage an Ag Operation". Other speakers include Stephen Baenziger and Chad Shelton.

Wednesday will begin with the NuPride Genetics Network and the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association annual meetings. Plan to attend the Annual meeting for an educational session. We will have an update on the Nebraska Seed Tracking System. We also hope to learn from you what went well with the NSTS and some of the difficulties you may have had with the program.

The tentative schedule and registration form is located on the NCIA web site www.necrop.org. **Please complete and return the registration form before December 20, 2019.** For questions regarding the program or registration information, contact the office at 402-472-1444, fax 402-472-8652, or email dbrestel@unl.edu.

Lodging reservations can be made by calling 1-402-474-1111 and asking for the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference rate. Room rates are \$99.00. **Reservations must be made by December 20, 2019, to receive the conference rate.** Parking is available at adjacent city parking garages. Valet parking is also available.

Monday, January 13

1:00 pm Tour - Center for Plant Science Innovation - Beadle Center, 1901 Vine Street, Room E228

5:30 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception Social Hour

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 NSTA Committee Meetings

8:00 NSTA Annual Meeting

9:00 Break

9:30 **Cover Crops** - Daren Redfearn, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

10:30 **Industrial Hemp** - Ismail Dweikat, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

11:30 **Knowing the State Seed Law** - Mitch Coffin, NDA Program Manager

Noon Scholarship Lunch

1:00 Soybean Gall Midge - Tom Hunt, UNL Entomology

2:00 **Avoiding Fireworks When Two Generations Manage an Ag Operation** - Allan Vyhnalek, UNL Extension Educator

3:00 Break

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

4:30 **CoAxium** - Chad Shelton, Albaugh Chemical

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

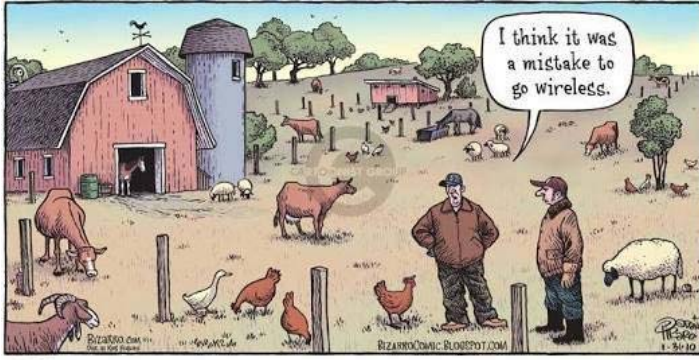
6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Awards Banquet

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting

9:00 Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting



OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites, Lincoln. Election of board members for District 2, 3, 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
Happy New Year