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Calendar

Feb 20-21 International Crop Expo, Grand Forks, ND

Feb 21-23 MOSES Organic Farming Conf.,

LaCrosse, WI

Feb 27 Grass Seed Institute, Roseau March 22 MCIA Board Mtg, St. Paul

March 26-28 MN Soybean Weed Resistance

> Seminars, Mahnomen, Willmar & N. Mankato. To register go to:

www.mnsoybean.org.

Foundation Seed and **New Variety Information**

Information on the new varieties for 2013 was recently mailed to eligible members and county extension offices. New releases being distributed include Linkert and Forefront spring wheat.

Foundation seed is still available for most varieties including: Lacey barley, Norden, Rollag, Prosper & Faller spring wheat.

Orders made now should include full payment. Call MCIA for additional information.

2013 MCIA Board of Directors

Jim Kukowski of Strathcona (District 1) was recently elected to the MCIA Board.

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MCIA Annual Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the MCIA Annual Meeting on January 15 and 16 in Fergus Falls. We greatly appreciate the support from the following sponsors and exhibitors which helped make our meeting successful:

Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Albert Lea Seed House, BioDiagnostics Inc., Bjerke Brothers Inc., Bratney Companies, Dow AgroSciences, The Farmer Magazine, Gateway Building Systems Inc., Greif Inc., Limagrain Cereal Seeds, Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings, Monsanto Company, Profile Industries, Scheels, Sportsman's Lodge, Syngenta Cereals, University of Minnesota, Agassiz Seed & Supply, Midwest Shippers' Association, Northern Bag and Box Company, SK Food International, Inc., SDSU Seed Testing Laboratory and Soyko International.

Achievement in Crop Improvement Award

Richard Magnusson of Roseau was presented the Achievement in Crop Improvementaward. Described as an advocate for farmers and seed producers, Richard has dedicated countless hours to a number of organizations. He has worked closely with University of Minnesota researchers and chaired the Minnesota Turf Seed Council working to improve grass seed production in Northern Minnesota. He was instrumental in the formation and operation of RL Growers Cooperative, a grower group producing and marketing turf grass seed products.

Premier and Honorary Premier Seedsman Awards

David Haugo of Waubun, has a long history of producing Certified seed. In recognition, David was presented the Premier Seedsman award. Over the past 60 years the Haugo's have produced high quality certified wheat, barley, oats, soybeans and hybrid sunflower seed.

James Hunzeker of Spring Grove, was recognized for his efforts of 30 years working with native species and getting them accepted for use in road construction and restoration projects.

Mary Hanks of Northfield, received the Honorary Premier Seedsman Award. Mary was recognized for her support of MCIA and organic agriculture through her work at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Jim Palmer of Mankato was also presented the Honorary Premier Seedsman Award. Jim was recognized for his support of MCIA and the University of Minnesota while he served as Executive Director of the Minnesota Soybean Growers (MSGA) and the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Counsel (MSR&PC).

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