

# Samplings

July 2012 ..... Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability .....



#### Calendar

July 18 U of MN Crops & Soil Day, NROC, Crookston 7:30 AM

July 25-26 Field School for Ag Professionals,

U of MN, St. Paul Campus www.Extension.umn.edu/

agprofessionals

Aug 7-9 Farmfest, Redwood Falls CountyAug 9 Wild Rice Field Day, Grand Rapids

Aug 27-29 Midwest Specialty Grains Conf.,

Minneapolis

# Advertising Space Available in the MCIA Directory

Do you need a way to reach potential customers? Advertise in the MCIA directory and you can reach seed buyers, producers, conditioners, wholesalers, retailers and a

variety of ag-related businesses.

This year we have expanded our full color ad space to include the four center pages. Ads are due by August 17.



For more information, or if you would like to reserve your ad space now, contact the office. An informational mailing will be going out to members this month.

### Field Signs

Looking for a field sign to promote your public variety? Clay County Crop Improvement has signs available. Contact Tom Livdahl 218-585-4621.

# **Small Grain Field Inspections**

Please be sure your small grain seed field is inspected before you harvest. If you have any doubts, contact your field supervisor. Do not harvest unless you are sure it has been inspected.

We can still accept applications for field inspections. If you need to add a field, contact the MCIA office or your field supervisor. A late fee may apply.

## **Upcoming Field Inspection Deadlines**

July 15 - Soybeans - Seed Certification, IP Grain, QA & other pre-harvest inspections

#### Minnesota State Fair Certified Seed Show

Prepare your certified seed samples for the State Fair. Entry closing dates for Farm Crops will be Friday, August 10. The Ag-Hort-Bee Rule and Premium book can be found online at <a href="https://www.mnstatefair.org">www.mnstatefair.org</a>, by looking under the competition banner or call the State Fair Office at 651-288-4417.

# **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.

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 <a href="www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/seedscience/home.html">www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/seedscience/home.html</a> or call 515-294-6222.

#### Norden Wheat Press Release

The University of Minnesota distributed a press release the end of June, encouraging wheat producers to get a look at "Norden" spring wheat at various field days and plot tours. The last of those field days will be held in Crookston July 18 at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center. The program starts with registration at 7:30 and tours beginning at 8:00 AM.

If you have any suggestions on how to promote Norden wheat contact Roger Wippler at MCIA.

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