



The Seed Source

Newsletter of Kansas Crop Improvement Association

April 2022

Important Dates

May 15—

Payment Due for summer-inspected crops

May 30—

Memorial Day

KCIA Office Closed

March 15 was the expected due date for field applications

Other dates

May 8—Mother's Day

Payment Deadline for Field Inspections Pushed Back to May 15

KCIA has pushed the deadline for payment of field inspection fees to May 15. Penalties will be applied for payments post-marked after the first business day after this date.

The date setback has unfortunately been necessary due both to the number of late field applications and to extra time necessary to correct errors in submitted applications.

We will consider this a one-off due to COVID brain fog, but we don't expect this situation in the future.

IF YOU HAVE PLANTED certified seed fields and do not have a Form B Statement with this mailing, contact the KCIA office immediately!!

Reviewing the Form B Prior to payment

The Form B Statement lists the fields submitted by you through the myFields portal. For each field the variety, acres, and class of certified seed being produced is listed, as is the amount due to KCIA with the total payment due listed at the bottom.

Review your Form B for accuracy. Correct any errors you may find.

-To cancel a field, draw a line through that field fee and recalculate your total due.

-To change acres, variety, or class, draw a line through the incorrect information and legibly write in the new acres, correct planted variety, or intended class. Recalculate your total fee if acres are changed.

-If a field is not listed, add the information on the Form B or a separate sheet, and recalculate your total payment due. You also need to enter that field into the myFields portal.

Payment is due by May 15. We will accept envelopes post-marked but not in the office by this date. Penalty fees will be applied to payments received beyond this.

You can cancel a field or reduce the acres on an applied for field up until inspection week, so let Erica know if you need to make changes after sending your statement and payment.

Certification Dashboard Update

The seed lot management portion of our certification dashboard is designed to be an easy-to-use tool for growers and dealers of Kansas Certified Seed. It allows users to discard, consolidate, create blends, conduct in-state resales, and generate their own bulk retail sales certificates while maintaining inventory on hand either automatically or with a simple weight entry in some instances. End-of-year reporting to KCIA will be significantly reduced or eliminated.

KCIA is on target to have the new seed certification dashboard ready to use as soon as KCIA enters carryover bushels, as reported in your distribution reports, into your account. At this point, you will be able to view your seed lots and discard bushels you may have marketed as grain since submitting your reports, to update your inventories. You can also consolidate the carryover seed from different seed lots of the same variety and class if desired.

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If you would like to receive "The Seed Source" via email, please contact us at kscrop@kansas.net

It is important that you set up your account as soon as possible and familiarize yourself with the new program. If you are already using our seed testing dashboard, your user ID and password will suffice to access the lot management program also.

We have a link on the KCIA homepage of our website that will take you to five short videos, totaling about 35 minutes. These will give you an excellent idea of how to navigate and use the program.

It is strongly advised that the videos be watched first, as they will answer most questions you may have. We are waiting on feedback from members to see if special training sessions are needed or if video sessions are sufficient. So please give us your feedback.

In this regard, please contact KCIA if you have any trepidation about the new program. We are here to help you and we need you to help us ensure that any glitches are promptly remedied.

Heads Up for Field Inspection

We want you to have a successful field inspection. Here are a few reminders to help you achieve it.

Visit fields of certified production early and regularly to keep an eye out for problems. Some problems such as field bindweed or bur ragweed are difficult to see early, but rye and triticale can be seen from some distance once it exerts heads, by squatting and looking over the top of the canopy.

Ensure that each field is clearly demarcated so the inspector can easily see where the field begins and ends.

We will again have the allowable variants for the different varieties posted on our website under *Certification Resources*>*Technical Aids*. This is helpful as it will give an idea of what the field should look like with regard to talls or different types of heads and aid in rogueing a field. Allowable variants are those different plants that are part of the variety description.

It may be helpful to have rogueing crew members take a look at the training slides in Technical Aids to ensure they know what to look for and how to remedy issues if found. Don't have crews focus only on rye while overlooking field bindweed, for instance. A review of crop-specific requirements in the standards would be helpful.

Please remember to confirm that a field has passed its inspection before harvesting. A field harvested before it is inspected cannot be certified.

If a field is rejected for a correctable situation, a re-inspection can be requested once the problem is corrected by the grower.

Your field inspector should contact you prior to conducting inspections. Let them know of any field cancellations or other important information. Please remember that we have a 72-hour entry restriction if any chemical has been applied to a field to be inspected.

If harvest is a week away and you haven't been contacted, please notify our office immediately. Your *myFields* dashboard will show you if your fields have been assigned.

We strive to avoid harvest delays. Please contact us if you run into difficulties concerning field inspection.

2022 AOSCA Western Region Meeting Hosted by Kansas

KCIA took its turn hosting the other 14 member agencies in our region to discuss business that affects our membership and other certifying seed agencies. Visitors to Manhattan took advantage of a tour of the Hal Ross Flour Mill, and dinner and drinks while getting to know the new AOSCA CEO, Sarah Wilbanks.



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