

Dates & Events

NCIA Office Hours
7:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30

November 24-25

NCIA Office Closed

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Winter
Small Grains

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Grass

December 9

NCIA Board of Directors
Meeting - Lincoln

December 23-30

NCIA Office Closed

January 2, 2023

NCIA Office Closed

January 9 - 11, 2023

Nebraska Seed
Improvement Conference -
Holiday Inn Conference
Center, Kearney, NE -
**Attendance will
complete your
Continuing Ed Credits**

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Planning Ahead

Growers should plan ahead before planting a field to certified seed production. They should review all of the field standards for the crop and confirm that the field can meet those standards. For example, be aware of the cropping history, and if a weed listed as prohibited is found uncontrolled in the field at inspection, that field could be rejected.

Many growers know what weeds are present on their land from previously growing certified seed, but perhaps contract growers are not aware of the prohibited weed restrictions in certified seed fields. It is important to know the fields into which you are planting. Crop standards also state that a field must be clearly defined. Fields that do not have distinct borders may be rejected or require corrective action and a costly reinspection before passing. It is important to leave a space between adjacent fields so inspectors will know where to inspect. Also, growers must know the isolation distances for different classes of the same crops, like hard red winter wheat and hard white winter wheat. There are other important considerations when planting a certified seed field, so consult the Nebraska Seed Certification Standards before you plant. It will give the field a head start on passing certification.

Labeling Requirements for Treatment of Wheat Seed

Nebraska Seed and Pesticide Law requires treatment information be on each bag of seed or made available to the buyer if the wheat is sold in bulk. Treatment labels or Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available from the dealer that provides the treatment or you may get them from the manufacturer of the seed treatment. Remember to always provide this information when selling treated certified seed.

Selling Seed in Bulk

Cutting corners by not completing a valid bulk sales certificates at the time of the seed sale is both illegal and poor business practice. If you are generating bulk labels after the sale in order to complete your sales and disposition reporting you are not labeling your certified bulk seed legally. Completing a bulk sale certificate at the time of the sale protects you and your seed business. If you sell wheat seed without a **valid** bulk sales certificate, it is **not** recognized by the Nebraska Crop Improvement or the Nebraska Department of Agriculture as certified seed. If that variety is protected by the Plant Variety Protection Act, it is a violation of Federal Law. **One copy of the certificate must be given to the customer and another signed copy must be retained by the seller.**

The NCIA Standards state:

"Nebraska Bulk Sales Certificate must accompany each sale. Certificates are generated and printed from www.nciacert.org.

1. At the time of purchase, each buyer must be given a copy of the official Certification Label.
2. A record of units sold and the buyer's name, city and state for each corresponding certification label number must be maintained and submitted for sales and disposition reporting.
3. The delivery of bulk seed must be made from the seller's place of business."

Bulk sales certificates may be generated without a weight prior to the final sale. This weight must then be entered into the NSTS (Nebraska Seed Tracking System) record after the sale is complete. Bulk sales certificates that have not been generated from the NSTS are not valid labels. Only carryover seed produced prior to 2019 may use an alternative bulk certificate provided by the NCIA office.

The Farmers Yield Initiative

The Farmers Yield Initiative, or FYI, promotes legal seed trade, research, education, seed certification, and the enforcement of intellectual property rights authorized under the Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) and patent laws. The purpose of the initiative is to educate the public and encourage compliance with existing state and federal seed laws embodied in the PVPA and state seed certification regulations.

If you suspect illegal seed activity, please consider submitting a strictly confidential tip to help put a stop to illegal seed trade. You need not identify yourself during the phone call. The caller can remain anonymous, and it is toll-free.

Phone completely confidential tips using the toll-free number **(877) 482-5907**.

Email tips to: tips@farmersyieldinitiative.com

Mail tips to: Farmers Yield Initiative, PO Box 8850, Fayetteville, AR 72703

Harvest and Sample Weights

All 2022 fields must have their harvest weights entered into the NSTS right after harvest before samples are received. To enter the pounds harvested from each field, **Click on "field inspections"** and then **"update field yield"**. Under left top column **"Supply Fields"** update total pounds under **"Seed (Actual)"**.

When samples are sent in for testing, we must have the **total pounds represented by the seed sample**. If fields are combined and a sample is submitted, include each field name and total pounds seed used from each field.

Certified Seed Bags

Certified Seed bags are available through the NCIA office. We are offering these bags at our cost (\$0.63). Please contact the NCIA office with the quantity of bags you need. They may be picked up at the NCIA warehouse or pallet quantities can be directly shipped at your cost.

Seed Sample Bags

The NCIA has Seed Sample Bags available for your use. These bags are open on one end for you to put the sample in and then you remove the strip covering the adhesive and seal the bag. Using these bags and filling them out will help get your samples entered quickly and correctly. They are provided free of charge. If you need bags, please call the office.

NCIA Certified Seed Books

The Certified Seed Books are printed and ready for your use. The books are free for your use. Members who would like us to send them these free seed books will only be responsible for the postage.

2023 Seed Improvement Conference

The 30th annual Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference brings 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 Conference Center, Kearney, NE.

Inspected Acres 2022

(does not include Foundation Seed Division)

Crop	2022	2021	Change
Field Peas	3,276	2,992	+284
Grasses - Total	631	694	-63
Cool Season	144	222	
Warm Season	487	472	
Hybrid Corn	16,221	15,866	+355
Millet	1,797	1,105	+692
Miscellaneous	380	344	+36
Oats	3,369	3,333	+36
Phytosanitary	9,677	6,590	+3,087
Soybeans - Total	1,200	2,242	-1,042
Certified	156	191	
Quality Assurance	1,044	2,051	
Triticale (winter & spring)	2,473	3,584	-1,111
Wheat - Total	17,714	14,171	+3,543
Hard Red Winter	16,198	13,267	
Hard White Winter	1,341	849	
Hard Red Spring	0	55	
Soft Red Winter	175	0	
TOTALS	56,738	50,921	+5,817