Kansas State Wins Crop Contests

In competition at Kansas City and Chicago on 18 and 22 November, respectively, the Kansas State Collegiate Crops Team placed first in both competitions followed in second and third by the University of Wisconsin–Platteville (UW-P) and Virginia Tech (VT). Other teams included South Dakota State University, Oklahoma State University (OSU), Iowa State University, and the University of Missouri. Kansas State University (KSU) placed first in the three contest phases (Grain Grading, Seed Analysis, and Identification) in both contests with the exception of UW-P, which placed first in Seed Analysis in Chicago. The top individuals, respectively, in Kansas City and Chicago were: Sam Knauss, KSU (first—both); Ben Coomes, KSU (2 and 5); Tyler Herrs, KSU (3 and 4); Rodger Williams, UW-P (4 and 2); Nick Theisen, UW-P (6 and 3); and Erica McComish, UW-P (5 and 6).

Major crops contest sponsors for Kansas City included ASA, CSSA, American Royal, CHS Foundation, AOSA, South Dakota Crop Improvement Association, and DuPont Pioneer. Major Chicago sponsors included ASA, CSSA, CME Group, SCST, and GROWMARK.

The “Reinvest ASA” program of ASA will be supporting a group of the top six students and one coach to travel to Australia in September of 2015 to compete in the Australian Universities Crops Competition in Temora, NSW. The top students who intend to participate for the U.S. Crops Team will be Rodger Williams (UW-P); Nick Theisen (UW-P); Erica McComish (UW-P); Robbie Longest (VT); John Harver (VT), and Maddie Shires (OSU) with Dr. Ozzie Abaye, coach (VT).

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