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2012 Joint Annual Meeting *and* Colorado Ag Classic *Schedule of Events*

The Joint Annual Meeting of the Colorado Seed Growers and the Colorado Seed Industry Associations will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at the Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO. We will join Colorado Corn, Colorado Wheat and Colorado Sunflowers for a Casino Night later in the evening and the Colorado Ag Classic will be held the next day ... Thursday, December 13th. Registration materials will be mailed soon so keep your eyes on the mailbox!



Wednesday, December 12th - CSGA & CSIA Annual Meeting

7 am	Colorado Seed Growers Board of Directors Meeting
12 pm	Joint Luncheon
1 pm	Committee Meetings
2:15 pm	General Session and Affiliated Reports
3:30 pm	Colorado Seed Growers Business Meeting Colorado Seed Industry Business Meeting
4:30 pm	Break
6 pm	Casino Night and <i>Ag Bucks</i> Auction

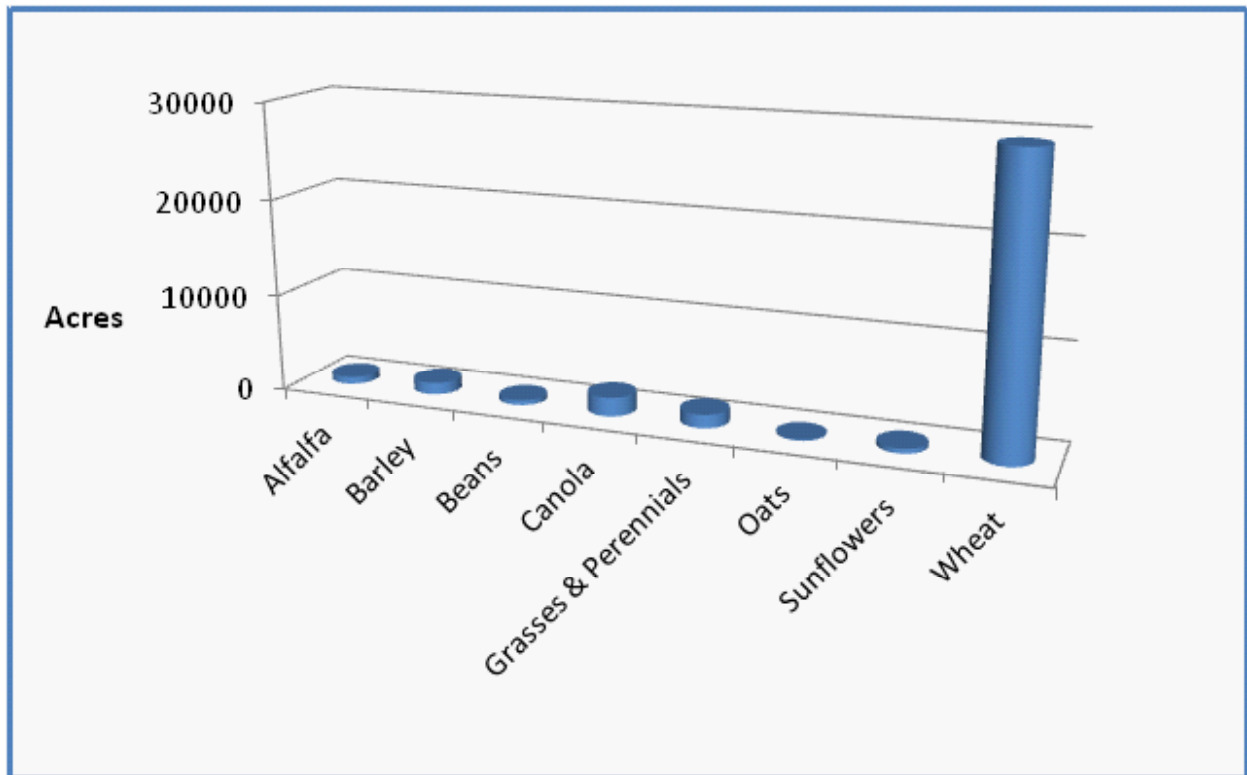
Thursday, December 13th - Colorado Ag Classic

7 am	Registration
7:30 am	FarmInsure Safety Seminar
8 am	Grain Marketing with Dan Maltby
9 am	Commissioner Salazar's Welcome
9:15 am	Keynote Speaker - Jim Wiesemeyer
10:45 am	Session 1: When Ag Gets Attacked
12 pm	Joint Luncheon
1 pm	Session 2: Dealing With Drought, Meteorology
2:30 pm	Session 3: Dealing With Drought, Research & Tools
3:30 pm	Panel Question and Answer Session and Wrap-Up

CSGA News

2012 Field Season Recap ...

Crop	Acres – '12	Acres – '11
Alfalfa	744	500
Barley	1,215	1,465
Beans	515	370
Canola	1,931	2,814
Grasses & Perennials	1,372	1,161
Millet	0	1,059
Oats	109	324
Sunflowers (Hybrid)	477	712
Triticale	60	0
Wheat	29,362	23,960
Total	35,785	32,365



Fall 2012

It has been six months since I started with CSGA and indeed the time has gone by fast. We had a very busy summer with a nice bump in acres! This summer was extremely dry, but the wheat crop was surprisingly better than many growers anticipated. Unfortunately the spring crops did not fare as well. We continue to hope for moisture this fall and winter. CSGA added field peas to our list of inspected crops in 2012 and our staff conducted several Insect Resistance Management (IRM) surveys for the Association of Official Seed Certification Agencies (AOSCA).

Overall, Linda and I feel that the testing and labeling of winter wheat went well this year. Many seed growers now recognize the time restraints that seed testing has and are doing a better job of planning each year. Planning ahead and testing seed in a timely manner is an effective way to manage your seed business. Please remember in regard to any carry over seed that you may have on hand, Colorado Seed Law requires updated germination testing every 13 months!

2012 Seed Distribution Summaries were recently sent to all winter wheat growers. This is an annual requirement of CSGA for the collection of seed production and sales information. Many CSGA wheat seed growers are also Colorado Wheat Research Foundation (CWRF) participants. This fall CWRF will also be sending out their own seed production and sales reporting forms for their varieties. Therefore, CSGA members that produce and market CWRF seed varieties in Colorado will now be asked to provide information to both organizations. If you have any questions related to these forms, please feel free to contact the CSGA Office or Joe Westhoff with CWRF.

The Agronomy Foundation Seed (AFS) project under the management of Aaron Brown had a very successful sales year. Foundation seed sales were almost 30% above average. The demand for Foundation seed was driven by variety performance and CWRF marketing programs. Foundation seed production yields were decreased due to limited irrigation water and a lack of precipitation throughout the growing season. AFS has struggled to produce enough supply to meet the demand on several of the new CWRF varieties and therefore initiated a Year in Advance (YIA) agreement. This agreement allows seed growers to contract their seed supply of Foundation seed a year in advance and allows the project to better plan and manage its resources. The grower benefit is the reassurance of the availability of needed Foundation seed to sustain their seed business.

This summer also brought a few changes at the Colorado Seed Lab. Irene Cardona, a part-time seed analyst, retired and we wish her all the best. Irene conducted much of the Tetrazolium (TZ) testing for the Lab for several years. Currently our professional Seed Analysts are Sunny Hanley and Pam Bridgeman who have been with the Lab for several years along with the recent hiring of part-time Analyst Laurie Thoma. Laurie has several years of seed testing experience with the National Center for Genetic Resource Preservation (NCGRP) and the Colorado Seed Lab. Laurie has experience with germination, purity, and TZ testing. We welcome her to our team! If you have any questions about seed testing procedures, AOSA testing rules, or services available, feel free to contact the Seed Lab at 970-491-6406 or via email at cas_seedlab@mail.colostate.edu.

Finally, please mark your calendar for the 2012 Annual Meeting and Colorado Ag Classic (see page 1). The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to participate in your Seed Growers Association and I would encourage each of you to attend.

Rick Novak

We've remodeled our website! Check us out at seeds.colostate.edu!



Dates To Know!

November 22nd & 23rd ~ Thanksgiving, CSGA Office Closed
 December 10th ~ Seed Distribution Summaries Due (winter wheat)
 December 12th ~ CSGA & CSIA Joint Annual Meeting
 December 13th ~ Colorado Ag Classic
 December 24th - January 2nd ~ Holiday Break, CSGA Office Closed

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