

Calendar

Sept 19	SROC, Centennial Celebration, Waseca
Nov 3-4	Western Seed Assn, Kansas City, MO
Nov 5	MN Agri-Growth Council Annual Mtg & Speakers Conf., Mpls
Nov 22	MCIA Board Mtg, St. Paul
Dec 10-13	ASTA Seed Expo, Chicago, IL
Dec 11-12	Prairie Grains, Grand Forks, ND

Have your Fields Been Inspected?

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, along with the proposed date of harvest. They will return your call as soon as possible. See Field Supervisor contact information below in the shaded box.

Are you Labeling Your Storage Bins Correctly?

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.

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 - David Boehm, Related Industry; Brent Benike, District 1; Craig Damstrom, District 2 and Paul Kjolhaug, Related Industry. Craig and Paul are both eligible for re-election. Send all nominations to: MCIA, 1900 Hendon Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

MCIA Award Nominations

MCIA members are encouraged to submit nominations for the Honorary Premier Seedsman, Premier Seedsman and Achievement in Crop Improvement Awards which will be presented at the MCIA annual meeting January, 14-15, 2014.

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

SAVE THE DATE

*MCIA Annual Meeting,
January 14-15, 2014*

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.

MN State Fair

The 2013 Minnesota State Fair was bookended by some beautiful weather while in between it was just plain hot. Thanks to those who stopped by to say hi. Thanks also to MCIA members who submitted samples for the Certified Seed show. We are always looking for more samples and it's easy to enter, just save samples from your Certified seed lots and watch for info next summer on how to enter.

Along with the Certified seed samples there is a display of crops and seeds grown in Minnesota. The display area is a joint effort between the State Fair, the University of Minnesota and MCIA. It is staffed by Dr. Roy Thompson and Duane Smith (retired U of MN), Paul Mickelson (retired MCIA) and Roger Wippler. We answer questions about crops and seed and try to understand some of the comments we hear.

- *Why don't we grow quinoa? It's better than wheat.*
- *All of these seeds are GMO now and none of them will grow anymore.*

If I believed everything I heard, I would not eat products made from corn, sunflower, soybean, wheat, oats, canola, flax, alfalfa, buckwheat, rye, and barley. Not much left is there?

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