



Nebraska Seed Focus

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Dates & Events

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

November 28-29

NCIA Office Closed

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Winter
Small Grains

December 1

Sales Reports Due-Grass

December 6

NCIA Board of Directors
Meeting - Lincoln

December 23-31

NCIA Office Closed

January 1, 2025

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January 13 - 15, 2025

Nebraska Seed
Improvement Conference -
Holiday Inn Convention
Center, Kearney, NE -
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January 15, 2025

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Seed Lab Update

Lynn Robinson

It's that time of year again. Harvest is winding down and preparations for fall planting are beginning. It's been a great year with higher-than-normal yields due to favorable weather conditions. Germinations of small grains over all have been high with just a few lots showing signs of scab, nothing that could not be addressed with treatment.

One of the issues here in the lab is questions concerning when a particular sample will be received and/or completed. The answer is dependent on several factors such as when it was mailed, how it was mailed, and whether it has the correct information on the sample itself. It is important to know that here at the seed lab we only receive USPS on odd days. So if your sample was mailed using snail mail, we may not receive it here in the lab for several days. However, we do receive UPS and FedEx daily; and it is not unusual for us to receive a box the day after it was shipped.

When submitting a sample, it is very important to include all pertinent information pertaining to the sample so that the ROA (report of analysis) that you receive after testing is complete and represents the lot. Accompanying information should include the sender's information (name, address, email) the lot number, the kind, variety. For certification, we also need the fields the sample represents, the weight from each field that is this lot, and the total lot weight. These are vital as without some of them your sample cannot be processed.

Thank you for your business and remember the NCIA Seed lab is a full service lab that can accommodate all your testing needs.

Field Inspection Update

Cody Harris

Inspection season started early this year with small grains maturing early due to the warm spring. We even had a few inspections before Memorial Day. Inspectors generally reported good conditions although higher moisture on the eastern side of the state led to some issues. Cooler and wetter conditions lengthened the corn inspection season, but the inspectors welcomed the lower temperatures. We appreciate our producers working with the office and the inspectors to make sure everything needed for certification gets done.

As summer is always a busy and chaotic time in agriculture, it's easy for things to get lost in the shuffle. Communication is the key to preventing issues in the inspection process. It is important to communicate any changes in the fields with the office as soon as possible. This includes withdrawing fields, changes to maps, weather damage, or anything else related to changes in the fields. Also, remember after your field is inspected the system will send you an email with the updated status of your field. It's a good idea to check these emails before the field is harvested just to ensure there aren't any issues. Once again, we'd like to thank our producers for all their hard work and cooperation.

Seed Sampling and Testing

The NCIA reserves the right to establish the maximum size of a seed lot. For lots greater than 10,000 bushels, in addition to a representative sample for the entire lot, a sub-sample for every 10,000 bushels, or fraction thereof, must be submitted for complete analysis before certification can be completed for the lot. Each sub-sample must test within AOSA tolerances of the overall lot sample and conform to the minimum sample size for the crop being tested. **When sending these samples to the seed lab, mark the sub-samples as such and mail them all together.**

Harvest and Sample Weights

All 2024 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 of 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 2024-25 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.

2025 Seed Improvement Conference

The 32nd 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 13 - 15, 2025, at The Holiday Inn Convention Center, Kearney, NE.

Inspected Acres 2024

(does not include Foundation Seed Division)

Crop	2024	2023	Change
Field Peas	2,001	2,021	-20
Grasses - Total	710	749	-39
Cool Season	203	268	
Warm Season	507	481	
Hybrid Corn	20,137	20,819	-682
Millet	2,081	2,339	-258
Miscellaneous	65	89	-24
Oats	4,058	3,530	+528
Phytosanitary	6,943	8,762	-1,819
Soybeans - Total	1,360	1,613	-253
Certified	52	186	
Quality Assurance	1,308	1,427	
Triticale (winter & spring)	2,725	4,853	-2,128
Wheat - Total	22,177	21,624	+553
Hard Red Winter	20,560	19,772	
Hard White Winter	1,400	1,781	
Soft Red Winter	217	71	
TOTALS	62,257	66,399	-4,142