

March 2022

Dates & Events

May 1

Field Applications - Small Grains, Peas, Vetch

May 30

Holiday - Office Closed

June 1

Field Applications - Corn, Industrial Hemp

July 1

Field Applications - Millet, Sorghum

July 4

Holiday - Office Closed

August 1

Field Applications - Soybeans

Sales Disposition - Spring Small Grains, Peas

August 15

Board Meeting - Hastings

September 1

Sales Disposition - Millet, Soybeans

September 5

Holiday - Office Closed

November 24-25

Holiday - Office Closed

December 1

Sales Disposition - Winter Small Grains, Grasses

December 23-30

Holiday - Office Closed

January 2

Holiday - Office Closed

January 9-10, 2023

Seed Improvement Conference - Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE

Field Inspection Preparation

Small grain fields can be scheduled for inspection any time after heading and before harvest. Failure to have your fields inspected and approved will **eliminate** these fields and seed from certification. Once the field is headed it can be inspected and may be scheduled for inspection at any time so do not delay getting your fields ready for inspection. Applicants should receive notification from your inspector at least 2 days prior to the inspection. If this is not occurring, please inform the NCIA office.

As in the past, **if your seed field is not ready for inspection it may be rejected**. If the reason for rejection is correctable but not an isolated problem, re-inspection will be required for certification and will be indicated on your field inspection report and the reinspection required form. The applicant may choose to continue certification of the seed field by agreeing to a re-inspection on the reinspection required form and returning it to the NCIA office. The request may delay harvest and will not take priority over other first-time inspections your inspector may have scheduled. An additional fee of \$3 per acre will be assessed to complete the re-inspection.

Your fields must be clearly defined and properly isolated according to certification standards. Small grains isolation standards require at least ten feet of isolation from the same crop. To avoid a costly second inspection, have your fields properly isolated before the inspection occurs. Roguing fields prior to inspection is also recommended to remove undesirable plants from fields. In small grains, roguing should be done after heading since off-types and other crops are most easily detected at that time. Fields that fail NCIA standards for off-type plants will not be eligible for re-inspection unless the problem is determined to be in an isolated area of the field.

A field may also be rejected if the field inspector determines that the amount and kind of weeds present make it difficult to conduct an inspection. **Particularly, the presence of Primary or Prohibited Noxious weeds bearing seeds in any field at inspection will disqualify it for seed purposes**. If the top growth (seed producing parts) of such weeds have been destroyed at the time of field inspection, the field may be approved. This means, for example, that the presence of Canada Thistle, Musk Thistle and Field Bindweed could result in a seed field being rejected completely. To continue with certification any non-isolated items found to not conform with certification standards must be corrected and this

correction confirmed by a re-inspected at another \$3 per acre cost. A list of all noxious weeds is available in the NCIA standards or from the NE Department of Agriculture.

Seed Improvement Conference

The 2022 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference was held January 10-12 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

A **Premier Seed Grower** has been recognized every year since 1941. This award is made annually to a Nebraska seed producer for achievements in certified seed production and marketing.

The 2021 NCIA Premier Seed Grower was awarded to Kriesel Certified Seed.

This award was presented to Leon's father, Fred in 1976 and to Leon and his wife Cheryl in 1997.

Leon has a lifetime of seed production. The official start was in 1972 with 5 bushels of Foundation Seed that was won as the Jr. Grain Show Champion, Nebraska State Fair (as a 4-H project).

The business was first started in 1927 by Ernest Kriesel, Leon's Grandfather, near Fairbury and then continued with his father and mother, Fred and Viola Kriesel, at the Gurley location in 1945. Leon's involvement ramped up after he graduated from college in 1976.

In 1995 a new facility was built the same year the business celebrated its 50th anniversary. From 1927 to 1995, the extended family had documented 70 varieties of seed being produced. Leon estimates from 1995 till now his production would include an additional 20 varieties. The 75th anniversary of the business was in 2020 with a celebration being held in 2021.

The philosophy of Kriesel Certified Seed has always been to serve the members of the organization through active involvement on all levels. That included everything from leading the crop break out meetings that shared member input during NCIA annual conventions to being on the Board of Directors and serving as President. Leon has been a member of NCIA since 1976; serving on the board in the 1990's including a term as President.

Congratulations to Kriesel Certified Seed.

Thirty year members were recognized. They were Oliver Manufacturing, Lajunta, CO; Petersen Genetics, Cedar Falls, IA; and Seed Enterprises, West Point. These members have been active members of NCIA for a 30 year period.

NCIA Board Reorganizes

Eric Nelson, Mead, was elected to serve on the board representing District 1. **Jim Girardin** and **Chris Cullan** were both re-elected to their State-at-Large position. The board elected a slate of officers for 2022. **Emery Fox** was elected president, **Jim Girardin** vice-president, and **Ruben Wehnes** treasurer. **Conrad Nelson** was appointed as Chair of the Committee of Management for NuPride. **Mike Fritz** will serve as the NSTA representative to the NCIA board. Other board members include **Duane Muhlbach** and **Roch Gaussoin**.

2023 Seed Improvement Conference

The 30th annual Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference will bring together the memberships of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association and the Nebraska Seed Trade Association. It will be held January 9-11, 2023, at The Holiday Inn in Kearney.

Field Application Due Dates

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| Small Grains, Grass, Peas | May 1 |
| Corn | June 1 |
| Industrial Hemp | June 1 |
| Millet, Dry Edible Beans | July 1 |
| Soybeans | August 1 |

Sales Disposition Due Dates

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| Spring Small Grains, Peas | August 1 |
| Millet, Soybeans | September 1 |
| Winter Small Grains, Grasses | December 1 |

Seed Source Verification

Seed source requires official documentation when making application for field inspections. A basic principle of certification and a key aspect of traceability is that seed moves with an official label. An official label, whether a tag, label, or certificate, is issued by the state agency that has certified the seed. This document is how certification agencies communicate with each other to track seed. The official document, no matter if a tag, label, or certificate, must be issued by the certification agency. A **tote placard is not an official label**, regardless of how well it is designed or how complete the information. Everyone involved with certified seed should recognize an official document and be advised on the need to retain the seed labels.

Nebraska Crop Improvement Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2022, Lincoln, NE

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Emery Fox, President.
- It was determined that a quorum of the membership was present.
- The agenda was reviewed. **It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
- **It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2021 annual meeting as presented. Motion carried.**
- Jim Girardin gave a preliminary treasurer's report. NCIA's total income was \$655,413. Expenses were \$536,048 for a net gain of \$138,233. These are all preliminary numbers. **It was moved and seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.**
- Pageler gave an NGN Committee of Management report. Conrad Nelson was recommended as the Chair for 2022. Sales and financial reports were reviewed.
- The Nominating Committee report was presented. Jim Girardin and Chris Cullan will run for re-election as State-at-Large positions. Eric Nelson will run for election as District 1 director. Fox asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. **It was moved and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.**
- Emery Fox asked for old business. There was no old business.
- Emery Fox asked for new business.

New ByLaws were presented and discussed. **It was moved and seconded to approve ByLaws as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.**

New Articles of Incorporation were presented and discussed. **It was moved and seconded to approve Article of Incorporation as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.**
- Pageler gave a management report. Steve Knox retired on June 30, 2021. Steve Pageler was appointed new manager as of July 1, 2021. NCIA has a staff of three. This is the smallest since before NCIA has a lab (1940's). Total acres for 2021 were up about 5%. The seed lab samples continue to be steady. Pageler thanks the staff.
- The approved budget and financial reports were reviewed and discussed.
- Pageler recognized Emery Fox as the past president. He as recognized Dave Rezac as the out-going board member.
- An education update was held. The NSTS was reviewed, and questions and ideas from the membership were discussed.
- **It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned.