

Dates & Events

December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1

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January 10-12

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln

May 1

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

May 30

Holiday - Office Closed

June 1

Field Applications - Corn

July 1

Field Applications - Millet, Sorghum

July 4

Holiday - Office Closed

August 1

Field Applications - Soybeans

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2022 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference

The Staff and Board of Directors would like to invite all members of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and Nebraska Seed Trade Association (NSTA) to join us at the **Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska January 10-12** for the 2022 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Monday we will start with a tour of the **Museum of American Speed**. The tour will start at 1:00 p.m. at the museum located at 599 Oakcreek Drive in Lincoln. Parking is available at the museum. If you would like to carpool, the NCIA vehicle will leave the hotel at 12:30 p.m. The NSTA Past Presidents Reception will begin at the Embassy Suites with free time after the reception for those wanting to checkout happenings in the Haymarket and downtown which are within walking distance of the hotel.

Tuesday will start as usual with the Nebraska Seed Trade Association annual meeting. Speakers for Tuesday include Julie Peterson on IPM, Bruce Riecker with an Agricultural Policy and Legislation update, and Mitch Coffin on proper seed sampling. The afternoon session will include information on Seed Conditioning with Alan Gaul of Iowa State University and Amanda Easterly giving a presentation on the UNL variety testing program and related research. We'll wrap up with Katherine Frels discussing her role as the new small grains breeder at the University of Nebraska along with an update to what is coming down the pipeline for new varieties.

The social hour before the banquet will start at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with the awards presentation to follow.

Wednesday will begin with the NuPride Genetics Network and the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association annual meetings. The NCIA annual meeting will be followed by an educational session that will fulfill your continuing education requirement that must be met to maintain your membership with NCIA. We will discuss common problems we are seeing every year throughout the certification process and how to correct them.

Please complete and return the registration form before December 17, 2021.

Monday, January 10

- 1:00 pm Tour - Museum of American Speed - 599 Oakcreek Drive
- 5:30 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception/Social Hour

Tuesday, January 11

- 8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings
- 8:30 NSTA Annual Meeting
- 9:30 Break
- 10:00 **Integrated Pest Management** - Julie Peterson, UNL Entomology
- 11:00 **Farm Policy and Legislation Update** - Bruce Rieker, Nebraska Farm Bureau
- 11:30 **Seed Sampling** - Mitch Coffin, NDA Program Manager
- Noon Scholarship Lunch
- 1:00 **Seed Conditioning** - Alan Gaul, Iowa State University
- 2:30 **Out-State Testing Program and Research** - Amanda Easterly, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture
- 3:00 Break
- 4:00 **Small Grains Breeding Update** - Katherine Frels, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture
- 5:00 Product Action Session - **Seed Crop Issues and Resolutions**
- 6:00 Social Hour
- 7:00 Awards Banquet

Wednesday, January 12

- 8:00 NuPride Genetics 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 Tuesday, January 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites, Lincoln. Election of board members for District 1 and State-at-Large and financial reports are a couple of the items on the agenda.

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.