

Tentative Agenda
Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA)
 Annual Meeting Program
 January 8-9, 2019, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:00 PM Evening Reception Social (Hors d'oeuvres, Beverages, & No-Host Bar) *Page/Whitford*

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

7:30 AM Registration, Breakfast, Trade Show Opens *Page/Whitford & Prefunction Area*

8:45 AM **Future of MN Approved Seed Conditioning & Marketing Assoc** *Kempfer/Adams*
 Roger Wippler, Manager, Foundation Seed Services

9:00 AM **MCIA Welcome & Seed Certification Handbook** *Kempfer/Adams*
 Fawad Shah, Seed Certification Handbook Overview

9:30 **Minnesota Department of Agriculture Update** *Kempfer/Adams*
 Mark Abrahamson, Director, Plant Protection Division

10:00 **Organic Agriculture, Trends and Opportunities** *Kempfer/Adams*
 Mac Ehrhardt, Owner and Manager, Albert Lea Seed House

10:30 Coffee & Trade Show Break *Prefunction Area*

11:00 **Agronomic Standards Discussion** *Kempfer/Adams*
 MCIA Committee Meeting

11:15 **MCIA Open Business Meeting/Election of Officers** *Kempfer/Adams*
 Chairman Report Resolutions
 Board Member Elections President/CEO Report, Fawad Shah

12:00 PM Awards Luncheon

Awards Luncheon *Page/Whitford*

Sponsored by the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council

Awards Presentations: *Honorary Premier Seedsman*
 Premier Seedsman
 Achievement in Crop Improvement

2:00 Trade Show Break *Prefunction Area*

2:15 PM **Exciting New Technology &** *Kempfer/Adams*
Innovation from your Checkoff Dollars
 Tom Slunecka, CEO, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council

2:30 **Technology Commercialization of New Crop Varieties** *Kempfer/Adams*
 BJ Haun, Technology Licensing Officer, University of Minnesota Technology Commercialization

3:00 **Industry Updates from American Seed Trade Assn...** *Kempfer/Adams*
 Pat Miller, Director of State Government Affairs, American Seed Trade Association

3:30 **Challenges and Opportunities in Ag Trade** *Kempfer/Adams*
 Bruce Abbe, President & CEO, Midwest Shippers Association

4:00 PM Adjourn