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## Mark Your Calendars! ISA Annual Meeting & Seed Forum

The Iowa Seed Association Annual Meeting and Seed Forum will be held at the Varied Industries Building on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 9 am to Noon. Partnering with the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference, ISA is able to offer the Seed Forum and Annual Meeting attendees a fantastic networking opportunity.

The Agribusiness Showcase & Conference is about giving agribusiness professionals the opportunity to explore the innovative tools they need to grow their business, now and into the future. More than 1,000 ag professionals attended the 2014 Conference and its the nation's largest indoor field-day was held which filled the Varied Industries Building.

Nationally renowned speakers will discuss the latest technology, innovations, and regulations affecting the ag industry during the 2015 Agribusiness Showcase & Conference

Through ISA's partnership with the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference, ISA members will have the opportunity to attend a wider variety of workshops and network with all facets of the ag industry.



The Seed Forum workshops are dedicated solely to information pertinent to the seed industry. All attendee registrations for the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference, including the Seed Forum, opens on November 1, 2015.

Pre-registrations for the Seed Forum received **before Jan 29, 2016** will at

the discounted rate of \$75. After the 29th registration goes to \$100.

*Registration to the Seed Forum includes educational materials, 2-day admission to the Showcase floor, admission with drink ticket to the All Industry Reception on Tuesday, Feb 9, and lunch on Wednesday, Feb 10.*

Visit the [www.agribizshowcase.com](http://www.agribizshowcase.com) for more details on all the activities during the 2-day event.

## CSS 2015 & Seed Expo

For 70 years, the Corn & Sorghum Seed Research Conference (CSS) and Soybean Seed Research Conference has been the premier event for seed industry professionals to do business. In between placing and taking orders, buyers and sellers alike take advantage of great networking opportunities, innovative product showcases and important news and informational sessions. The CSS 2015 & Seed Expo will be in Chicago, IL on December 7 - 11, 2015.

[CSS 2015 & Seed Expo](http://www.css2015.org) is America's largest seed industry conference, bringing together more than 3,000 seed industry professionals for unparalleled networking and education each year.

The Seed Expo also features more than 150 companies offering a variety of services and products

to help make your business more efficient and effective.

ASTA offers complimentary registration for students with proof of student ID and Thursday, December 10 will feature an entire track of student programming, including an interactive student poster presentation lunch reception. Contact ASTA at [info@amseed.org](mailto:info@amseed.org) for information on student registration.

Early registration is in effect until Nov 13, 2015. Contact ASTA at [info@amseed.org](mailto:info@amseed.org) for information on student registration or visit [www.amseed.org/events/asta-css-seed-expo](http://www.amseed.org/events/asta-css-seed-expo) for additional details. Hotel and travel information can be accessed [here](#). Registration is required before using the ASTA group rate to make hotel reservation for this event.



## Call for Board of Directors

**T**he Iowa Seed Association is calling on all members in search of additional participants for the Board of Directors. Any member who wishes to serve on the Board may do so for a 1 year term. Duties of board members include: keeping up to date with industry seed information, important topics, and technologies to better assist members in knowledge expansion, attending board meetings and annual forums, as well as being available for questions by the members.

The ISA Board of Directors are held in high regard among peers and is a great way to expand your knowledge as well as network with persons from all facets of the Seed Industry.

Please visit [iowaseed.org](http://iowaseed.org) for events and meeting information. All interested in serving on the Board call the ISA office at 515-262-8323 or email ISA Board President Rhonda Birchmier, at [rhonda.birchmier@syngenta.com](mailto:rhonda.birchmier@syngenta.com).

## Appeals Court Suspends WOTUS Implementation

**A** new ruling issued today by a federal appeals court places a nationwide stay on the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Rule, better known as Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS).

The court agreed with petitioners that the treatment in the rule of tributaries, "adjacent waters," and waters having a "significant nexus" to navigable waters is at odds with a previous Supreme Court ruling and that "it is far from clear that the new Rule's distance limitations are harmonious with the instruction."

In addition, the ruling called EPA's rulemaking process "facially suspect" because it did not include any proposed distance limitations in its use of terms like "adjacent waters" and significant nexus."

Agricultural organizations are supporting the ruling. "The American Farm

Bureau Federation is pleased the Sixth Circuit recognizes that this rule has serious flaws and cannot go forward until the courts have had an opportunity to understand its effect on farmers, ranchers and landowners of all kinds," said AFBF president Bob Stallman in a statement.

A three judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Judicial Circuit voted 2-1 to stay implementation over concern that burden to state and federal government, as well as private parties and the public in general, from the implementation of the WOTUS rule outweighed any harm to the agencies in keeping the status quo.

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## 2016 Association Dues

**O**ctober 9, 2015, a dues packet was mailed for the 2016 dues year to all ISA members. Each packet included a membership invoice and ISA sponsorship form, along with a cover crop challenge letter.

Be sure to look over your company contact information, indicate changes before returning your forms. Each company is allowed to have up to five additional contact, which will receive correspondence from ISA. To insure the best possible service please provide accurate information on all additional contacts.

Each year the ISA hosts a variety of events that are informational and beneficial to all members. As a benefit to each member, ISA sends out a quarterly news publication to inform members of local and national events that might effect the seed industry.

If you have a referral or know of anyone who is interested in becoming an ISA member please call the office at 515-262-8323.

Any questions about your dues packet or sponsorship is welcome to call the office or email [joano@agribiz.org](mailto:joano@agribiz.org). **See information online [www.iowaseed.org](http://www.iowaseed.org).**

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### Iowa Seed Association Reminders & Events

- November 7-11, 2015 CSS 2015 & Seed Forum, Chicago, IL
- February 9-10, 2016 Agribusiness Showcase & Conference: Seed Forum & Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA **REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

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