

September 2023

Dates & Events

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

November 23-24

NCIA Office Closed

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Winter
Small Grains

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Grass

December 8

NCIA Board of Directors
Meeting - Lincoln

December 22-31

NCIA Office Closed

January 1, 2024

NCIA Office Closed

January 8 - 10, 2024

Nebraska Seed
Improvement Conference -
Embassy Suites, Lincoln,
NE - **Attendance will
complete your
Continuing Ed Credits**

January 15, 2024

NCIA Office Closed

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Fusarium Head Blight (scab)

Due to untimely rains in areas of the state, we are seeing Fusarium Head Blight (scab) in some seed lots. At your request NCIA will treat and test 200 seeds to determine if treatment will improve the germination enough to continue with Certification of the lot. If the seed lot must be treated to sell as Certified, you must condition and treat your lot before sending a sample for an official complete test. Your sample for the official test must represent your lot as it will be offered for sale. According to Nebraska Seed Certification Standards and Nebraska State Seed Law, the laboratory treated germination results cannot be used for labeling purposes.

NCIA Standards Highlights

Establishing your seed source when applying for field inspection

The NCIA is required to have complete verification of the source, class, and quantity (pounds or bushels) of Foundation or Registered seed used in establishing each field for the production of certifiable seed.

1) Establish source and class of seed by submitting a Foundation or Registered label or bulk seed certificate from the containers of the seed that were planted.

2) A grower planting his own Registered seed should list appropriate lot numbers. Seed from a field which has passed field inspection but from which a seed sample has not been submitted for an official quality analysis will not be eligible for re-certification when planted the following year.

Do not take delivery of seed stock that is not properly labeled as certified seed in the hopes the seed certification label will arrive or be generated later. This seedstock may not be eligible to use for the production of certified seed.

Labeling Bagged Certified Seed

A seed lot will **not** be recognized as certified seed if it is received by the seed consumer without official certification labels as follows:

Certification Labels

a. All classes of certified seed offered for sale in bags or bulk bags that are sealed must have an official certification label properly affixed (attached in a manner that prevents removal and re-attachment without tampering being obvious) to **each** bag.

b. All official seed certification labels must conform to the color, size, and other specifications published in the current certification handbook of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies.

c. The official certification label must clearly identify the certifying agency, variety, kind, seed class, and lot number. Nebraska Certification labels may only be generated or printed by the NCIA office or from www.nciacert.org. **Labels cannot be printed until a representative sample of the lot to be labeled has met or exceeded seed certification standards for that particular crop** (seed lab test must be completed).

d. Official seed certification labels must be positioned on the face side of the bag.

e. Unused labels must be destroyed. Un-attached certification labels **cannot** be mailed or handed from the seed seller to the seed consumer.

f. Nebraska Seed Law prohibits sale of seed with expired germination tests. See current Nebraska State Seed Law for specifics for each crop. The State Seed Laws are available from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

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.

Harvest and Sample Weights

All 2023 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 2023-24 Certified Seed Books are printed and ready for your use. The books are always free and members of NCIA can have books shipped for just the cost of postage.

2024 Seed Improvement Conference

The 31th 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 8 - 10, 2024, at The Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE.

Inspected Acres 2023

(does not include Foundation Seed Division)

Crop	2023	2022	Change
Field Peas	2,021	3,116	-1,095
Grasses - Total	749	699	+50
Cool Season	268	144	
Warm Season	481	555	
Hybrid Corn	20,819	16,187	+4,632
Millet	2,339	1,797	+542
Miscellaneous	89	380	-291
Oats	3,530	3,262	+268
Phytosanitary	8,762	9,677	-915
Soybeans - Total	1,613	1,199	+414
Certified	186	155	
Quality Assurance	1,427	1,044	
Triticale (winter & spring)	4,853	2,046	+2,807
Wheat - Total	21,624	17,227	+4,397
Hard Red Winter	19,772	15,711	
Hard White Winter	1,781	1,341	
Soft Red Winter	71	175	
TOTALS	66,399	55,591	+10,808