

Samplings

May 2012 Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability

Calendar

May 28	MCIA Office Closed	
Jun 11-15	UC Davis Seed Business 101	
	Field Crops, Minneapolis	
Jun 18-19	MCIA Board Meeting	
Jun 20-23	ASTA Mtg, National Harbor, MD	
Jun 21	SROC Field Tour, Waseca	
Jun 24-27	AOSCA Mtg, Sun Valley, ID	

Iowa State Seed Conditioning Workshops

ISU is again offering a series of workshops on Seed Conditioning this summer. These are small group sessions that feature a mix of classroom and "hands on" equipment operation in the pilot plant at the ISU Seed Science Center. The workshops are suitable for training new personnel or as a refresher course for experienced operators. Workshop fee includes a box or catered lunch each day.

Color Sorting - Satake	June 4-5
Color Sorting - Satake	June 6-7
Seed Corn Conditioning	June 18-21
Seed Treatment	June 27-28
Soybean & Small Grain Seed	July 9-12
Specialty Seed	July 17-19
Soybean & Small Grain Seed	July 23-26
Gravity Separation	July 31
Gravity Separation	August 2
Seed Corn Conditioning	August 6-9

For more information about the Seed Science Center at Iowa State University or to register, visit www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/seedscience/ home.html or call 515-294-6222.

MCIA's New Website

Since 1903

We have launched our new website! Visit <u>www.mncia.org</u> and let us know what you think. There are two goals for the new site - first, to provide information, resources and forms to our members under the *Client Forms/Resources* buttons (located on each page on the right hand side). The second is to be a source of information for those looking for seed and other ag products produced by MCIA members. Take a look at the new site, your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

It's Field Inspection Application Time

MCIA field inspection application packets are in the mail. 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
- Noxious weed seed free forage & mulch 4 weeks prior to each cutting
- 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. 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.

Minnesota Certified Seed Bags

The deadline for ordering Minnesota Certified Seed bags with Greif is **Friday**, **June 1**st. 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 651-322-6541 or 800-432-2247 or call Gloria Donner at 763-262-6237.

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