



Nebraska Seed Focus

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Dates & Events

December 22 - 31
Holiday - Office Closed

January 1
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January 8-10
Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln

May 1
Field Applications - Winter & Spring Small Grains, Cool & Warm Grasses, Peas, Vetch

May 27
Holiday - Office Closed

June 1
Field Applications - Corn

July 1
Field Applications - Millet, Sorghum, Soybeans, Chickpeas

July 4
Holiday - Office Closed

August 1
Sales Due - Spring Small Grains, Millet, Peas, Soybeans,

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2024 Seed Improvement Conference

The Staff and Board of Directors would like to invite all of the members of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and Nebraska Seed Trade Association (NSTA) to join us at Embassy Suites in Lincoln on **January 8-10** for the 2024 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference. The annual conference brings together members of both Associations for educational presentations, business meetings, and interaction with colleagues. Excellent speakers and a trade show that will address issues that impact your seed enterprise will highlight the conference.

Monday we will start with a tour of **Robber's Cave** in Lincoln. The tour will start at 1:00 p.m. at 925 Robbers Cave Drive. If you would like to carpool, the NCIA vehicle will leave the hotel at 12:30 p.m. The NSTA Past Presidents Reception will begin back at the hotel at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday will begin with NSTA meetings followed by the following slate of topics and updates.

Popcorn Research - David Holding, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

On-Farm Research - Nathan Mueller, UNL Water & Cropping Systems Extension Educator

NDA update - Trevor Johnson, NDA Program Manager

State Variety Testing Program Research Update - Cody Creech, UNL Dryland Cropping Systems Specialist

Small Grains Breeding Update - Katherine Frels, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

The evening will wrap up with a social hour and banquet which includes a guest speaker, Ron Hanson, UNL Emeritus Professor. Ron's discussion is titled "Empowering an Ag Business for Succession Planning Success".

Annual meeting for Nebraska Crop Improvement and NuPride Genetics Network will be held Wednesday morning.

Hope to see all of you in Lincoln!

Tentative Schedule

Monday, January 8

1:00 pm Tour - Robber's Cave

5:30 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception/Social Hour

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings

8:30 NSTA Annual Meeting

9:30 Break

10:00 **Popcorn Research** - David Holding, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

11:00 **On-Farm Research** - Nathan Mueller, UNL Water & Cropping Systems Extension Educator

Noon Scholarship Lunch

1:00 **NDA update** - Trevor Johnson, NDA Program Manager

2:00 **State Variety Testing Program Research Update** - Cody Creech, UNL Dryland Cropping Systems

3:00 Break

4:00 **Small Grains Breeding Update** - Katherine Frels, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture

5:00 Product Action Session - **Seed Crop Issues and Resolutions**

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Awards Banquet

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 NuPride Genetics Network Annual Meeting

9:00 Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This is your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites, Lincoln. Election of board members for District 4 and State-at-Large and financial reports are on the agenda.

All resolutions and discussion topics must be submitted to the NCIA office 2 weeks before the conference to be addressed at the NCIA Annual Meeting.