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January 2020

Upcoming Events

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- 10 No-till Roundtable Discussion, Mpls. Courthouse
- 17 Dicamba Training & Grain Market Strategies and Outlook for 2020, Assaria

Other Dicamba Training Opportunities

- Feb. 5—Hays
- Feb. 11—Manhattan
- Feb. 17—Assaria
- Feb. 27—Clay Center
- March 3—Newton
- March 10—Clay Center
- Online registration go to: www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/crops/

Corn School Coming Soon

The Department of Agronomy and K-State Research and Extension, in partnership with Kansas Corn, are planning to host Corn Management Schools in 2020. These schools are designed to provide in-depth training for corn producers across Kansas. Participants will have the opportunity to hear the latest research and production information, get updates on corn issues and network over lunch. The corn schools are free for farmers to attend.

Featured at this school are:

- Dr. Doriivar Ruiz Diaz: Fertility Management Considerations in Corn
- Dr. Sarah Lancaster: Managing Herbicide- Resistant Weeds
- Dr. Ignacio Ciampitti: Late Planted Corn, Thing to Consider
- Dr. Mykel Taylor: Evaluating Farm Bill Options

Corn Management School

- **February 5** – Salina
Hilton Garden Inn
3320 S. 9th St,
Salina, KS 67401



To register for the corn school contact Kansas Corn at:
<https://kscorn.com/schools/>

Are you receiving emailed eUpdates?

The Kansas State Agronomy Department does a great job of keeping producers aware of agronomy issues, educational events, and quality agronomy articles with an email called eUpdate. If you have not received these updates and would like to do so, please email me at jwisbey@ksu.edu or call the office at 785-309-5850. In addition to the eUpdates I send out flyers of events and links to relevant information like the ARC vs. PLC decision tool.

New Publication

2020 Chemical Weed Control booklets are available at both CKD offices. An online version is available at:
<https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/chemweedguide.pdf>

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No-Till Roundtable Discussion

Date: Monday, February 10
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location: Ottawa Co. Courthouse
307 N. Concord, Mpls, KS.

This free event is hosted annually by the Ottawa County Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service and K-State Research & Extension - Central Kansas District. It has proven to be a great opportunity for experienced no-till producers to share knowledge and ideas. The roundtable is also an informal setting that allows producers who are new to no-till practices to have a forum to ask questions or get advice on how to improve their operations.

This year, Dr. Sarah Lancaster, Extension Weed Management Specialist, will join our discussion. Sarah is new to the position as she began in November following Dallas Peterson's retirement. She is interested in learning more about Kansas agriculture from producers, particularly as it relates to weed control. Dr. Lancaster will also be available for a Q&A session on all things herbicide related. For more information, please contact Jennifer Cleveland, Ottawa County Conservation District Manager, at (785) 392-3393 or jennifer.cleveland@ks.nacdnet.net.

Time to choose ARC vs. PLC.

The most recent farm bill has deadlines coming, producers need to decide on which program best fits their farm. A failure to enroll will mean that you would forfeit the payment, so make sure you get enrolled.

ARC-CO is a low revenue program. The revenue is determined by a 5-year national marketing year average price and county yields. It is a

county by county program that is subject to a 10% payment cap.

With the commodity price having been stuck in a rut, the potential revenue from the ARC program is not as great as it was in previous years. The positive of the ARC-CO program occur when county average yield falls. In this scenario, the payments occur before those of a PLC program. Yield is a big determining factor in revenue.

PLC is less complicated as it is a price-based program. The program pays when Marketing Year Average prices fall below the reference price for the crop. Payments are determined by national price and paid on-farm base acres and established yields with the farm service agency. PLC payment has a much higher cap compared to ARC as it is based on the loan rate of each crop. The downfall of PLC is there is no yield protection.

I expect that many producers will look towards PLC this time around as the low priced environment provides the edge to that program. The main exception to that is with fields with soybean base acres as the MYA prices have never fallen low enough to trigger a PLC payment on our district. It is best to look at each crop scenario and make your best determination how you see it playing out. Keep in mind that this is only a 2-year commitment. After the 2021 season, you will be able to change your decision each year.

Some of the best information covering the farm bill is available on the ag-manager web page www.agmanager.info under the Agriculture Policy heading. That is where you can find a video of a decision tool that is the easiest way to gauge how each program will work out depending on the marketing year average price.

Dicamba Training & Grain Market Strategies and Outlook for 2020

Date: February 17, 2020

**Location: Lutheran Church Family Life Center
124 W 1st Street, Assaria Ks 67416**

Cost: \$5 Includes Lunch and Handouts

Register Online: <https://engenia/corsizio.com>

10:00 A.M Choose the Assaria, KS location

Bring the check in code at bottom of the return email to the meeting

Questions call: Salina Extenson Office 785-309-5850

Dicamba Training and Certification

10:15 A.M **Featuring Kati Strathman**

BASF Technical Service Rep

Lunch: 12:00

Grain Market Strategies and Outlook for 2020

1:00 P.M **Featuring Dan O'Brien KSRE**

- Current State of the Market
- Old Crop Sales
- New Crop Sales
- Futures / Options
- Non-traditional Strategies

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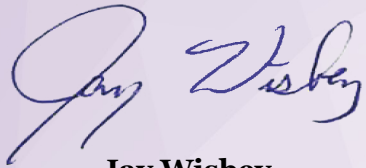
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