



Important Dates

July 25—Applications for Fall-inspected crops due

September 1—Payment for Fall-inspected crops due

September 4—Labor Day. KCIA office closed

Bulk Retail Facilities Renew Now

Bulk Distribution Centers Growers register BDCs NOW

The Seed Source

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

Use of Preliminary Germ for Seed Sales

Preliminary seed germinations from fields passing field inspection may be used for resale and retail seed sales once other testing is complete. Such preliminary samples must achieve a minimum 90% germ and have a grain moisture of 13.0% or less.

Although it may be too late for many to take advantage of this Board action, if you have already sent in seed samples for fields, that germ can be used once the CSI purity is complete, provided it meets the criteria above.

Using the preliminary germ can be beneficial in a year such as this, when turn-around time between harvest and planting is shortened due to late harvest. Depending on how busy the seed laboratory is, purities are usually completed several days before the final germ is completed. A few days during planting can make quite a difference for the farmer.

The labeled germ is the seller warranty to the buyer. The seller assumes the risk of using the preliminary germ and must make decisions wisely. Therefore, it is important that the seed sample accurately represents the field harvested to ensure the labeled germ is not greater than the final CSI germ. If the requested germ for labeling based on preliminary germ exceeds the final CSI germination result, corrective action will be required. This year these labels will need to be ordered by phone or email and also submitted online for tracking once CSI testing is complete.

To use a preliminary germ, the grower must include the laboratory sample numbers (23-KS-XXX) of the preliminary germ test for each field listed on the Form D submitted with the CSI (ten-pound sample). There is not an actual space to enter the sample number(s) so you will have to squeeze them in. Requesting to use preliminary germs may incur an added lab fee for processing.

As always, call our office if there are questions.

KCIA Programs Allows Seed Dealers to Add Bulk Certified Seed to Product Line-up

Businesses that wish to market Kansas certified seed will be happy to note that KCIA has two options for them to do so. These are the Bulk Retail Facility (BRF) and the Bulk Distribution Center (DC). The BRF and BDC are subject to the standards for each type. They can be found on the Bulk Retail Facilities and Bulk Distribution Centers page at www.kscrop.org.

The Bulk Retail Facility, once approved, operates independently to source eligible certified seed, and label that seed for retail sale. There is a site inspection of seed handling equipment and on-site training of personnel to assure that seed purity and traceability are maintained. There is a new facility fee and an annual fee to operate as a BRF. (continued next page)

A Bulk Distribution Center operates with the agreement of one or more certified seed growers, and not independently. A certified seed grower registers suitable facilities with KCIA and provides the seed and labels marketed by the BDC and is responsible for all reporting. KCIA Staff will be happy to answer questions. Please give us a call.

New form for In-State Transfer of Inspected Seed “In the dirt” Removes the Paper Resale Option

In-State Bulk Resales are to be conducted on the Seed Lot Management Dashboard. In-State Transfers of pre-conditioned seed (in the dirt) will be conducted on a new form, ***Transfer of Inspected Seed***, available from KCIA.

The new form replaces the former *Transfer or Resale of Kansas Certified Seed in Bulk* form. The change was made because bulk resales are no longer to be done on paper forms but instead on the dashboard. This will also save you on form costs. While you may still conduct a Transfer (in the dirt) using the previous form, DO NOT use this form to conduct a resale.

Interstate movement of seed into or out of Kansas for both Transfers and Resales must use the *Interstate Transfer Certificate of Bulk Seed - Eligible for Resale Pending Certification Verification in Receiving State* form, available from KCIA.

Ordering Labels on Dashboard

Ordering labels online instead of calling your order in is a new fan favorite. Most people will want to select “Standard Analysis” which pre-fills the purity and germination. If you select “Manual Entry” your order will start with your exact lab results, which you can adjust for printing. There is also an option for downgrading seed class if appropriate.

“Bag labels” are for a label with listed weight of any amount. “Jumbo kits” are a bag label with cardstock and strap for securing a tote per standards. “Bulk Invoice” labels do not have a weight listed and must be attached to paperwork with final sale weight such as a scale ticket to make a complete label. Bulk invoice labels will need weight added at the end of the sales season.

If you need labels of more than one class for a lot throughout the season, please call Erica on ordering procedure.

Marion Shares Thoughts On Her First Kansas Wheat Season

Everyone keeps telling me that this wheat season has been a crazy one, and I have to agree! Even from my perspective of no previous wheat seasons in Kansas, this one seems to be challenging in many ways, both to the certification team and our members. We faced a multitude of issues including drought, hail, late added fields, cert to certs, and late harvests. I know that for many seedmen, the season is not over yet, and you still face the difficulty of getting your seed ready for sale this fall. Despite all these complications, in the past and yet to come, I want to take a moment to be grateful for what we did accomplish in the face of this challenging season.

Thank you to all who took the time to start a relationship with me and help me learn through the unique challenges of this season. I wish you good luck finishing your wheat seasons and preparing for next year.

Be sure to keep hydrated in this heat. Heat fatigue has a way of sneaking up on folks.

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