



Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability

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ABOUT MCIA

Our Mission

Minnesota Crop Improvement Association is dedicated to improving the productivity, profitability and competitive position of producers, processors and distributors of agricultural products by providing services to enable them to provide high-quality products to Minnesota, the United States and the World.

Who We Are

Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) was founded in 1903 and operates as a 501(c)(5) not for profit association funded by the fees it charges for the services it provides. MCIA offices are located on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. MCIA serves its members with 14 full-time employees including field staff located throughout the state.

What We Do

MCIA strives to provide superior programs and services designed to help clients maximize value in four main areas:



Certification Services

- Seed – field crops, turf and forage crops
- Native grasses and wildflower seeds
- Noxious weed seed free forage and mulch
- Identity preserved grain
- Sod



Organic Certification

- Field crops, fruits and vegetables
- Handling/Processing
- Livestock
- Wild crops



Field Services

- Seed quality assurance
- Field inspection services
- Inspection, auditing and on-site evaluation services
- Seed conditioning and identity preserved grain handling facility approval



Foundation Seed Services

- Foundation seed sales
- Parent seed production
- Variety licensing