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NEWSLETTER OF THE COLORADO SEED GROWERS ASSOCIATION

2010 Annual Meeting & Colorado Ag Classic

The 2010 Joint Annual Meeting of the Colorado Seed Growers and Seed Industry Associations will be held Friday, December 10th at the Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO. Our associations' meetings will be held the day **after** the Colorado Ag Classic - Thursday, December 9th. Please note that this is a change in format from previous years. We hope to see you all there as we have worked hard to organize an interesting and informative set of topics and speakers. Registration materials were recently mailed, please call the CSGA Office if you did not receive yours!

2010 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, December 8th

5:00 pm Legislative Social & Dinner

Thursday, December 9th *Colorado Ag Classic!*

7:30 am Registration

8:00 am Grain Marketing
Worker's Comp. Safety

9:00 am General Session
Commissioner Stulp

9:30 am CO Governor Elect
(invited)

Thursday, December 9th

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Keynote Speakers:
Advocates for Agr. -
Troy and Stacy Hadrick

11:45 am Luncheon

Breakout Sessions:

1:00 pm
Ground and Surface Water
Management

Truck Weight Limits Q & A

Effective Media Interactions

2:00 pm
RMNP and Farm Fertilizer

Post-Election Political
Landscape for Farm Policy

Intro to "AgLet" - Evaluating
Ag Water Lease Options

3:00 pm
Grain Marketing

Truck Safety Inspections
Q & A

Herbicide Tolerant Sorghum

4:00 pm Ag Classic Ends

4:00 pm
Colorado Seed Growers
Board of Directors Meeting!

Friday, December 10th *Annual Meeting!*

8:00 am Board of Directors
Meeting (continued)

10:00 am CSGA Committee
Meetings ...
Beans
Conditioners
Grasses
Small Grains

12:00 pm Luncheon

1:00 pm Affiliated Reports

CSIA Business Meeting
(immediately following)

CSGA Business Meeting
(immediately following)

3:00 pm Annual Meeting Ends

**Mark
Your
Calendar!**

CSGA News ...

2010 Field Inspections

Another season of field inspections has been wrapped up for CSGA. This is the first year that all CSGA field inspectors have been returning employees, with experience inspecting their assigned crops. We feel the experience of our inspector team has had many positive benefits for the association, including efficiencies in the field, greater ability to handle problem situations, better communication with growers, and a smoother summer for the office staff. The inspectors currently are:

Alfalfa: Dr. Calvin Pearson

Northwest: Janet Hawkinson

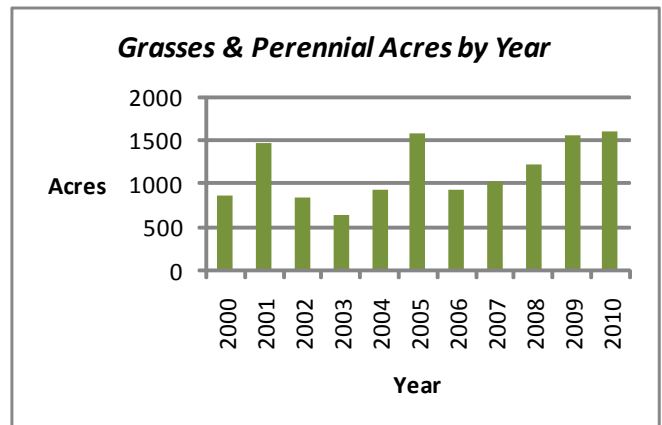
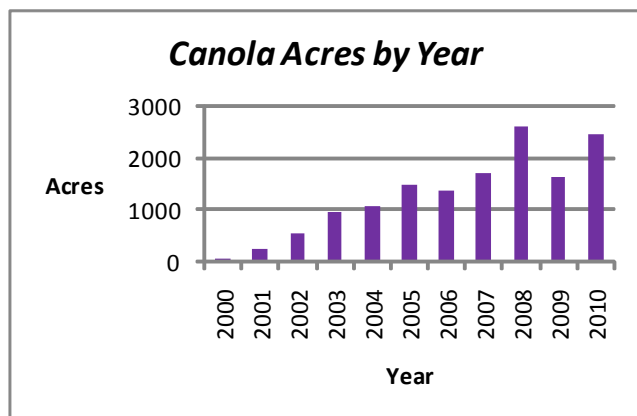
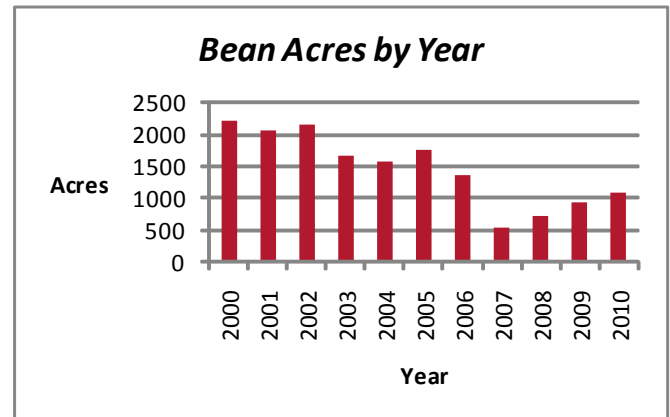
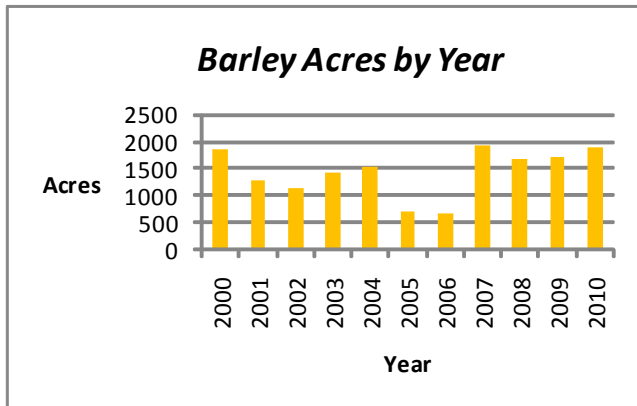
San Luis Valley: Gwynne Kidd

Southwest: Robyne Cote

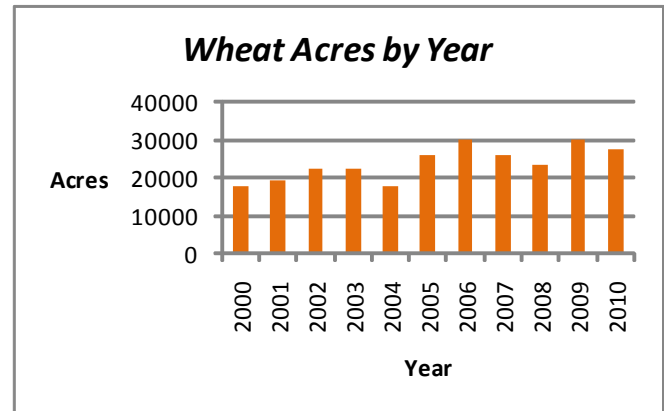
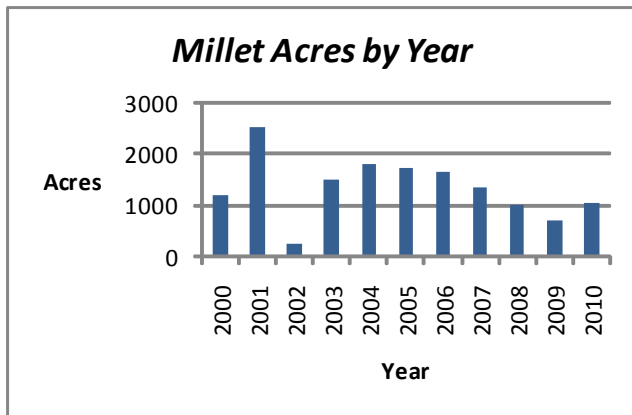
Western Slope: George Novotny

Wheat: Scott Dean, Ken Namuth, Leonard Pruett, Terry Saffer, David Sharman

The graphs below depict an eleven year history of inspected acreage for CSGA's major crop types. It can be interesting to look at the trends going on with Certified seed production, if you're into that sort of thing. This was another fairly strong year for wheat at 27,402 acres. Hybrid canola seed production in the San Luis Valley has become the second-highest crop for CSGA over the past decade, and had another strong year in 2010 with 2,477 acres. Barley acres, along with Grasses & Perennials, were at or near record highs with 1,901 and 1,595 acres respectively. Bean acres have been increasing steadily the past four years, largely due to steady demand for Bill Z and the introduction of Croissant, a new disease-resistant release from CSU. Millet was up to 1,059 acres this year, after several years of decline.



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Reminder: Unlabeled Wheat Seed is Not Certified Seed!

The final step of the certification process is labeling of the seed. Labeling your wheat seed accomplishes several objectives. First and foremost, it notifies your customers that you have completed the entire certification process and helps justify the higher price you are charging for the seed. Second, it is a requirement of the CSGA General Standards that all seed have the appropriate tag attached or bulk sales certificate accompany the seed (Section 17-18). Third, it satisfies Colorado Seed Law requirements that all seed offered for sale be labeled (Colorado Seed Act, Title 35, Article 27, Section 105). Fourth, for varieties protected by the Plant Variety Protection Act, it satisfies the requirement of the owner of the variety that it may only be sold as a class of Certified seed, and the label provides notice of such to the buyer. Lastly, the labels provided by CSGA provide a Notice of Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitation of Damages, and a notice of the arbitration requirement dictated by the Colorado Seed Act. It is in your best interest as a seed seller, from a business standpoint, to deliver these notices at the point of sale. Let's all hold up the image of Certified seed in Colorado by properly and consistently labeling it as it deserves.

Foundation Seed Plants Three New Varieties for Potential Release

Agronomy Foundation Seed at CSU has put three new varieties in the ground for potential release in the Fall of 2011. While we will need to see how they perform in the yield trials next year, all three have already had at least three years of testing and look very promising. Dr. Scott Haley will be providing more information about these new lines at the Small Grains Committee meeting at 10am on December 10th at the Annual Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO.

CO 06424: This is a new hard red winter wheat with TAM 112, Ike, and Halt in its pedigree. "424" has been outyielding Hatcher by more than 7 bushels/acre over the past 3 years in CSU's plots. It has medium height and is moderately resistant to stripe rust. 424 also has excellent milling and baking quality. 424 has exhibited exciting yield potential with no known weaknesses so far.

CO 050303-2: This is a new hard red winter wheat with TAM 111 and Yuma in its background. "303-2" has been outyielding Hatcher by almost 4 bushels/acre over the past 3 years, and is special in that it has "TAM 111-type" resistance to stripe rust, meaning it doesn't allow even the initial infection to get started. 303-2 is medium-tall, with excellent test weight, average baking quality, and good milling quality.

CO 06052: This is a new two-gene Clearfield hard red winter wheat. "052" will be able to tolerate the addition of MSO to Beyond when spraying for control of winter annuals grasses, which should provide a boost to rye control. 052 has been yielding equal to Bond CL, equal to Hatcher, and 2 bushels/acre better than Above, over the past 3 years. It is also moderately resistant to stripe rust, has excellent test weight, and excellent baking quality.

It's worth repeating – this is only preliminary data, and not all characteristics of these new potential releases are listed – more information will be available at the Annual Meeting and next summer. But these new lines certainly are exciting to have in the pipeline.

Dates To Know!

November 25th & 26th ~ CSGA Office Closed, Thanksgiving

December 9th & 10th ~ Colorado Ag Classic & Annual Meeting

December 20th - 31st ~ CSGA Office Closed, Christmas & New Year

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