

# INSIDE ICIA



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## Commitment to Excellence

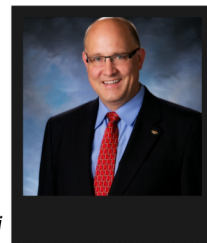
*ICIA President, Wade Wiley  
Global Head of Commercial Excellence, Syngenta*

We are thrilled to announce that we closed our fiscal year in April with record revenues! This incredible milestone is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our valued members and employees. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to excellence. We couldn't have achieved this success without you.

We hope everyone had a safe and productive planting season. We are committed to providing you with excellent seed quality, resulting in strong emergence and vigor in your farmer's fields. This sets a positive foundation for a successful growing season.

As we move forward, we acknowledge the challenging times facing agriculture, particularly the uncertainties in the global geopolitical landscape. We remain committed to providing our members with the highest quality products and services, and we will continue to work together to navigate these challenges. We look forward to connecting with you at our upcoming open house in August and our annual conference in November.

## MEMBER FOCUS



*Craig Anderson, President & CEO Ag Alumni*

### Ag Alumni Seed: Advancing Genetics, Fueling Innovation

At Ag Alumni Seed, our mission is clear: To make improved genetics available to Indiana farmers and beyond, while leveraging our unique facilities and expertise for product development purposes. As we continue to grow, our vision remains rooted in being a responsive, flexible, and financially sound organization that delivers value to agriculture, Purdue University, and Purdue Ag Alumni.

**Our commitment to research and development of new popcorn hybrids** remains central to our work. The next generation of popcorn genetics—developed by **Dr. Fernando Cardenas**—aims to set a new standard in popcorn agronomics and performance, ensuring growers have access to the best traits and yield potential available.

We're proud to support and collaborate with Purdue University in several key areas of innovation:

- Funding and exclusive licensing of the **D16 short stature trait for popcorn**, developed in Dr. Guri Johal's program
- Contributed to the **Prussic Acid Free Sorghum** initiative of Dr. Tuinstra
- Supported **Dr. Torbert Rocheford's Orange Corn** program
- Investment in **small grains research, soybean genetics, and phenomic sensing technologies** at Purdue.
- Financial support for both the Phenotyping Facility and Greenhouse Expansion Project at Purdue

We are also proud to welcome **Craig Anderson** as our new **President and CEO**. With decades of leadership experience in the seed industry, Craig brings a dynamic background in sales, marketing, and operations—poised to guide Ag Alumni into its next chapter of innovation and impact.

Together, we're planting the seeds of progress for Indiana and beyond.



## Focused on Success

*Craig Nelson, ICIA CEO*

At the end of April, we completed ICIA's fiscal year end. Looking back at our performance over the past year I am gratified by the growth and improvements that we have made within our association. For the second year in a row, we achieved record revenues for the association, in fact our total income increased by over 21 percent. Even with this impressive growth we were able to keep our expenses in relative check, which has resulted in a healthy net operating income. We are leveraging this financial success back into our association through the purchase of new equipment and instruments and renovating some of our laboratory workspaces. These investments are allowing us to scale up production, providing quicker turnaround times for assays and enabling us to add new services that will support the seed and grain industries. The financial health of our association is a source of stability empowering us to invest more abundantly in our dedicated staff members. I believe that FY24/25 is just the beginning of a period of sustained success for Indiana Crop Improvement Association, we can build on this momentum to propel our association into the future of seed certification and laboratory testing.

While focusing on the future, it is also important that we recognize our past, 2025 marks the 125th anniversary of the Indiana Crop Improvement Association. As such we are making plans to celebrate this anniversary with an association open house on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on joining us to recognize this milestone event.

### Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future!



This summer, ICIA will proudly celebrate a remarkable milestone of innovation, sustainability, and commitment to excellence as we bring together member customers, stakeholders, and industry friends for our 125th Anniversary Celebration! The celebration, set for Friday, August 15 at Indiana Crop Improvement in Lafayette, IN, promises to be an unforgettable day, showcasing the history and inspiring excitement for growth! Plan now to join us for an Open House at ICIA on August 15, 12:00-4:30 pm.

While this special celebration honors our past, ICIA is also focused on the future. This fall, ICIA will host the Corn Belt Seed & Grain Conference, a dynamic two-day educational and networking event designed to equip your business with the latest tools and information to ensure your success! Attendees will gain insight from expert-led sessions, keynote presentations, and emerging technologies. The event, scheduled November 12-13 at the brand new Tallison Hotel in Carmel, IN is your gateway to staying connected and competitive in the rapidly changing industry of agriculture!

This year, IPSA and ICIA are teaming up to give attendees a smarter, more complete conference experience as we offer a discount to attendees of both events! The Corn Belt Seed & Grain Conference, Nov. 12-13, 2025 and the IPSA Annual Conference, January 12-15, 2026 in Indianapolis are the two Midwest ag events you do not want to miss!

Together these events reflect ICIA's commitment to YOU as we bridge our tradition with transformation! The 125th Celebration Open House and Corn Belt Seed and Grain Conference will offer two unique opportunities to engage with industry leaders, while being a part of shaping the future of agriculture.

#### ICIA 125th Celebration Open House

August 15, 2025  
Lafayette, IN - ICIA Headquarters

#### Corn Belt Seed and Grain Conference

November 12-13, 2025  
Tallison Hotel, Carmel, IN

### DID YOU KNOW?

For the 2025 growing season ICIA will inspect over 100,000 acres, of eight different crop species, corn, soybeans, wheat, barley, oats, triticale, sorghum and sunflowers.

We are currently accepting certification applications for small grains and corn acres.

### Mark your Calendar

#### June 6-12

AOSA/SCST Annual Meeting, Missoula, MT

#### June 8-11

ASTA Leadership Summit, Washington DC

#### June 15-19

AOSCA Annual Meeting, Overland Park, KS

#### August 15

ICIA Member Appreciation and 125th Celebration Open House, Lafayette, IN

#### August 19

Total Seed Production and Peterson Corn Genetics Profitability Day, Altoona, IA

#### October 27-30

WSA Meeting, Kansas City, MO

#### November 12-13

Corn Belt Seed & Grain Conference, Indianapolis, IN

#### December 9-12

ASTA Field Crop Seed Convention, Orlando, FL

#### January 12-15, 2026

IPSA 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN