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NEWSLETTER OF THE COLORADO SEED GROWERS ASSOCIATION

2008 Annual Meeting and Colorado Ag Classic



Fall has arrived and we are busy planning the upcoming 2008 Annual Meeting and Colorado Ag Classic. This year the Annual Meeting and Ag Classic will be held at The Ranch - Larimer County Fairgrounds on December 10th and 11th, respectively. Our format will remain similar to that of the past few years with our individual committee and business meetings being conducted on the 10th and then we'll join the other organizations for a day of speakers and trade show on the 11th.

Break-out topics on the 11th will include: Grain Marketing in 2009, Dynamics Of The Sunflower

Oil Industry, Farm Bill – Making Sense of ACRE and SURE, The Biomass Opportunity for the Rocky Mountain West, Farm Bill Energy and Conservation, The \$ and Sense of Wind Energy, Cropping Systems for Limited Irrigation, Carbon Credits, Project Wild Bird, Sunflower Confections, and Timely, Fair and Effective Water Courts. Colorado Senator Ken Salazar has been invited to speak at 9:30 am. Keynote Speaker Al Ambrose will follow with his presentation on “Open Markets, Economic Growth and Prosperity – The Luckiest Generation”.

Registration materials were recently mailed. We are confident that we have a great day of topics and speakers this year ... we'd also like to encourage spouses and families to attend as The Ranch is an excellent location along I-25 and Hwy 34 with a great number of

Schedule

December 9th - CSGA Board Meeting

December 10th - CSGA & CSIA Annual Meeting

December 11th - Ag Classic

restaurants and shopping opportunities right around the holidays. The Promenade Shops at Centerra even have a small outdoor ice rink!

If you have any questions please call the CSGA office (970-491-6202) or visit us online: www.seeds.colostate.edu We look forward to seeing you there.

2008 Joint Annual Meeting and Colorado Ag Classic

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, December 9th

8:00 am CSGA Board of Directors Meeting
3:00 pm CWRF Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th

8:00 am Small Grains Committee Meeting and Grass Committee Meeting
9:00 am Beans Committee Meeting and Education & Promotion Committee Meeting
10:30 am Conditioners Committee Meeting
12:00 pm Joint Luncheon
1:00 pm General Session & Affiliated Reports
2:00 pm CSIA Business Meeting
3:15 pm CSGA Business Meeting
5:00 pm Reception & Legislative Program
6:00 pm Ag Classic Dinner
7:00 pm Reception and PAC Auction



Thursday, December 11th

General Session

7:30 am Registration
8:00 am Workers' Compensation Meeting
9:00 am General Session Begins
Commissioner John Stulp
Sen. Ken Salazar (Invited)
10:30 am Keynote Speaker - Al Ambrose
11:45 am Luncheon

Breakout Sessions

1:00 pm	Farm Bill - ACRE and SURE	Confection Sunflower Markets	Grain Marketing in 2009
2:00 pm	Farm Bill - Energy and Conservation	The Biomass Opportunity	Cropping Systems/Limited Irrigation
3:00 pm	Sunflower Oil Industry	Wind Energy	Carbon Credits
4:00 pm	Farm Bill - ACRE and SURE	Grain Marketing in 2009	Water Courts
5:00 pm	Project Wild Bird		

From Brad.....Get to Know Our New Field Inspectors

Each summer and fall, all across the USA, seed certification agencies send out field inspectors to conduct one of the most important activities related to certified seed – the in-field inspection. Each agency accomplishes this in its own unique way. Some agencies can utilize just their full-time staff; others have production areas located close to college campuses and utilize summer interns. Summer of 2008 marked the first time CSGA has hired “satellite” or “local” field inspectors to conduct inspections of all crops. While we were sad to let go of opportunities to teach students about certified seed, we felt it was important to establish a team of inspectors who can return each year with experience. The quality and reputation of Certified seed will ultimately benefit from more experienced inspectors. In addition, new inspection opportunities, such as verifications for the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), require inspectors that are available when school is in session. Some of our satellite inspectors have been with us for several years already, others were new in 2008. We hope to bring you biographies of our inspectors in future *Siftings*, but read on to introduce yourself to our team.

George Novotny

With CSGA since: 2001
Area: Montrose, Delta, Olathe
Crops inspected: Dry Beans
Other activities: Retired from an ag supply company

Robyn Cote

With CSGA since: 2003
Area: Southwestern Colorado
Crops inspected: Grasses & perennials
Other activities: Mother of 3 sons & assists with husband Shane’s veterinarian practice

Dr. Calvin Pearson

With CSGA since: 1999 (at least)
Area: Fruita, Grand Junction
Crops inspected: Alfalfa
Other activities: Professor/
Agronomist at Western Colorado
Research Center

Ken Namuth

With CSGA since: 2007
Area: Sterling area
Crops inspected: Wheat, millet,
CCX verifications
Other activities: Retired farmer,
part-time farm equipment
operation

Doug and Scott Dean

With CSGA since: 2008
Area: Northeastern CO
Crops inspected: Wheat
Other activities: Field inspections
for Nebraska Crop Improvement
Association; Doug is Assistant
Safety Director at Frenchman
Valley Farmer’s Co-op in
Imperial, NE; Scott attends NJC
in Sterling, CO

Waco, Danielle, & Wynter Woolert

With CSGA since: 2008
Area: Southeastern Colorado
Crops inspected: Wheat, CCX
verifications
Other activities: Ranching, online
teaching

Gwynne Kidd

With CSGA since: 2008
Area: San Luis Valley
Crops inspected: Barley, spring
wheat, oats, grasses, wildflowers
Other activities: Operator at
Coors barley elevator

Dave Widener

With CSGA since: 2008
Area: Fort Morgan
Crops inspected: Wheat
Other activities: Canfield Drilling
Company

Linda and I wish to sincerely thank all of our inspectors for their hard work this summer. We look forward to working with them, hopefully, for many years to come!

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Dates To Know!

December 1st - Distribution Summaries Due

December 10th - CSGA & CSIA Annual Meeting

December 11th - Colorado Ag Classic

December 22nd ~ January 2nd - CSGA Office Closed



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