



The Seed Source

Newsletter of Kansas Crop Improvement Association

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Important Dates

Kansas Seed Industry Association
Summer Seed Conference

July 26-27

Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan

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Status of Seed Produced Under Emergency Cert-Cert

With the drought having a significant impact on wheat production, some genetic providers felt it necessary to request emergency re-certification which permits an additional production of certified class seed from certified class seed. This is allowed under the Code of Federal Regulations Title 7 part 201.70. The variety owner is the only entity with authority to request re-certification. All other standards and regulations regarding certification must be met.

This additional generation is ineligible for further recertification should a future such need arise. This must be considered before any such seed is consolidated with other seed lots, as it will downgrade the entire lot to ineligible.

Variety Names

Under the Kansas Seed Law, wheat, oat, barley, and soybean must be sold by variety name. If a variety has received Plant Variety Protection, the variety name on the application is the legal name. If there is not an official name, then the name of a cultivar becomes the first name that cultivar or hybrid is sold under in commerce.

Branded seed of these crops is not permitted in Kansas unless the brand name and cultivar name are clearly distinct. In these instances, the word "Brand" must appear before the cultivar name. For example, if I wanted to sell seed of wheat variety "Baker's Lament" and brand it, I would have to label it as "My Company's Brand Baker's Lament".

The complete name of the variety must be used. KS Providence, WB 4401 and SY Monument cannot legally be sold as Providence, 4401 or Monument.

Blends of these crops likewise must list variety names and percentage from highest to lowest. There are instances where if a company wishes to sell a blend of varieties under a brand name, the company can register that blend with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, as long as the composition of the blend does not change.

The reason for laws such as these are obvious. They protect the consumer. A farmer seeking diversity in their planting needs to know what varieties are being planted in order to control risk. Selling a variety under different names could obfuscate the farmer's planting decisions.

Seed Lot Management Dashboard

As forewarned, as of now all members are required to use the seed lot management dashboard. If you resisted last season, it is time to catch up before it is too late. There are ample aids on our website to help you or, call the office to assure that you are ready to move seed through the dashboard. Failure to cooperate may lead to penalties being assessed.

As of now, transfer of pre-certified seed and interstate movement into and out of Kan-

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sas are the only transactions that will be conducted on paper forms. All others are accessed through the dashboard.

If you have since dumped seed lots for which you showed carry-over at distribution time, please update your seed lots.

Seed lots must be active in order to conduct an action. Review seed lots in pending and call us if there is one in pending that you feel should be in the active lots.

Seed lots will show up in pending if they are newly tested and passed seed lots awaiting weight input from KCIA. They will also show up in pending lots if they have an outdated germ test and need to be updated or if they show zero pounds.

An early Reminder to Keep Seed Source Labels This Fall

A basic tenet of seed certification is to provide proof of the seed planted. Yet, each year we have members that cannot seem to find the label or the certificate that came with the seed.

We will not accept field applications which lack an official label or certificate as proof of seed source. Therefore, be sure to keep labels and/or certificates that come with the seed you purchase to produce certified seed. If seed source is of your own production the label is not necessary, just the certification seed lot number.

It is suggested to take a picture and upload it to your computer so that it is easily accessible when completing field application in myFields.

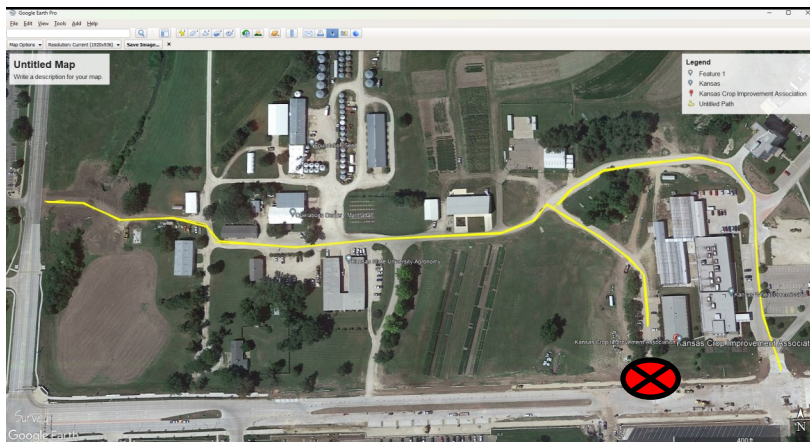
We **will not accept pallet placards** as they are not an official document unless there is an official certified label attached to it.

KCIA Seed Laboratory Update

A price increase went into effect on July 1, 2023. The new fees can found on our website (www.kscrop.org) under the Seed Laboratory tab. The sample request forms have also been updated, so please download and use the new form when submitting samples.

We are trying to minimize the printing and mailing of lab reports, relying on the ability to email reports and the use of the Lab dashboard. We are still happy to mail printed reports, however you must request this service and we will be charging a fee for doing so.

With the ever increasing cost to ship samples, we have had more customers dropping off samples directly to the lab. The driveway to our office off of Kimball Avenue is no longer in existence. To reach our office from the west, you will need to enter off of College Avenue and pass through the Agronomy Farm. If you are coming from the east, turn north at the light east of the Wheat Innovation Center and go behind the greenhouses. A drop box is available by the front door for samples delivered after hours.



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