

# Samplings

March 2014 Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability



#### Calendar

March 21 MCIA Board Mtg, St. Paul April 1-2 AOSCA Northern Region

Meeting, Moline, IL

ASTA Convention, June 11-14

Indianapolis, IN

# Wheat & Barley Growers

Visit the U.S. Wheat & Barley Scab Initiative website at http://scabusa.org to read the Winter 2014 Newsletter: Fusarium Focus or go to www.mncia.org and we have a link under What's New.

## 2014 Seed Conditioning Workshops

Iowa State offers these hands on workshops, which include a mix of classroom presentations and equipment demonstrations. The workshops are suitable for training new personnel or as a refresher course for experienced operators.

Commerical Popcorn	May 20-22
Color Sorting - Satake	
Color Sorting - Satake	June 4-5
Color Sorting - Buhler Sotex	June 10-11
Seed Corn Conditioning	June 16-19
Seed Treatment	June 25-26
Soybean and Small Grain Seed	July 7-10
Specialty Seed Conditioning	July 15-17
Soybean and Small Grain Seed	July 21-24
Gravity Separation	July 29
Gravity Separation	July 31
Seed Corn Conditioning	August 4-7

For more information contact the Seed Science Center at Iowa State University, call 515-294-4011 or visit www.seeds.iastate.edu

# Seed Certification, Testing and Labeling

The cold snowy winter has delayed seed conditioning and testing, to prevent problems remember to:

- 1. Send in samples as soon as possible so you have test results for seed you are distributing.
- 2. Always tag or issue bulk certificates for seed you distribute.
- Be sure you received a passed seed certification report before any tags or bulk certificates are issued.
- 4. Resolve any issues about eligibility of seed source before planting.

#### **Proof of Seed Source**

Remember, when picking up seed make sure it is properly tagged or that you receive a bulk certificate. Save these documents for proof of seed source. Information packets for Field Inspections will be mailed in May.

# Foundation Seed and New Variety Information

Seed Available - We are still accepting orders for Foundation seed of wheat, barley, oats and soybeans. Please include full payment when ordering. Some of the varieties available are:

### Linkert & Forefront spring wheat.

New Varieties - Invoices will be mailed to those who received a new variety allocation. Please make payment immediately, so you can pick up your seed in a timely manner.

**Seed Pickup** - Full payment is due before you can pick up your Foundation seed order. Remember to contact your seed distributor ahead of time to make arrangements to pick up seed. Call MCIA for additional information or if you have questions.

# **Hiring Part-time Field Staff**

MCIA is looking for part-time field inspectors for the upcoming inspection season especially in the Morris and Moorhead areas! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact your field supervisor or call the MCIA office at 1-800-510-6242.

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#### **MCIA Services**

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