

Agenda

Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association

January 28, 2026 • Holiday Inn • St. Cloud, Minnesota

- 9:00 AM Check-in and Refreshments..... Pre-function
Trade show opens Pre-function
- 10:00 AM Welcome.....Gophers-Huskies
Brent Benike, **MCIA Chairman**
Duane Dahlman, **MCIA Executive Director**

Door Prize (Must be present to win) *Sponsored by Cummings Ag, Inc*
- 10:30 AM Minnesota Department of Agriculture:
2025 Seed Regulatory Program UpdateGophers-Huskies
Speaker: Michael Merriman, **Seed and Biotechnology Supervisor**
- Break
- 11:15 AM Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council Update:
Next Generation Soybeans Research & Breeding
That Pay On the FarmGophers-Huskies
Speaker: Sergio Cabello Leiva, **PhD, Director of Research**
- 12:00 PM Lunch, Networking, and Trade Show Break..... Celebration
- 1:00 PM MCIA Open Business MeetingGophers-Huskies
Bylaw Changes
Chairman’s Report: Brent Benike
Election of Officers
Executive Director’s Report: Duane Dahlman

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- Break
- 2:00 PM Awards PresentationGophers-Huskies
Master of Ceremonies: Kris Folland, **Field Services Manager**

Award Presentations:
Honorary Premier Seed Grower
Premier Seed Grower
Achievement in Crop Improvement, *Sponsored by the Farmer Magazine*

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- 3:00 PM Adjourn
Refreshments Pre-function
- 4:00 PM Trade Show closes..... Pre-function