

4201 N Interstate 27
Lubbock, Texas 79403
Telephone: (806) 749-3478
Fax: (806) 749-9002
www.sorghumgrowers.com

SORGHUM E-Notes

NATIONAL SORGHUM PRODUCERS Ensuring Sorghum's Profitability

February 7, 2008

Kansas State University Research Foundation and DuPont Partner for Herbicide-Resistant Sorghum

Kansas State University (KSU) Research Foundation and DuPont Crop Protection have signed a collaborative agreement giving DuPont exclusive commercialization rights to two herbicide-tolerant traits in sorghum. The agreement includes an ALS-herbicide-tolerant trait and an ACCase-herbicide tolerant trait. The two traits will give growers new options for post-emergent grass control. Neither trait will alter sorghum's status for export markets. The traits were developed by K-State agronomy researchers including Kassim Al-Khatib and Mitch Tuinstra who is currently at Purdue University.

Senate Farm Bill Conferees Named

The Senate named members of the farm bill conference committee late last week. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) will chair the committee in the attempt to bring House and Senate farm bill versions to cohesion.

Democratic conferees are: Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Max Baucus (D-MT); Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Kent Conrad (D-ND); Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Patrick Leahy (D-VT); Senate Agriculture Committee Member Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) and Senate Agriculture Committee Member Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

Republican Senate conferees are: Ranking Member Saxby Chambliss (R-GA); Former Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Richard Lugar (R-IN), Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, Charles Grassley (R-IA); Ranking Member Senate Appropriations Committee, Thad Cochran (R-MS); and Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS).

Bush Continues Farm Bill Veto Threat

Farm bill wrangling continues on Capitol Hill while the nations farmers wait for the House to appoint farm bill conferees. In the mean time, President Bush has renewed his threat to veto any farm bill that includes increased taxes and fails to make significant changes to farm programs.

"Congress is considering legislation now," said Bush. "It seems like to us it lacks reform; it spends too much money and raises taxes. I'm confident we can come together to get a good farm bill, but if Congress sends me legislation that raises taxes or [does] not make needed reforms, I'm going to veto it."

NSP Staff in San Antonio, Texas for Annual Conference

The NSP office will be closed from Friday, February 8th through Thursday, February 14th as NSP staff will be in San Antonio, Texas for the Annual Conference. If you have an emergency, please call Marsha Bryant at 806-239-3003. Otherwise, feel free to leave a message on voicemail and staff will remotely check messages and return calls as soon as possible.

NSP Responds to Checkoff Concerns

As previously reported, the national sorghum checkoff proposal comment period has closed. The proposal is in the hands of USDA, pending publication of the Final Rule. As USDA considers comments, NSP continues to work with various industry groups, including the National Grain and Feed Association, to resolve any issues and minimize potential impacts on businesses.

About Sorghum Notes

SORGHUM Notes is a publication of the National Sorghum Producers. NSP represents U.S. sorghum producers and works to ensure the profitability of sorghum production through market development, research, education and legislative representation. Visit our website at www.sorghumgrowers.com. Write to us at National Sorghum Producers, 4201 N Interstate 27, Lubbock, TX 79403. To unsubscribe to Sorghum Notes, please reply to hannah@sorghumgrowers.com. Copy and paste "Unsubscribe to Sorghum Notes" into the subject line.

SORGHUM Notes is sponsored by:

Sorghum Partners, Inc.

P.O. Box 189, New Deal, TX 79350

Phone: (800) 645-7478 Fax: (806) 746-5305

Website: www.sorghum-partners.com

E-mail: information@sorghum-partners.com

Quote of the week:

If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there. -- Lewis Carroll

Interested in Sponsorship Opportunities?

Call NSP at (800) 658-9808 to learn more.