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# Minnesota Crop Improvement Association Announces 121st Annual Meeting

**SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, November 16, 2023** The Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) will convene its 121st annual meeting on January 24, 2024. The meeting, which all MCIA members are encouraged to attend, will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Along with MCIA's annual business meeting, the agenda will include an industry trade show and an awards luncheon. At the meeting, members will be joined by MCIA's board members, field supervisors, and administrative staff.

### Program

MCIA is planning an informative program tailored for individuals engaged in seed production, conditioning, and various sectors within the agricultural industry. Dr. Fawad Shah, the President and CEO of MCIA and the event's host, characterizes it as, "a prime occasion for seed producers and processors around the state to convene, exchange insights, and stay abreast of the latest developments shared by industry experts."

### Awards Luncheon

The awards luncheon will include the presentation of the Premier and Honorary Premier Seed Grower awards and the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award.

### **Meeting Registration**

Registration for the meeting is required, but there is no registration fee. Registration forms and other meeting documents are available on the Annual Meeting page of the MCIA website: www.mncia.org/annual-meeting.

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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