

Samplings

April 2011 Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability



Calendar

April 29 Southwestern Reseach &

Outreach Center, Horticulture

Day, Lamberton

May 31 MCIA Office Closed

Southern ROC, Agronomy Field June 21

Tour, Waseca

Foundation Seed

Seed Available - We are still accepting orders for Foundation seed. Please include full payment when ordering. Varieties available include: 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.

April 15 - Is the final due date for payment for Foundation seed orders. Please make payment immediately, so you can pick up your seed in a timely manner. New orders can still be made after this date.

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.

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.

Bulk Certificates

Retailers and producers are reminded that when they sell bulk certified seed, a bulk certificate must accompany every load of seed sold. This is proof of certification and serves as the seed label. When purchasing seed you must receive a bulk certificate with each load of seed. Bulk seed sold without a bulk certificate is not certified seed.

Make sure bulk certificates are completely filled out with all applicable information. This includes growers name and complete analysis.

If you are interested in completing bulk certificates online, contact the MCIA office or your field supervisor.

If you are using hand written or preprinted bulk certificates, mail the yellow bulk certificate copies to your field supervisor at the end of the spring season.

Information for Field Inspection Applications

Each year we need to contact growers to obtain information needed to complete field inspection. Sometimes it delays final certification later in the year. As you move into the planting season, please keep accurate records and remember these items:

- 1. Distribute seed with proper tags or bulk certificates.
- 2. Save your proof of seed source (tags or bulk certificates).
- 3. Resolve any issues about eligibility of seed source before planting.

Your MCIA field supervisor or office staff will be happy to answer your questions.

Field Inspection Application Deadlines

Please review these dates carefully in order to avoid late fees:

- June 7 Small grains, corn, sunflowers and other crops not listed below
- June 7 or 3 weeks after planting (whichever is first) Soybean post spray inspections
- June 7 Soybean bloom inspections
- 4 weeks prior to each cutting Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage & Mulch
- July 15 Soybeans (pre-harvest inspection only)
- Year of Seeding Perennials and native grasses & forbs

Applications are mailed in May. Applications are also available online at www. mncia.org and may be submitted early if you do not wish to wait for the mailing.

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