

Calendar

Mar 15	Payments due for Foundation seed
Mar 16-17	Midwest Poultry Federation Convention, St. Paul River Center
Mar 22-23	AOSCA Northern Region Meeting, Chicago, IL
Mar 24	Soybean Symposium, U of MN Landscape Arboretum, Chanhasen
Mar 25	MCIA Board Meeting, St. Paul
Apr 7	Southwest Research & Outreach Center (SWROC) Season Extension Day, Lambertson
Apr 29	SWROC Horticulture Day, Lambertson

Issuing Bulk Certificates Online

If you would like to issue Bulk Certificates online, an account needs to be set up. Please contact Cindy at the MCIA office for more information.

Proof of Seed Source

Remember, when picking up seed make sure it is properly tagged or that you receive a bulk certificate. Save these documents for proof of seed source. Information packets for Field Inspections will be mailed in May.

Hiring Part-time Field Staff

MCIA is looking for part-time field inspectors and Insect Refuge Management (IRM) assessors for the upcoming inspection season. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact your field supervisor or call the MCIA office at 1-800-510-6242.

Foundation Seed

Seed Available - We are still accepting orders for Foundation seed of wheat, barley, oats and soybeans. Please include full payment when ordering. Some of the varieties available are Rasmusson and Quest barley; Barlow, Faller, RB07 and other wheat varieties. We also have a good supply of the MN1410 soybean and many oat varieties. Contact MCIA at 1-800-510-6242 if you have questions.

New Varieties - Invoices have been mailed to those who received a new variety allocation. Please make payment immediately, so you can pick up your seed in a timely manner.

Seed Pickup - Full payment is due before you can pick up your Foundation seed order. Remember to contact your seed distributor ahead of time to make arrangements to pick up seed.

Seed Testing and Labeling

The MCIA Sampling Report has been updated for 2011. If you are using an electronic version, please download the updated form. When sending in your seed samples for testing to North Dakota you must fill out MCIA's Sampling Report and NDSSD's Seed Test Request Form.

Both forms are available at: www.mncia.org/program_seedcert_forms.

As you wrap up seed conditioning and testing, here are a few items to keep in mind:

1. Send in samples as soon as possible so you have test results for seed you are distributing.
2. Always tag or issue bulk certificates for seed you distribute.
3. Be sure any Foundation or Registered seed you intend to use as a seed source has passed final certification.
4. Resolve any issues about eligibility of seed source before planting.
5. Keep accurate records of any seed you carry over into next year.

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