



The Seed Source

Newsletter of Kansas Crop Improvement Association

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Important Dates

May 29—Memorial Day

Office closed

May 26—have field additions
in by this date

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Field Inspection

With field inspection fast approaching, a reminder to review the certified crop-specific standards and ensure your fields will pass inspection.

Fields must be clearly demarcated so the inspector can easily see the boundaries of the field. Fence rows, roads, waterways or stakes are suitable boundary markers.

Prohibited crops such as rye or triticale in a wheat field, or uncontrolled noxious weeds as explained in the standards, will be grounds for field rejection.

If a field is rejected for reasons other than varietal purity, the problem may be corrected and a re-inspection requested. Re-inspections are scheduled as soon as possible, but not at the expense of delaying first-inspections. Expect up to a week after notifying our office to have a re-inspection conducted

Inspectors can inspect a field about a week to ten days before harvest. If you have not been contacted by an inspector by this time, please call the KCIA office to avoid harvest delays.

Cancelling Fields

This inspection season is shaping up to be a hectic one. The drought has impacted the wheat to the point where there has been considerable interest in late-added fields. On the other hand, we are not seeing the number of cancellations that we expected and we suspect procrastination or uncertainty.

Please get your cancelled fields recorded with our office as soon as possible. This bit of housekeeping is much more cumbersome to attend to during the inspection season and creates issues for field inspectors planning their day-to-day work.

Inspection fees will be assessed for field inspections conducted on fields a grower intended to be cancelled, but who failed to properly notify KCIA by email.

Contract Growers

Each year we get calls from growers saying a contract grower intends to harvest a field the next day, sometimes, even the afternoon of the day the call is received.

Inspectors are assigned to growers, not contract growers. It is the grower/applicant that works with the inspector for scheduling. It is not reasonable to expect an inspector to drop scheduled field inspections in order to conduct an inspection for an impatient contract grower.

Threats to harvest the field without inspection will be met with that field being ineligible for certification if that field is harvested prior to inspection. No exceptions.

Adding fields

If you are adding fields, it is getting late enough that decisions need to be made. If you already had fields applied for and paid, we have been lenient on late fees for late-added fields this year, but all fields you intend to have inspected should be added to *myFields* by this Friday, May 26th. With added fields, cancellations should also be kept up to date.

Roguing Crews

The best bet for successful field prep is to ensure that roguing crews know what a problem looks like. It may be beneficial to review the crop certification standards with them. Also, if other training materials are unavailable to use, it is suggested that crews review the inspector slides on the inspector training page of the KCIA website.

Please note that we have seen instances of rye down in the canopy this year, so be on the lookout for short rye or triticale in fields.

Certification Dashboard

Finally, a reminder that we have completely transitioned to the new seed lot dashboard for certified seed testing and marketing. All members will be expected to use the program for marketing. If you have been resistant and did not take advantage of last falls' introductory training, there are videos at our website which will suffice to train you.

Carryover Report

Related to the reminder that we have completely transitioned to the new seed lot dashboard, please note that we will not be mailing out a carryover report to remind you of seed lots with out-of-date germination tests.

If you have recorded your sales activity online, the dashboard should have an accurate total of carryover remaining in your lots. When a seed lot is out of date on germination it will automatically move from "Active Lots" to "Pending Lots." Seed in "Pending Lots" is locked from creating bulk retail sales certificates, resales, or other actions.

Seeing a lot in "Pending Lots" is your new reminder to send a two pound carryover sample in for germination testing, although you can send a sample sooner. You can also review your testing info from the dashboard to see what is coming due.

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."

Maya Angelou

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