** This news release from K-State Research and Extension is available online at www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/stories/2023/04/agriculture-oilseed-crush-meetings.html

Released: April 24, 2023

**Goodland crush facility opens opportunity for farmers in Kansas, Oklahoma**

Meetings set May 11, 18 to provide information for canola growers

*K-State Research and Extension news service*

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- A decision by a Nebraska-based agribusiness to recommission an oilseed crush facility near Goodland has opened an opportunity for farmers in Kansas and Oklahoma, said a Kansas State University agronomist.

Canola breeder Mike Stamm noted that Scoular – which lists more than 100 offices in North America and Asia and sales of more than $9 billion – announced in mid-March that it would retrofit the facility to crush both soybeans and canola.

The facility is expected to begin operations in fall 2024.

“We wanted to support them by getting growers together to learn more,” Stamm said. “For alternative oilseeds like canola to be successfully grown in Kansas, it is crucial to have a readily available end market within the region, which Scoular will provide.”

Stamm said K-State Research and the Great Plains Canola Association will host several canola informational meetings for new and experienced growers. The meetings are scheduled for May 11 in Enid, Oklahoma, and May 18 in Montezuma, Kansas and Harper, Kansas.

He said the meetings will include an update from Scoular on their marketing and pricing strategies and the company’s vision for the rapidly changing renewable fuels market. Brief updates on canola research and extension activities will be given, as well as an update from the Great Plains Canola Association.

The meetings are free to attend, but reservations are required because a meal will be provided. Location and contacts for each meeting include:

- 9:30 a.m., Coffee and networking
- 10 a.m., presentation and meeting

RSVP to Ron Sholar, irsholar@aol.com

Thursday, May 18: Montezuma Community Building, 508 West Sunnyside Ave., Montezuma, Kansas.

- 12 p.m., presentation and meal

RSVP to the Gray County Extension Office, 620-855-3821, or Kurt Werth, kwerth@ksu.edu

Thursday, May 18, 2023 – Fencepost, 700 E. 14th St., Harper, Kansas

- 6 p.m., presentation and meal

RSVP to the Harper County Extension Office, 620-842-5445, or Jenni Carr, jlcarr@ksu.edu

FOR PRINT PUBLICATIONS: Links included in this story
Scoular invests in Kansas oilseed crush facility (March 14),

K-State Research and Extension is a short name for the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, a program designed to generate and distribute useful knowledge for the well-being of Kansans. Supported by county, state, federal and private funds, the program has county extension offices, experiment fields, area extension offices and regional research centers statewide. Its headquarters is on the K-State campus in Manhattan. For more information, visit www.ksre.ksu.edu

For more information:
Mike Stamm
785-532-3871
mjstamm@ksu.edu

Written by:
Pat Melgares
785-532-1160
melgares@ksu.edu