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Special points of interest:

- DakotaFest Aug 15-17, 2017 Mitchell, SD
- Ag Horizons Dec 5-6, 2017 Pierre, SD
- Watertown Winter Farm Show Feb 6-10, 2018, Watertown SD

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CERTIFIED ACRES DOWN IN 2017 DUE TO DROUGHT

By Dan Olson Assistant Seed Certification Manager

Certified acres of small grain seed saw a marked decline in 2017 due to severe drought in western and north central South Dakota, the primary wheat growing areas. Winter wheat acres were down 50% compared to 2016, and the yields were reduced as well. Spring wheat and oats were affected, but not as severely as winter wheat. For

producers of small grains, the news is not all bad. Carryover seed of winter and spring wheat from the 2016 crop is ample to meet demand, and the quality was very good. Oat seed will be more of a challenge, because of fewer acres in 2017 and less carryover. The 2017 winter wheat directory has been published and is currently posted on the

South Dakota Crop Improvement Association webpage. A printed copy will be mailed out and will also appear in the Dakota Farmer magazine. For convenience, growers who produced certified winter wheat in 2016 will also be included in the new directory. The full directory for all crops will be printed and posted in October.

SDCIA Director Elections

Call for nominations: The South Region will be holding an election to fill the seat being vacated by Bob Rankin, who has completed his second term as regional director. Chris Lynch's 1st term as a Regional Director will be completed in December of 2017. Lynch is eligible for a second term as West Region Director. If you are interested in running or know of someone who is, please send me the name.

The South Region is comprised of Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Jones, Lincoln, Lyman, Mellette, Minnehaha, Sanborn, Todd, Tripp, Turner, Union, and Yankton counties.

The counties that comprise the West Region are Bennett, Butte, Campbell, Corson, Custer, Dewey, Fall River, Harding, Haakon, Hughes, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, Shannon, Stanley, Walworth, and Ziebach.

The North Region is comprised of Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, McPherson, Marshall, Lake, McCook, Miner, Moody, Roberts, Potter, Spink, and Sully.

If you or your business reside in any one of these counties and you are a member of SDCIA you are eligible to run. The term of office is 3 years with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms as a regional director.

The SDCIA Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director, who also serves as secretary/treasurer and is appointed annually by the elected members of the board. The board provides a very important function in giving direction to the College of Agriculture, Department of Plant Science, South Dakota Crop Improvement Association and the South Dakota Seed Certification program in order to benefit South Dakota agriculture. The board of directors normally meets 3 times per year, 1) Ag Horizons, 2) February or March and 3) June or July. Formal letters will go out to all members of the South Region this fall.

Foundation Oat Sales Remain Strong Spring Wheat Down 65%

By Jack Ingemansen Manager FSSD

There were no new releases of spring crops by the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station this spring, which contributed to the decrease in spring wheat sales. The large spring wheat seed crop in 2016 along with low commodity prices this spring also were major factors in the decline in sales. Surpass, a 2016 SDSU release, was the top seller at 1,771 bushels along with several varieties having only a few hundred bushel sold in 2017.

Foundation oat sales were near the five year average with nearly a third of the sales sold to out of state Foundation Seed organizations. Goliath was the highest selling variety at 3,988 bushels followed by Hayden (3,822), Natty (2,885) and Shelby427 at 1,940. Goliath, Hayden and Natty were sold out by March. Conventional soybean seed sales were up from 2016 and near the five year average with Codington, Brookings and MN1806CN, a new variety from Minnesota, making up the bulk of the sales.

Crop	2017 Sales	2016 Sales	5 Year Average
Spring Wheat	4,741	13,746	11,215
Oats	15,803	12,509	16,138
Conventional Soybeans	941	614	912
Other Crops	163	36	421
Totals	21,648	26,905	28,686

SDSU Seed Testing Lab – Summer update

By Brent Turnipseed Manager SDSU Seed Lab

The winter wheat seed testing season is upon us and the lab is receiving just as many samples of other crops at the same time. Winter cereals are typically worked and planted the same or very next day at the latest, as we know there is a short turn-around time. Please let us know if your sample is a Certified/Registered (as some clients do not use the Certification cloth bag) sample so that it receives the proper testing and is entered correctly.

As many of you noticed last spring, the lab started running a protein test on all certification spring wheat samples with a purity analysis on it (final samples). The Seed Testing Lab, SDCIA and CPT went together to purchase a FOSS protein tester housed in the Seed Testing Lab. Through the end of December 2017, all cleaned certification wheat samples will automatically receive a protein test at no cost. A minimum of 500 grams is needed to conduct this test. Starting January 1, 2018, protein testing on certification wheat samples (final cleaned samples) will be run at a cost of \$2 per sample for the next year. Non-certified sample protein tests will be offered at \$6/sample for the next year. Oat proteins can also be run at \$6/sample for non-certified, and the discounted rate of \$2/sample for Certification Oat samples.

The lab has not seen any wheat scab issues so far, but we have heard that there is some wheat bunt this year. We've also been seeing some skinny wheat kernels with the drought in many areas. Overall the germinations on wheat have been excellent so far.

2017 Watertown Winter Farm Show Crops Contest

The prize award greatly helped the number of samples in the Watertown Farm Show last February; there were over 120. The winner of the \$1000.00 cash prize in 2017 was Hansmeier and Son Seed Company from Bristol. They elected to split the prize between the Groton and Webster FFA Chapters. For the 2018 Crops contest SDCIA will again offer a \$1000.00 cash prize. Everyone who enters a sample is eligible to win. One name will be drawn from all entries and the winner can designate the agriculture youth entity that will receive the prize. Watch for notice of crop and forage classes and entry date as the 2018 Winter Farm Show approaches.

Is Your Insurance Covering Your Seed Business?

By Neal Foster Ex.Dir SDCIA

Over the last year SDCIA has undergone a review of its insurance policies. In the process of this review I found out that many of SDCIA Seed Producers might not have the correct insurance for their seed business. Most insurance companies that write farm policies do not view a seed business as falling under the typical farm liability policy. Most seed dealers who work with the big seed companies dealing with corn and soybeans are covered under the company's policy. In these cases the dealer does not actually own the seed so it is covered under the company's insurance. With most growers of certified seed the seed is owned by the grower so it would be classified differently and it would not fall under grain as it would in a normal farm policy. If a customer comes on your farm to conduct seed business they would not be covered under the farm policy. According to most policies this would fall outside the normal scope of a farm liability policy. Adding coverage to your current farm liability policy for your seed business can be reasonable in cost. The agent quoted for an additional 100k of coverage would add \$156.00 to a current policy. Talk with your agent to find out what is exactly covered in your policy and remember to get it in writing.

DakotaFest 2017

DakotaFest will be August 15th-17th in Mitchell. Please stop by the SDCIA booth located in the SDSU tent. The winter wheat CPT information from east and west river will be available along with the SDCIA Winter Wheat Directory.

Ag Horizons Conference, December 5 & 6, 2017

The Ag Horizons Conference is hosted by seven organizations: South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, South Dakota Oilseeds Council, South Dakota Pulse Growers, South Dakota Seed Trade Association, South Dakota No-Till Association, South Dakota Soil Health Coalition and South Dakota Wheat Inc. Watch the SD Wheat Inc. web site for speaker list and details.

Notice for Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the South Dakota Crop Improvement Association will be held on December 5th, 2017 in conjunction with the Ag Horizons Conference, December 5th and 6th, 2017 at the Ramkota Convention Center in Pierre SD. Please mark this date on your calendar to attend.

Winter Wheat Directory

The Winter Wheat Directory has been printed and is available either in printed form or on line at <https://www.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2017-08/2017%20WinterWheat%20Directory.pdf>. You will notice that the 2016 certified seed production was included in the 2017 directory. This was done due to the amount of high quality seed from 2016 and the reduction in winter acres for certification in 2017. If you have not received a copy or need extra please let us know.

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*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds that you plant.
- Robert Louis Stevenson*

*All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.
Swedish Proverb*