

Calendar

Sept 12	U of MN Soil Quality Mgmt Workshop, WCROC, Morris
Sept 13	U of MN Soil Quality Mgmt Workshop, SROC, Waseca
Sept 15	U of MN Open House, Waseca
Oct 28	Harvest of Knowledge, Agri Womens Conf., Grand Forks, ND
Nov 6-7	ASTA Farm & Lawn Seed Conf., Kansas City, MO
Nov 16	Agri-Growth Council Annual Mtg, Minneapolis
Nov 18	MCIA Board Mtg, St. Paul
Nov 24-25	MCIA Office Closed
Dec 8	Prairie Grains Conference, Grand Forks, ND

Fall Field Inspections

Fall weather conditions may cause soybeans to mature quickly. Be sure to contact your MCIA Field Supervisor if you are unsure whether a field has been inspected or if you have a field ready for harvest that has not been inspected. If the Field Supervisor is not available to speak with you directly, please leave a detailed message including your name, phone number, the field in question, and the proposed date of harvest. They will return your call as soon as possible. See Field Supervisor contact information below in the shaded box.

Reminder: Label Your Storage Bins!

Seed producers and conditioners must properly label all bins containing seed and keep records identifying the contents of their bins. Bin storage records should include variety, field number(s), year grown, seed class and grower or lot number. Seed growers and conditioners who offer conditioned bulk seed for sale from their bins need to display the seed label on the bin as required by the Minnesota Seed Law (Sec. 21.82). Bulk retail facilities must also have their bins clearly marked with the seed label posted on the bin.

Board of Director Nominations

Board of Director nominations are open for the following: James Hunzeker, District 3; Duane Dahlman, District 3; and Mary Hanks, Related Industry. *James and Mary have served two terms and are not eligible for re-election.* Send all nominations to: MCIA, 1900 Hendon Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108. All nominations will be forwarded to the nomination committee.

Winter Wheat and Rye Seed

Growers interested in ordering Foundation winter wheat or rye seed should contact the MCIA office. We will check on availability and request seed from other states. Order early for best availability. For a list of Minnesota Registered and Certified Producers, contact the office or go to our website at www.mncia.org.

MCIA Award Nominations

MCIA members are encouraged to submit nominations for the Premier Seedsman, Honorary Premier Seedsman and Achievement in Crop Improvement Awards which will be presented at the MCIA annual meeting January, 10-11, 2012.

Call the office to request copies of the requirements or call, email or mail your nominations to MCIA.

State Fair Seed Show

Thank you to everyone who submitted seed samples for the Certified Seed show. Even submitting just one or two samples helps to make a competitive show. It's easy to do, just save a sample from your certified seed lot and early next summer watch for information on how to enter. It's fun to do and it helps educate the thousands of people that visit the fair.

Things heard at the State Fair...

- *Are there any family farms still in Minnesota?*
- *These seeds are all owned by Monsanto now aren't they?*
- *Can a person find seed that doesn't have the suicide gene?*
- *Do we grow wheat in Minnesota?*

This is just a sample of the questions heard over 10 days at the fair. As you can see, any educating we can do by having a Certified Seed Show is beneficial.

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