

Calendar

- May 30** MCIA Office Closed
- June 7** Field Inspection Apps Due
- June 18-22** ASTA Annual Meeting,
Huntington Beach, CA
- June 21** Southern Research & Outreach
Center, Agronomy Field Tour,
Waseca
- June 23-24** MCIA Board Meeting, Lanesboro

Minnesota Certified Seed Bags

The deadline for ordering Minnesota Certified Seed bags is earlier this year due to a short supply of paper. All orders must be entered with Greif no later than **Friday, May 20th**. Information was recently mailed to Approved Seed Conditioners. If you have questions about ordering bags you can contact customer service at Greif in Rosemount, MN at 651-423-2216 or 800-432-2247 or call Gloria Donner at 763-262-6237.



It's Field Inspection Application Time

MCIA field inspection application packets will be mailed soon. A few items to remember:

1. Review current fee schedule to determine fees.
2. Enclose payment and proof of seed source with application.
3. Application forms and instructions are also available online at www.mncia.org.

If you have questions, contact your field supervisor or the MCIA office.

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

New Variety Descriptions

All new variety descriptions are due at the same time as field inspection applications. Forms are available online at www.mncia.org or contact the office to request forms by mail or fax. Remember, a \$25.00 fee will be assessed if your fields are inspected without a complete description, and seed certification cannot be completed without a description. Please contact the office if you need assistance or have any questions.

Promote Your New Varieties

If you want people to know about the varieties you are growing, why not put in a field sign? The Clay County Crop Improvement has field signs available for purchase to promote certified public varieties. The attractive signs are blue and designed to resemble a certified seed tag. The signs can be customized to include variety names and your contact information. Contact Tom Livdahl, Heartland Seeds TLC, Inc. at 218-585-4621 for more information.

Main Office

1900 Hendon Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55108
tel: 612-625-7766
toll free: 800-510-6242
fax: 612-625-3748

Field Supervisors

Jim Boots Redwood Falls jimbootsmncia@hotmail.com 507-420-5867
Kris Folland Halma kfolland@wiktel.com 218-791-2156
Brenda Rogers Vergas brenda.rogers@mncia.org 218-841-9964

email: mncia@mncia.org

website: www.mncia.org

MCIA Services

Certification Services
Field Services
Foundation Services
Organic Certification