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SORGHUM E-Notes

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Changes Made to NSP Conference Agenda

NSP leadership and staff are gearing up for an exciting and productive annual conference in San Antonio, Texas this year! The conference will be held February 9th through 12th in conjunction with the U.S. Grains Council. The following schedule changes should be noted by those interested in attending:

1. To accommodate as many attendees as possible, *the early bird registration deadline has been moved from January 1st to January 25th.*
2. The optional rodeo event originally scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 12th has been moved to Monday evening, February 11th. The entertainment will consist of dinner, a rodeo performance, and will now include a performance by Nashville recording artist Sara Evans.
3. Due to scheduling conflicts, the sorghum producers' social reception originally scheduled for Monday evening will be moved to Sunday, February 10th at 5:00 in the evening.

If you have not yet registered for the conference, register online today by visiting www.sorghumgrowers.com and clicking the conference icon. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Looking to the Farm Bill's Future

Just before Christmas, the Senate passed their version of the 2007 Farm Bill. The House will convene for the first time in 2008 on January 15th and the Senate will convene on January 22nd. Upon the return of both chambers and the naming of conferees, the farm bill conference committee's work will get underway. This year promises to be an exciting year in the political arena as all aspects of Washington, D.C. life are influenced by ongoing presidential politics. NSP will stay involved and keep you informed about the latest developments as they happen.

Troy Skarke Interviews with Feed and Grain Magazine

Troy Skarke, a Texas grain sorghum producer and member of the NSP Board of Directors, was recently interviewed by Feed & Grain Magazine for a story in their January 2008 issue. The piece focused on the market situations of grain sorghum and wheat in 2007 and the outlook for 2008. "While our pricing situation wasn't as robust as wheat, we experienced a doubling of our commodity value from 2005 to today," Skarke is quoted as saying. "The rapid growth of corn acreage and equally rapid disappearance of the 2007 crop from the trade arena had many buyers looking to grain sorghum to fill the void." You can read the entire article at Feed & Grain's website by clicking [here](#), or watch for the article in the January 2008 issue of Feed & Grain magazine.

E-85 Now Available at 28 Kansas Stations

Drivers of flex-fuel vehicles may be able to save money on fuel costs by taking advantage of the relatively new-found convenience of E-85 pumps in the state of Kansas. According to the Kansas Ethanol website, 28 Kansas locations offer E-85 fuel which is made with 85 percent ethanol. Sue Schulte, Communications Director for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association commented on the advantages of E-85 in a recent article in the High Plains Journal. "There are so

many reasons to use E85 fuel," said Schulte. "It is domestically produced ethanol, made from corn and grain sorghum. It burns cleaner and is better for the environment. But it is the price that is attracting the most attention right now. At 40 to 60 cents below regular unleaded, E85 fuel is a great deal." A complete list of stations offering E-85 fuel can be found at <http://www.ksgains.com/ethanol/e85.html>.

EPIC Releases Statement Regarding Record Oil Prices

EPIC, the Ethanol Promotion and Information Council, released a statement today regarding the recent jump in the price of oil to over \$100 per barrel. "The American public is looking for realistic solutions to our dependence on a dwindling supply of energy of which ethanol plays an important role," said Robert White, Interim Executive Director of EPIC. "Once again, the ethanol industry will rise to the challenge and continue to provide a renewable, efficient, economy boosting product for Americans."

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Quote of the week:

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."
--Maria Robinson

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