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## **Minnesota Crop Improvement Association Boosts Field Services Staff with Two New Hires**

**SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, May 6, 2020** MCIA has hired two new field supervisors, Thomas Keskey and Daniel Krenz, to oversee its southern Minnesota service areas. With the aim of better serving members enrolled in its Field Inspection and Approved Facilities programs, MCIA recently redefined the boundaries of its service districts and added a new district to its map, District 4.



**Thomas Keskey**, of Cokato, has been hired as MCIA's field supervisor for southeast Minnesota (District 3). Keskey is a recent graduate of Ridgewater Technical and Community College in Willmar, with degrees in farm operations and management and precision farming. While in college, Keskey served as president of the Professional Agriculture Student Organization for both Ridgewater and the state of Minnesota. He was raised and lives on his family's farm. He has enjoyed all aspects of agriculture from a young age. He enjoys many outdoor activities and has been active

in his community—in his church and as a wrestling coach.

**Daniel Krenz**, of Redwood Falls, has been hired as the MCIA's field supervisor for southwest Minnesota (District 4). Krenz is a graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University, with a degree in business management. He has worked for Del Monte Foods, Inc. as a field supervisor/buyer for 10 years. He brings to MCIA a wealth of experience in agronomy, grower relationships, and facility processing. He enjoys farming, outdoor activities, and spending time with his family. His employment with MCIA begins June 1, 2020.



Since 1903, Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) has provided programs and services to meet the needs of an ever-changing agricultural world. These services include seed certification, organic certification, foundation seed production, and a variety of customized third-party verification programs for seed and identity-preserved grains. MCIA operates from facilities on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus with field staff located throughout Minnesota.

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