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SORGHUM E-Notes

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NATIONAL SORGHUM PRODUCERS:
the voice of the sorghum industry

NSP Continues to Represent Producers under New Administration

Following Tuesday's historic election results, the National Sorghum Producers looks forward to working on behalf of sorghum producers with the new Obama Administration in Washington, D.C. "As with any Administration, the direction of ag policy depends heavily upon the President's responsible choice of cabinet members and undersecretaries," said NSP CEO, Tim Lust. "Senator Obama has shown a track record of supporting solid farm policy and ethanol policy. We look forward to working with the Obama Administration to make sure that producers are fairly represented in Washington, D.C."

NSP to be Represented at Various Events

Be sure to stop and see National Sorghum Producers staff at various events happening around the country in the coming weeks. NSP will have a booth at the Wichita Farm and Ranch Show November 11th through 13th. NSP will also be getting the good news out about sorghum at the National Association of Farm Broadcasters Trade Talk event in Kansas City November 13th. The following week, November 19th and 20th, NSP will be represented at the Kansas Agribusiness Expo in Wichita.

Additionally, the new national sorghum checkoff Board of Directors will meet for the first time in Washington, D.C. November 18th through 20th.

Edenspace Announces Energy Sorghum[™] Seed Products

At the 2008 American Seed Trade Association Farm and Lawn Seed Conference and Western Seed Association Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, this week, Edenspace Systems Corporation announced the availability of Linebacker[™] sorghum, the company's first Energy Sorghum[™] hybrid seed product. Edenspace's Linebacker[™] sorghum is a non-transgenic, high-yielding photoperiod sensitive (forage) sorghum that is meant for production of cellulosic biofuels such as ethanol and butanol.

Edenspace is a developer of improved crops for production of biofuels from non-food agricultural residues and dedicated energy crops. The company, which is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, seeks to reduce today's high costs of capital equipment, materials, energy, and disposal required to produce cellulosic biofuels, as well as reduce CO₂ emissions and pollution from fossil fuels, increase energy independence, and raise rural and farm incomes.

Commodity Classic Announces 2009 Entertainment Lineup

Commodity Classic attendees will enjoy performances by Grammy award winners Pam Tillis and Riders In The Sky during the Evening of Entertainment at the 2009 Commodity Classic convention and trade show to be held Feb. 26-28, at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas.

Commodity Classic attendees will experience the sweet sounds of singer, songwriter and actress Pam Tillis. A Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year, Tillis is the daughter of country legend Mel Tillis and was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2000.

When Riders In The Sky takes the stage, the audience will hear Western music at its finest. Riders In The Sky members Ranger Doug, Too Slim, Woody Paul and Joey the Cowpolka King are better known as “America’s favorite cowboys.” For over 30 years, they have kept the tradition of the singing cowboy alive with their wacky humor and way-out, Western wit. The group has been inducted into the Grand Ole Opry and have been named the Western Music Association Entertainers of the Year six times.

Commodity Classic is the premier convention and trade show of the National Sorghum Producers (NSP), National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), the American Soybean Association (ASA), and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG). Commodity Classic will feature a trade show, valuable educational sessions, cutting-edge technological demonstrations, association banquets, entertainment events and important networking opportunities.

Sorghum Maturity Progressing, Still Behind Average

Ninety-one percent of the sorghum crop was mature and beyond, eight percent behind last year and three percent behind the five-year average. Sorghum was mature in the Delta and in South Dakota, and was nearly mature in Colorado and Illinois. Fifty-six percent of the sorghum crop was harvested, 29 percent behind last year and 17 percent behind the average. Harvest was complete in the Delta, but was just getting underway in New Mexico. Condition of the crop was rated 53 percent good to excellent, a three percent decline from last week’s rating.

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Quote of the Week:

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--*Benjamin Franklin*

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