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## 1. 2018 Kansas Summer Annual Forage Hay and Silage Variety Trial results now available

The results of the 2018 Kansas Performance Tests with summer annual forage hay varieties are available online at <https://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/services/crop-performance-tests/forages/2018-summer-forages.html>. The results are summarized by location (Garden City, Hays, and Scandia) and are split into hay and silage categories. The yield data can be viewed by selecting the desired location from the webpage referenced above.

At this time, only the yield results are available. Forage quality results will be posted in the next few weeks.

Summer annual forage performance tests are conducted each year by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station. The objectives of the Kansas Summer Annual Forage Variety Trial are to evaluate the performance of released and experimental varieties, determine where these varieties are best adapted, and increase the visibility of summer annual forages in Kansas. Breeders, marketers, and producers use data collected from the trials to make informed variety selections. The Summer Annual Forage Trial is planted at locations across Kansas based on the interest of those entering varieties into the test.

This work was funded in part by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and seed suppliers. Sincere appreciation is expressed to all participating researchers and seed suppliers who have a vested interest in expanding and promoting annual forage production in the U.S.

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## 2. Updated - Prescribed burning workshops scheduled for 2019

Several prescribed burning workshops have been scheduled for the months of February and March, with more in the planning stages. Partners involved include K-State Research & Extension, Kansas Forest Service, USDA-NRCS, USDA-FSA, Kansas Conservation Districts, Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism, the National Weather Service, Local Fire Departments and Emergency Management Personnel, Pheasants Forever, The Wildlife Society – Kansas Chapter, and Great Plains Fire Science Exchange.

Each workshop lasts about 4-5 hours and includes topics on reasons for burning, regulations, weather considerations, liability, burn contractors, equipment and crew, hazards, fuels, firebreaks, fire types and behavior, ignition techniques, and burn plans.

Contact Walt Fick at 785-532-7223 or [whfick@ksu.edu](mailto:whfick@ksu.edu) if you have any questions regarding a prescribed burning workshop. Be sure to contact the host to register for a workshop.

Date	County/City	Host/ Contact	Agency	Phone	e-mail
Feb. 14	Riley/ Manhattan	Aubrey Evans	CD		<a href="mailto:aubrey.evans@ks.nacdnet.net">aubrey.evans@ks.nacdnet.net</a>
Feb. 20	Russell/ Russell	Clint <u>Laflin</u>	KSRE	785-483-3157	<a href="mailto:cllaflin@ksu.edu">cllaflin@ksu.edu</a>
Feb. 21	Wilson/ Fredonia	Pamela Walker	CD	620-378-2866	<a href="mailto:pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net">pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net</a>
Feb. 25	Washington/ Barnes	Brett Melton	KSRE	785-243-8185	<a href="mailto:bmelton@ksu.edu">bmelton@ksu.edu</a>
Feb. 27	Cowley/ Winfield	Elizabeth Espino	KSRE	620-221-5450	<a href="mailto:eespino@ksu.edu">eespino@ksu.edu</a>
Feb. 28	Lincoln/ Sylvan Grove	Barrett Simon	KSRE	785-378-3174	<a href="mailto:barrett8@ksu.edu">barrett8@ksu.edu</a>
Mar. 1	Atchison/ Effingham	Tiffany Hoffman	CD	913-833-5740 <u>ext 333</u>	<a href="mailto:Tiffany.Hoffman@ks.nacdnet.net">Tiffany.Hoffman@ks.nacdnet.net</a>
Mar. 6	Franklin/ Ottawa	Keri Harris	CD	785-241-7201	<a href="mailto:frco.conservation@gmail.com">frco.conservation@gmail.com</a>
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### 3. K-State Pre-Plant Corn Schools - February 2019

The Department of Agronomy and K-State Research and Extension, in partnership with Kansas Corn, are planning to host three Corn Pre-Plant Schools in 2019. These schools are designed to provide in-depth training for corn producers across Kansas with targeted information for each location.

Each school is free to attend and will have lunch provided thanks to support provided by Pioneer. A range of topics will be covered and vary by location including: corn management, high-yielding corn factors, weed control, soil fertility and nutrient management, soil health considerations, insect management, corn market and policy perspectives, and grower panel discussion.

#### **Pre-Plant Corn Schools**

- **February 11 – Parsons**

Registration begins at 7:45 am, program from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Southeast Research and Extension Center, 25092 Ness Road, Parsons

- **February 13 – Hesston**

Registration begins at 7:45 am, program from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, 177 W Hickory Street, Hesston

- **February 15 – Garden City**

Registration begins at 7:45 am, program from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Pioneer Garden City Research Station, 1455 East Parallel Road, Garden City

To register for any of the schools, please go online at <https://kscorn.com/CornSchool/>. Pre-registration is still open! Please try to register one week prior to the event you wish to attend.

CCA and CEU credits have been applied for. Additional local sponsors include Ag Risk Solutions and the Andersons.

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#### 4. Don't miss the K-State Sorghum Schools scheduled for early February

A series of three K-State Sorghum Production Schools will be offered in early February to provide in-depth training targeted for sorghum producers and key-stakeholders. The schools are sponsored by Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission.



The final dates and locations have been set focusing with Schools across the state. Each school will start with registration at 8:30 a.m. and welcome remarks at 9:00 a.m. The program will adjourn at 1:30 p.m. for all the schools.

- **February 5, Tuesday - Garden City**  
The Golf Club at Southwind  
77 Grandview Dr.  
Contact: Jennifer Stoss - [jstoss@ksu.edu](mailto:jstoss@ksu.edu)
- **February 6, Wednesday - Hays**  
K-State Agricultural Research Center  
1232 240<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Contact: Stacy Campbell - [scampbel@ksu.edu](mailto:scampbel@ksu.edu)
- **February 7, Thursday - Salina**  
Saline County Expo Center  
4-H Building  
900 Greeley  
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The schools will cover a number of issues facing sorghum growers including: risk management, marketing opportunities, weed control, crop production practices, nutrient management and soil fertility, and insect management. CCA/CEU credits have been applied for at all locations.

Lunch will be provided, courtesy of the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission. There is no cost to attend, but participants are asked to pre-register by **January 29**. Online registration is available at K-State Sorghum Schools (<http://bit.ly/KSUSorghum>) or by emailing/calling the nearest local K-State Research and Extension office nearest the location participants plan to attend.

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