

Samplings

September 2012 Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability



Calendar

Nov 13 MN Agri-Growth Council Annual Mtg & Speakers Conf., Mpls

Nov 16 MCIA Board Meeting, St. Paul

Nov 22-23 MCIA Office Closed - Holiday

Dec 4-7 ASTA Corn & Soybean Expo, Chicago, IL

Dec 12-13 Prairie Grains Conference,

Grand Forks, ND

Board of Director Nominations

Nominations are open for the MCIA Board of Directors - contact MCIA or email Ben Lang at ben.lang@mncia.org. The following seats are open - Paul Adams - Treasurer and Chad Anvinson, District 1; both are eligible for reelection. Send all nominations to: MCIA, 1900 Hendon Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

MCIA Award Nominations

MCIA members are encouraged to submit nominations for the Premier Seedsman, Premier Honorary Seedsman Achievement in Crop Improvement Awards which will be presented at the MCIA annual meeting January, 15-16, 2013.

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

Fall Field Inspections

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.

Remember to 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. Tell your contract growers to label their bins as well.

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 visit our website at www.mncia.org.

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.

In addition to the Certified Seed samples there was also a display that included sugar beets and seed samples of spring wheat, timothy, rye, kentucky bluegrass, barley, edible beans, flax, buckwheat, alfalfa, corn, oats, canola, soybeans and sunflower. The display generates questions and discussions with farmers and non-farmers.

Some of the questions from this year's fair include:

- What do you do with sugar beets?
- *Is that what popcorn looks like?*
- These seeds are all GMO now aren't they?
- Is Kentucky bluegrass really blue?



Please join us for the MCIA Annual Meeting, January 15-16, 2013, in Fergus Falls, MN

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