**Notice of Annual Meeting**

**Kansas Soybean Association**

Notice is hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the members of the Kansas Soybean Association will be at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, at Heritage Hall, 1 Expocentre Dr., Topeka.

**Agenda**
- Call to order
- Consideration of the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes
- Officer reports
- Election of directors for districts 2, 3 and 6 and the second director-at-large (http://KansasSoybeans.org/directors)
- Approval of 2017 policy resolutions (http://KansasSoybeans.org/policy)
- Such other business as may come before the meeting
- Adjournment

Only current Association members may vote at the Annual Meeting.

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**Weeds, Water, World Issues Will Be Themes at Kansas Soybean Expo ’17**

Kansas soybean farmers and their industry partners will gather Jan. 11, 2017, in Topeka for the Kansas Soybean Expo. The Kansas Soybean Association (KSA) organizes the annual event, with checkoff funding from the Kansas Soybean Commission (KSC), to coincide with the Topeka Farm Show.

The free event returns to the Capitol Plaza Hotel's Maner Conference Center at the Kansas Expocentre. Registration and exhibits open at 8:30 a.m., with the program scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. A reception with KSA and KSC leaders will follow.

The welcome will come from KSA President Raylen Phelon, Melvern, and KSC Chairman Kurt Maurath, Oakley. The opening session will offer checkoff-partner updates from Jay O’Neil, senior agricultural economist at the IGP Institute, and Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition.

The next two presenters will come from K-State Research and Extension. William Schapaugh, Ph.D., soybean breeder and professor of agronomy, will offer “Searching for Genes and New Gene Combinations.” Dallas Peterson, Ph.D., weed-science specialist and professor of agronomy, will lead “The Ongoing Battle With Weeds.”

Clay Patton from Kansas Farm and Ranch Radio will be master of ceremonies at the luncheon, where Tracy Streeter, director of the Kansas Water Office, will be the featured speaker. Phelon then will preside over the association’s annual meeting, which will include the approval of policy resolutions and the board of directors elections.

Following lunch, KSA and KSC will present awards and recognitions, including the DuPont Young Leaders and the Kansas Soybean Yield and Value Contests winners. The afternoon’s customary “Planning for the Future” session will bring Darrell Holaday from Advanced Market Concepts and Country Futures to present “Managing the Economic Shifts in U.S. & World Production Agriculture.”

A complete, detailed agenda and the pre-registration form are available by calling 877-KS-SOYBEAN (877-577-6923) or at http://KansasSoybeans.org/expo on the web. Those who preregister by Jan. 4, 2017, will have guaranteed seats at the luncheon and be eligible for the early-bird gift-basket drawing.

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**Left:** Darrell Holaday from Advanced Market Concepts and Country Futures will present this year’s Planning for the Future session. **Right:** Kansas Water Office Director Tracy Streeter will speak at the luncheon.
Good prices despite huge harvest, storage problems

No room in the bin. Sorry for the holiday-themed pun, but that headline from Farm Futures this summer has stuck with me. While U.S. farmers have expanded storage 22 percent in the last 10 years (to 24.2 billion bushels), grain silos across the nation still were holding surpluses from last year as this year’s huge wheat, corn and soybean crops came in. We all know cash prices got weaker at our local elevators as they neared their capacity limits.

While topping the list of grain-storage shortages at about 320 million bushels, Kansas likely will contribute a record 192 million bushels of soybeans to this year’s national record-setting 4.4 billion bushels. So having local cash prices north of $9 as I write this shows how effective our checkoff boards and associations have been at developing markets, educating customers and consumers, and advancing new uses.

As I wrap up two years as the Kansas Soybean Association (KSA) president, I must say how much I have enjoyed the opportunity. It has been an honor to serve you, my fellow soybean farmers, in that role. I am glad I was able to work with such dedicated directors and staff members, and I cannot express enough thanks to all those who have been so supportive, especially my family. I look forward to the privilege of remaining on the Board of Directors and its executive committee as chairman.

Since 1973, KSA has supported us by representing our interests with legislators and regulators in Topeka and our nation’s capital. But it all begins with us as individuals. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting, Jan. 11 in Topeka, so you can be part of approving the policy positions that will direct the organization next year. Voicing your opinions helps the Board and staff to provide even better representation for the industry and management for the Association.

Being involved in our industry is not about the Annual Meeting alone. That is why I encourage you to attend all of Kansas Soybean Expo 2017 – again, Jan. 11 in Topeka.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays and look forward to seeing you at Expo.

KSA Board completes November agenda

The following are highlights from the Kansas Soybean Association (KSA) Board of Directors meeting convened Nov. 18 in Topeka.

- Heard from the American Soybean Association’s (ASAs) policy team about the transition to the Trump administration, Congress’ lame-duck session, the next farm bill, a biodiesel fly-in and infrastructure funding.
- Amended the KSA bylaws to define the Board chairman’s (immediate past president’s) duties.
- Discussed facilities maintenance and upgrades.
- Authorized cooperating with the Nebraska Soybean Association to donate an item to the SoyPAC auction at Commodity Classic 2017.
- Contracted with Gary Reser, Topeka, as a policy consultant during the 2017 legislative session.
- Appointed Charles Atkinson, Great Bend; Lucas Heinen, Everest; and Dwight Meyer, Hiawatha, as delegates to the ASA Voting Delegates Session at Commodity Classic. Andy Winsor, Grantville; Gail Kueser, Garnett, and Grant Webber, Sublette, will be the alternates.
- Reviewed changes to the Kansas Soybean Expo for 2017.
- Approved the fiscal year 2018 checkoff-funded projects for submission to the Kansas Soybean Commission.
- Acted to address the Labor Department’s new federal overtime-exemption rule.

The next Board meeting will be Jan. 10 in Topeka. Association members can contact any director or Kenlon Johannes in the office to suggest agenda items.

The purpose of policy resolutions is to assist the Kansas Soybean Association (KSA) Board of Directors and staff in representing soybean farmers’ interests on various issues in Topeka and Washington, D.C. Please review the resolutions posted at http://KansasSoybeans.org/policy on the web to acquaint yourself with KSA’s existing positions. The Annual Meeting includes the official approval of those resolutions.

Policy changes and additions come from the members. A resolution can modify or delete an existing policy or add a new policy. Staff can assist as necessary in helping members draft proposed resolutions. Please submit any proposals to the Kansas Soybean office by Jan. 2, 2017.
Corporate partners and advertisers are extremely important to the overall effort of the Kansas Soybean Association. They provide the Association with financial support and are links to the allied industries that provide soybean farmers with inputs and capital to manage our enterprises. KSA also relies on corporate partners to keep us up-to-date with the latest breakthroughs in production technologies, and we all work together to create and implement environmental and trade policies that benefit the soybean industry.

Thank you,
corporate partners
In late November, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volumes for 2017 and 2018. There were positive aspects to the announcement, with the overall volume increasing and the total Advanced Biofuels category increased above the level in the proposed rule. The greater Advanced Biofuels volume requirements provide a market opportunity for biodiesel, which is the most prevalent fuel to qualify for that designation.

The Kansas Soybean Association (KSA) and American Soybean Association (ASA) would have liked to see greater support and promotion specifically for domestically produced biodiesel through higher volumes for the biomass-based diesel subcategory. Part of the overall Advanced Biofuels category, it includes biodiesel and renewable diesel, another diesel alternative made from the same feedstocks using a different technology.

Under the new rule, the biomass-based diesel standard would move to 2 billion gallons in 2017 and 2.1 billion gallons in 2018. The United States used about 2.1 billion gallons in 2016, however.

“A volume of 2.1 billion gallons does not adequately utilize the biodiesel industry’s capacity,” said Lance Rezac, Onaga, who represents KSA on the National Biodiesel Board (NBB). “It’s frustrating because we know we can do more.”

Biomass-based diesel fills a large portion of the Advanced Biofuels program, which the new rule increases from 3.61 billion gallons in 2016 to 4.28 billion gallons in 2017.

“As America’s primary advanced biofuel, biodiesel obviously benefits from EPA’s increasing the total Advanced Biofuels requirements for 2017,” Rezac noted.

The RFS—a bipartisan policy passed in 2005 and signed into law by President George W. Bush—requires increasing volumes of renewable fuels to be blended into the U.S. fuel stream. The law is divided into two broad categories: Conventional Biofuels, which must reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by at least 20 percent, and Advanced Biofuels, which must have a 50 percent reduction.

Biodiesel is the first advanced biofuel to reach commercial-scale production nationwide and has made up the vast majority of Advanced Biofuels production under the RFS to date.

Made from a diverse mix of resources—such as soybean oil, animal fats and recycled cooking oil—biodiesel is a renewable, clean-burning diesel replacement used in existing diesel engines. It reduces greenhouse-gas emissions by 57–86 percent compared to petrodiesel.

“The production capacity and feedstocks clearly are available,” Rezac said. “KSA, in concert with ASA and NBB, will work with the new Congress and administration to help them understand the benefits that a growing biodiesel industry could provide to our rural economies.”

Biodiesel is produced in nearly every state and currently supports more than 47,000 jobs nationwide.

Commodity Classic registration and lodging now are open online. Rooms are expected to book quickly, so those interested should register as soon as possible. The early-bird registration deadline is Jan. 12, 2017.

The 22nd annual event will be March 2–4, 2017, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The convention center will house all Commodity Classic events, including the welcome reception, general and What’s New sessions, Evening of Entertainment, trade show, and Learning Center.

Commodity Classic hotels are within easy walking distance or provide complimentary shuttle services to and from the convention center. To ensure favorable rates, reasonable terms and confirmed rooms at an official Commodity Classic hotel, reservations must be made through Experient, the official registration and housing provider for the event.

If you plan to go to the American Soybean Association (ASA) awards banquet, which is included in a full registration, be sure to sign up soon because it always sells out quickly. Beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, March 3, the annual event offers dinner, awards and entertainment and is partly sponsored by the soybean checkoff.

Established in 1996, Commodity Classic is America’s largest farmer-led, farmer-focused convention and trade show. It is produced by ASA, the National Corn Growers Association, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Sorghum Producers and Association of Equipment Manufacturers.

THE KANSAS SOYBEAN COMMISSION is an organization of active soybean farmers that works to grow the soy industry in our state – and nationwide. As soybean farmers, we’re focused on farmers’ priorities and make checkoff decisions that help to grow farmers’ bottom lines.

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BREEDING, CROPPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
Researching efficient cropping systems and management practices that have minimal effect on the environment helps soybean farmers to meet consumers’ needs.

SOY CONSUMPTION
Increasing the utilization of soy in livestock feed and finding innovative uses for soy in human nutrition ensure future success.

NEW USES
Helping to develop and commercialize new industrial uses for soy means more demand for farmers’ soybeans.

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Providing up-to-date information about soybean pricing, crop disappearance, market share, crop-insurance options, yield protection, farm-program considerations and marketing options helps farmers to make smart decisions.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS
Expanding international customers’ use of soy in markets like China, Mexico and Japan has the potential to create record-level demand for your crop.
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