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Dates & Events

March 15

Form A - Winter Small Grains

March 24

NCIA Board of Directors, Kearney

April 15

Form A - Spring Small Grains

May 15

Form A - Forage Grasses
Form B - Small Grains

May 26

Holiday - Office Closed

June 1

Form A - Dry Edible Beans, Millet
Form B - Forage Grasses
RR Soybean Applications

June 10

Corn Applications

July 1

Form A - Certified Soybeans
Form B - Dry Edible Beans, Millet
Sales Reports - Spring Small Grains

July 4

Holiday - Office Closed

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Determination of Dormant Seed in Native Grass

AOSA Rules require that dormant seed in native grass be determined by performing a TZ test on the remaining un-germinated seed at the completion of the germination period. These Rules have been in effect for many years.

Several years ago a Rules proposal was put forth to AOSA to amend the Rules to allow the dormant seed to be determined by performing a TZ test on the seed prior to the germination test and at the conclusion of the germination period, the dormant seed was determined by subtracting the germination percent from the TZ percent. However, this Rules proposal was rejected by both AOSA and SCST. Therefore, the original Rule is still the official AOSA procedure for determining dormant seed in native grass.

The NCIA Seed Laboratory is the official AOSA member lab in Nebraska and is committed to following the AOSA Rules for seed species. Last fall, we surveyed the surrounding State and Crop Improvement Labs about dormant seed in native grass and found that all of the labs were determining dormant seed using the AOSA Rules which require a TZ test on the seed at the end of the germination period. Since this is the method we follow, your germination + dormant seed results may not always match the TZ test performed prior to the germination test.

Test results obtained utilizing AOSA Rules by our laboratory will be the results provided for all labeling of certified and non-certified seed. We hope this clarifies any confusion about this test. We are confident the test meets certification and regulatory requirements.

Seed Improvement Conference

The 2008 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference was held January 14 - 16 at the Sandhills Convention Center in North Platte.

The 2008 Awards Banquet was sponsored by Nebraska Foundation Seed Division and Syngenta Seed Care.

Tom Luhrs, Luhrs Certified Seed and Conditioning, Enders, was honored as the **2007 Premier Seed Grower**. This award is presented annually to a Nebraska seed enterprise for outstanding achievement in certified seed production and marketing.



Tom and Lynn Luhrs

The **Distinguished Service Award** was presented to Robert Shearman, Sunkist Fiesta Bowl Professor of Agronomy. Bob has held several titles over the years such as Head of the UNL Department of Agronomy, Interim-Secretary-Manager of NCIA, Executive Director and Special Projects Coordinator for the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program. These duties were all in addition to his role as a Professor which includes



Linda and Bob Shearman

teaching, research and extension. Bob has also served of several committees for NCIA and numerous other organizations.

This award is presented to acknowledge individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Nebraska agriculture.

The NCIA is proud to recognize these award winners and wish to applaud each of them for their exceptional achievements.

**Nebraska Crop Improvement Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2008**

- The meeting was brought to order at 11:10 a.m. by Norm Rohlfling, President.
- It was determined that a quorum of the membership was present.
- **It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**
- **It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2007 annual meeting as presented. Motion carried.**
- Arlo Cole presented the preliminary treasurer's report. **It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.**
- Joel Maschmann presented the Nominating Committee report. Von Johnson is eligible for re-election for District 3. Doug Broberg is running for the District 2 position. There were no nominations from the floor. **It was moved and seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot is cast. Motion carried.**
- It was announced that Stan Friesen will be the NSTA representative to the NCIA Board.
- Reports were given by the recorders of each product action session. No actions were taken in the corn, soybeans, or grass sessions. **A motion was made and seconded in the small grains session to recommend to the board to have the Fees Committee review the NCIA fees structure. Motion carried.**
- Steve Knox gave a management report. Wheat and corn both set acre records. He noted there has been talk of NCIA being moved out of Plant Science. Most likely will not come up again until the renovation of Keim Hall is complete. Scab was prevalent in a lot of wheat. February 1 will be the one year anniversary of the lab merger. It is going smoothly. Expectations for 2008-Corn acres will increase next year. We have a great working relationship with the corn companies. Nebraska has 7 state-of-the-art corn facilities and an 8th will be built for use in 2009. Credit cards will now be accepted for payment. A 3% fee will be charged on payments over \$300.
- Steve Knox thanked the board for all their hard work for the association.

- Steve Knox recognized Diane Brestel for 20 years of service to the NCIA.
- Steve Knox recognized Norm Rohlfling as the outgoing NCIA president.
- Norm Rohlfling presented Joel Maschmann with an outgoing board member award.
- Norm Rohlfling recognized Steve Knox for 10 years of service to the NCIA.
- Norm Rohlfling asked for old business. There was none.
- Norm Rohlfling asked for new business. There was none.
- **Norm Rohlfling adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.**

NCIA Board Reorganizes

At the NCIA annual meeting, Doug Broberg, of Tilden was elected to serve his first term on the board representing District 2. Von Johnson of Cambridge, District 3, was elected to serve a second term. During their re-organizational meeting, the NCIA Board elected a new slate of officers for 2008. Mark Knobel was elected president. Von Johnson will serve as vice-president, and Arlo Cole was again elected as Treasurer. Chris Cullan was appointed as Chair of the Committee of Management for NuPride Genetics Network, and Matt Keating was appointed board representative to Nebraska Seed Trade Association Advisory Committee. Stan Friesen, Kaup Seed, will serve as the NSTA representative to the NCIA board.



2008 Board (LtoR) Chris Cullan, Stan Friesen, Mark Knobel, Von Johnson, Arlo Cole, Norm Rohlfling, Matt Keating.