

Calendar

Feb 19-20	International Crop Expo, Grand Forks, ND
Feb 27-Mar 1	Commodity Classic, San Antonio, TX
Mar 5	Grass Seed Institute, Roseau
March 21	MCIA Board Mtg, St. Paul

Foundation Seed and New Variety Information

Information on the new varieties for 2014 was recently mailed to eligible members and county extension offices. Foundation seed is still available for most varieties including: *Linkert & Forefront spring wheat*.

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

2014 MCIA Board of Directors

Scott Habstritt of Roseau (District 1) and Mory Rugg of Fargo (Related Industry) were recently elected to the MCIA Board.

Officers:

Duane Dahlman, Cokato, MN, Chairman
Paul Kjolhaug, Willmar, MN, Vice Chairman
Neal Anderson, St. Peter, MN, Secretary
Paul Adams, Wendell, MN, Treasurer

Members:

Craig Damstrom, Alexandria, MN
Nancy Jo Ehlke, University of MN
Scott Habstritt, Roseau, MN
Jim Kukowski, Strathcona, MN
Jay Miller, Shakopee, MN
Mory Rugg, Fargo, ND
Michael Zabel, Plainview, MN

MCIA Annual Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the MCIA Annual Meeting on January 14 and 15 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, Agassiz Seed & Supply, Albert Lea Seed House, BioDiagnostics Inc., Bjerke Brothers Inc., Bratney Companies, The Farmer Magazine, Gateway Building Systems Inc., Greif Inc., Limagrain Cereal Seeds, Lorrach Manufacturing Inc, Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Vikings, Monsanto Company, Profile Industries, RDO Equipment Co., SDSU Seed Testing Laboratory, SK Food International, Inc., Soyko International, Sportsman's Lodge, and the University of Minnesota.

Achievement in Crop Improvement Award

Steve Dahl of Roseau received MCIA's highest honor. He has dedicated countless hours to a number of organizations including the Minnesota Canola Council, the United States Canola Association and the American Oil Seed Coalition. Steve is a strong supporter of the University of Minnesota having served in an advisory capacity and on various special committees. He also served on the Board of Directors for MCIA and the Northwest Regional Partnership. A long time MCIA member, he has produced certified seed of Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, timothy and small grains. Retired from farming, Steve is the business secretary for RL Growers, a grower group producing and marketing turf grass seed products.

Premier and Honorary Premier Seedsman Awards

Cal Spronk of Edgerton has been an MCIA member for 34 years. The Spronk family produces and processes soybeans, barley and oat seed. An active member of the agricultural community, Cal serves as a Director for the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association and the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District. He has also served on the MCIA Board.

Tim Backman of Herman continues a family tradition of producing certified seed which began with his father in the late 1950's. Tim and his wife Marilyn operate Backman Seeds producing and conditioning soybean and wheat seed. He served on the MCIA Board of Directors including a term as chairman.

Marv Zutz of Red Lake Falls received the Honorary Premier Seedsman Award. Marv has dedicated 38 years to the barley, wheat and turf seed industry. An advocate for producers, he currently serves as the Executive Director for the Minnesota Barley Growers Association and the Minnesota Turf Seed Council. Marv has served on numerous committees and advisory groups at the state and national level.

For more information on award recipients visit the MCIA website at www.mncia.org.

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