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Special points of interest:

- Watertown Farm Show Feb 5th thru 9th

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SDCIA Welcomes New Office Manager

Hi! I'm Joyce Kindvall. I'm the new voice you will be hearing when you call SD Crop Improvement. I've been working here part time since August, starting full time December 10th. I was raised on the family farm Northwest of Trail City. I came to Brookings (more years ago than I care to discuss!!) to attend SDSU. I received a BS in Economics and Agricultural Business. I have been working customer service for almost 30 years with the last 15 being in seed testing.

I live in Brookings with my family. My husband Gaylund and I have been married for 22 years. We have 3 children, Katie is a Sr. biology major, Tina is a sophomore nursing student and Michael still keeps us busy at home, he is a sophomore in high school and plays soccer on the Bobcat soccer team. When I'm not at work you'll find me spending time with family or tinkering around home, reading a book or hanging around the garage with my husband. I love to garden and can-my kids tell me we have enough in the pantry for the apocalypse!

If you find yourself in Brookings, stop in to the office, the coffee pot is always on.

SDSU Seed Testing Lab Recent Hires.

The former assistant seed lab manager (Ron Parmely) retired back in June 2018. A nationwide search was made to secure a qualified new assistant manager and we were fortunate enough to secure Kathy Mathiason for that position. Kathy comes with her RST (Registered Seed Technologist), CGT (Certified Genetic Technologist), plus several years' experience, with her degrees (BS and MS) from SDSU. She started on January 3rd, 2019 and has already made an impact as we have been swamped with samples. Kathy will be responsible for the day-to-day lab operation and will be handling more and more of the lab's management over time. If you're in the building I'd encourage you to stop in and welcome Kathy.



Another hire a little further back in time was Hannah Gillen as our germination supervisor. Hannah spent two full summers plus a school year working for the lab prior to her hire. She has a BS from SDSU and has been in her position for 3 years full-time. Hannah has been a superb employee and is working towards obtaining her certification as a viability technologist in the next couple of years.



The lab also has about 13 student employees at present but will lose 4 really good student employees in May due to graduation. The lab continues to be able to attract and retain exceptional student employees who spend most of their college career working in our lab.

SDCIA Computer Program Rollout

It has been a long drawn out process but the new SDCIA computer system is ready for implementation. We will start with field applications and inspections this spring. Before anyone starts to panic, SDCIA will still accept paper applications and inspection reports. This new system will be phased in over the next year and possibly longer depending on the amount of debugging that needs to be done. Since this was built from an existing certification program and was rolled out first in Nebraska the debugging should be at a minimum. As application time draws nearer SDCIA will be conducting training sessions for certified seed growers at the regional extension offices in the localities that we feel are necessary. Watch your mail for a letter with the dates and locations of these meetings.

State Crop Contest

This year the State Crop Contest will be held during the Watertown Winter Farm Show, February 5th thru the 9th. Every year SDCIA hosts the Crops Contest and for several years now the number of entries has been declining. In an effort to increase interest in the show, SDCIA will be sponsoring a \$1000.00 donation. Anyone who enters the contest is eligible for the drawing. The winner of the drawing will get to designate a South Dakota 4-H Club or FFA Chapter that will receive the donation. The classes and entry requirements are posted on the Watertown Chamber of Commerce web site: www.watertownsd.com and will be posted on the Watertown Winter Farm Show web site (www.watertownwinterfarmshow.com) at a later date.

2019 Premier Seed Grower Award

The 2019 Premier Seed Grower started farming in 1981. Several years later he attended a State Crop Improvement meeting and asked Bob Pollmann questions about being a seed grower. The following year he started with one field in certification and has grown ever since. His current operation consists of 3000 acres with 800 acres in spring wheat, 800 acres in corn, 800 acres in soybeans, 100 acres of winter wheat, 100 acres of barley, 40 acres of oats and the remainder supporting his cow calf operation. A couple years after starting to grow certified seed he built a conditioning plant. Prior to becoming a seedsman he worked for a local businessman and helped construct his current seed plant before he was the owner.

His son has returned home and has been involved in the seed and farming business since 2013. After retiring from a career with the postal service his wife became the bookkeeper for the company. Since purchasing the elevator that he helped build, his seed business has grown and now they have a client base of 300.

Every year this seed grower hosts a field day for his customers. In recent years he has expanded his test plot area so that it resembles actual field size trials. Upon the conclusion of the plot tour he hosts a steak fry.

His main crops for certification are spring and winter wheat, barley, oats and soybeans with the occasional field of white spring wheat and black soybeans. He grows both public and private varieties.

He has given time back to the industry by serving on the SDCIA Board of Directors as director, vice president and president, and is currently serving on the Wheat Commission Board as well as the Foundation Seed Stocks Board for his second go around. He has always been a strong supporter of certification and the seed industry. He has helped others in northeast South Dakota to see the value in purchasing high quality certified seed.

When Pollmann was asked if he had any good stories on this seed grower, Pollmann responded that we (meaning Pollmann and Ingemansen) could never quite get him into trouble even though we tried. Pollmann went on to say that this grower is an excellent choice to be the Premier Seed Grower.

One story that does come to mind is that when the Cereal Bowl was still in existence, representatives from each of the commodity groups were called down on the football field to present the university a check in the amount of granting they had done for that year. All of his children had gone to that institution to the north resulting in only green shirts, no blue. Rather than hear the cat calls when he went on the field SDCIA supplied him with a blue shirt to wear.

I would like to introduce Leon Koeppe, Koeppe Seed as the 2019 Premier Seed Grower.

Watertown Winter Farm Show and State Crop Contest

This year the Watertown Winter Farm Show will be February 5th through the 9th. Held in conjunction with the Farm Show is the State Crops Contest. The classes for the show have been reworked as follows:

Classes:

Grain Crops:

Small Grains – Plaque for Grand and Reserve, Ribbon for top 3:

Spring Wheat, Winter Wheat, Durum Wheat, Oats, Rye, Barley, Flax

Row Crops - Plaque for Grand and Reserve, Ribbon for top 3:

Corn – Shelled, Corn – Dent (10 Ears Required), Corn – Flint (10 Ears Required), Corn – Pop (10 Ears Required), Soybeans, Sorghum, Safflower, Sunflowers – Oil Seed, Sunflowers – Confectionary Seed

Other Crops – Plaque for Grand and Reserve, Ribbon for top 3:

Proso Millet, Foxtail Millet, Buckwheat, Edible Beans, Canola, Peas

Forages:

Hay - Plaque for Grand and Reserve, Ribbon for top 3:

Alfalfa, Legume and Grass Mixture, Prairie Hay, Tame Grass Hay

Silage - Plaque for Grand and Reserve, Ribbon for top 3:

Corn Silage, Legume and grass Mix Silage, Sorghum Silage, Small Grain Silage, Alfalfa Haylage, High Moisture Corn

• STATE CROP SHOW ENTRY RULES •

No entry fees will be charged.

All entries must have been grown in South Dakota in 2018 by the Exhibitor.

An exhibitor may make as many entries as they wish.

All exhibits must conform to the amount specified. Smaller exhibits will be displayed but will not be eligible for awards.

Every exhibit must be properly labeled with (a) name of exhibitor, (b) address, (c) county, (d) variety/hybrid and (e) lot entry number.

All entries shipped must be received by Thursday, January 31st, 2019. Entries should be shipped to:

Watertown Winter Farm Show
c/o Codington County Extension Office
1910 West Kemp Avenue Watertown,
SD 57201-3048

Allow sufficient delivery time for UPS or mailed shipments.

Exhibits personally brought to the show must be entered by 12 noon, February 1st, 2019.

Exhibits must be removed from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, February 9th, 2019.

Three ribbon placing's will be made. Plaques will be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion on Small Grains, Row Crops, Other Crops, Hay and Silage.

Each entry made by a contestant will be eligible for a prize drawing of a \$1000.00 donation, made by the South Dakota Crop Improvement Association in the contestant's name to a South Dakota 4-H Club or FFA Chapter of their choice.

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Watertown Farm Show and State Crop Contest

The Watertown Winter Farm Show will be held February 5th thru the 9th. For a complete listing of events go to: www.watertownwinterfarmshow.com.

Entries for the State Crop Show must be received no later than noon on February 1st to be eligible for the contest. See article on page 2 and 3 for complete details.