

# SIFTINGS

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## 2007 Annual Meeting & Colorado Ag Classic Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, November 27th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm CSGA Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, November 28th

8:00 am - 11:30 am CSGA & CSIA Committee Meetings  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm Joint Luncheon  
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm CSGA & CSIA General Session and Affiliated Reports  
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm CSGA Business Meeting  
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Joint Coffee Break  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm CSIA Business Meeting  
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Legislative Program  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Ag Classic Olympics  
7:00 pm Reception and PAC Auction

#### Committee Meeting Schedule Wednesday

8:00 am	Small Grains Grasses
9:00 am	Beans Education & Promotion
10:15 am	Conditioners

### Thursday, November 29th - Colorado Ag Classic

7:30 am Registration  
8:00 am Workers' Compensation Dividend Program Safety Meeting  
9:00 am General Session - Commissioner of Agriculture, John Stulp  
9:30 am Colorado Governor Bill Ritter (Invited)  
10:15 am Coffee Break  
10:30 am Kevin Ochsner, Keynote Speaker - Keys to Capitalizing on Change in U.S. Agriculture  
11:45 am Luncheon

### Breakout Sessions

1:00 pm	Fashion Show - For the Ladies (Shuttle to the Promenade Shops at Centerra to Leave After the Fashion Show)		
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Commodity Pricing in the New Era	Biomass-based Fuel Coop	Crops for Cancer Prevention & Health
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Commodity Pricing in the New Era	Rail Transportation Issues: A Light at the End of the Tunnel	Water Administration in CO
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	2007 Farm Bill Update	Water as a Crop: The Potential for Leasing in the South Platte	Water Administration in CO
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm	CAWG Policy/Resolutions	Water as a Crop	An Advanced Cellulosic Biorefining Technology

## *Kevin Ochsner to be Keynote Speaker at Colorado Ag Classic – by Brad Erker*



Do you want to be motivated to run your business better? How about gaining some insights into the megatrends affecting agriculture today? Then don't miss out on this year's Keynote Speaker at the Colorado Ag Classic. Residing locally in Kersey, CO, Kevin Ochsner is a Partner at Agri Business Group, an Indianapolis-based training and business-consulting firm. Kevin

was raised on a farm in Colorado, so he understands Colorado agriculture and our local issues. Today, Kevin spends more than 60 days each year making keynote presentations and facilitating sales and management-training programs for many of North America's largest agribusinesses, so he understands the national issues as well. Kevin crafts engaging presentations using personal anecdotes, contemporary

business examples, and humorous stories to articulate his message.

I've heard Kevin speak before and I can guarantee you'll be engaged, entertained, and impressed with his presentation. Don't miss it!

Keys to Capitalizing on Change in U.S. Agriculture: 10:30 am Nov. 29th.

## *5 Year Crop Figures*



	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Crop</b>					
Alfalfa	1,368	762	1,299	1,299	1,463
Barley	1,418	1,543	690	667	1,946
Beans	1,674	1,584	1,753	1,351	526
Canola	962	1,087	1,504	1,391	1,703
Grasses & Perennials	646	937	1,571	940	1,017
Millet	1,492	1,793	1,744	1,659	1,341
Oats	502	617	518	350	450
Triticale	0	0	56	144	30
Wheat	22,605	17,705	25,819	30,104	25,769
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,667</b>	<b>26,028</b>	<b>34,954</b>	<b>37,905</b>	<b>34,245</b>

As some of you may have heard, we are working on a new online option for bulk sales certificates. Via SeedHub, an online portal available through our computer system "PureHarvest", we hope to have online bulk sales certificates available for your use by next fall. This will eliminate the

need to pre-order BSC's and have them shipped to you. You will be able to print them right from your own computer. More to come...

Is your seed properly labeled? It's not if you don't use a Bulk Sales Certificate for un-bagged sales of small grains. Don't forget to use a BSC

for sales of certified wheat, barley, triticale and oats sold in bulk! This not only protects your seed business by notifying your customers of what exactly they're buying, it also covers labeling requirements of the Colorado Seed Act and the Plant Variety Protection Act.

## *Bulk Sales Certificates*



## *Colorado Seed Lab Update*

The seed laboratory has been keeping up with the sample volume this year, thanks to an increased number of staff members. During the last fiscal year the lab received a record number of samples, and that trend is expected to hold for the 2007-2008 season. Numbers of wheat and bean samples have held a steady three-year trend, with primary growth in native grasses and corn. The Clearfield Confirm (SM) test continues to be an important test that the lab offers— Colorado tested 51 samples this year (one more than last year!). The Bureau of Land Management had a large

fall seed buy, and many companies used the Colorado lab to verify their seed labels. The lab continues to work with the Colorado Department of Agriculture to update the Colorado Seed Act, and works closely with AOSA and other regional labs to insure consistent test results. As usual, please call the lab if you have questions about any of our services. 970-491-6406

## *Seed Distribution Summaries Due December 3rd!*

The 2007 Seed Distribution Summaries were sent out in early October. This summary is the final step that must be taken for the certified seed production season and is necessary for all wheat varieties. Because many growers want to include the CWRF royalty payments for the 2007 year, we are asking that the distribution summary be returned to the CSGA Office by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.**

Please remember that returning this report in a **timely fashion** is a requirement to maintaining your status with CSGA. Your cooperation is required to maintain seed certification privileges.



## *Come See Us!*

**Colorado Farm Show -  
January 29th - 31st  
Greeley, Colorado**



### *CSGA Board of Directors*

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## *Dates to Know!*

**November 22nd & 23rd ~ CSGA Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving!**

**November 27th ~ CSGA Board Meeting, Fort Collins**

**November 28th ~ CSGA & CSIA Annual Meeting, Fort Collins**

**November 29th ~ Colorado Ag Classic, Fort Collins**

**December 21st ~ January 1st ~ CSGA Office Closed ~**

**Christmas & New Year!**



*Knowledge to Go Places*

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