

Calendar

Feb 15	Foundation Seed down payments due
Feb 16-17	International Crop Expo, Grand Forks, ND
Feb 21	Holiday, MCIA Office Closed
Feb 21	Southern Wheat Tour, Le Center
Feb 22	Southern Wheat Tour, Mora
Feb 23	Southern Wheat Tour, Litchfield
	Southern Wheat Tour, Benson
Feb 24	Southern Wheat Tour, Slayton
Feb 24-26	Upper Midwest Organic Farming Conf., La Crosse, WI
Mar 25	MCIA Board Meeting, St. Paul

2011 MCIA Board of Directors

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MCIA Board of Directors Elected

Craig Damstrom of Alexandria (District 2) and Paul Kjolhaug of Willmar (Related Industry) were elected to the MCIA Board during the Annual Meeting.

Thank you to the outgoing Board members: Cal Spronk of Edgerton and Rick Brandenburger of Breckenridge.

Quest Barley Added to the Recommended Malting Barley List

The American Malting Barley Association, Inc. (AMBA), a nonprofit trade association of major US malting and brewing companies, has announced recommended malting barley varieties for the 2011 growing season.

Quest, a scab tolerant line which averages 40% lower in DON than current varieties, is the first recommended variety developed from Fusarium resistant genetic stocks. "Quest's resistance derives from barley varieties that trace back to China and Switzerland," said Kevin Smith, who leads the barley breeding program at the University of Minnesota. Celebration, a six-row variety and Pinnacle, a two-row variety were also added to the recommended list.

Seed Certification and Testing

An analysis report from a seed testing lab does not represent certified seed. A seed lot is not certified until a passed Seed Certification Report is issued by MCIA and a certification label is attached or a Bulk Sales Certificate is issued to the buyer.

Test Seed Now – Don't wait to send in your samples for testing. Submitting samples early will ensure you have the results when you need them. Any issues or concerns can be addressed before selling and shipping seed.

Foundation Seed and New Variety Information

Information on the new varieties for 2011 was recently mailed to eligible members and county extension offices. New releases being distributed include Rollag wheat, MN0095 and MN1610CN soybeans.

Foundation seed is still available for most varieties including: Sabin, Barlow, RB07 and Faller wheat and Quest barley. Orders are processed on a first come first serve basis. Orders made now should include full payment. Call MCIA for additional information or if you have questions.

Traill Soybeans

Please Note: The NDSU Research Foundation has entered into an exclusive license with Sabre Initiatives, LLC of Willmar, MN for the export of the Certified Class of Seed of the 'Traill' soybean variety to the Ukraine. Sabre Initiatives, LLC is the only authorized exporter of the Traill soybean variety to the Ukraine.

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