

# Samplings

June 2014

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#### Calendar

June 17-18 MCIA Board Mtg, Chanhassen June 22-25 AOSCA Annual Mtg, Asheville, NC July 23-25 Northern Seed Trade Assn/Field Seed Institute, Omaha, NE

Sept 15-18 Midwest Specialty Grains Conf, Milwaukee, WI

### **MCIA Directory Advertising**

Are you interested in advertising in the 2015 MCIA Directory? Watch your mail for more information in July or contact MCIA.

#### Minnesota State Fair **Certified Seed Show**

Save your certified seed samples for the State Fair. Entry closing dates for Farm Crops will be Friday, Aug. 8 (New corn closing date is Thursday, Aug. 28). The Ag-Hort-Bee Rule and Premium book can be found online at www.mnstatefair.org, by looking under the competition banner or call the State Fair Office at 651-288-4417. Prepare your samples now for entry to the fair.

#### 2014 Seed Conditioning Workshops

Iowa State is once again offering 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.

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

## What to Send in with your Field Inspection Application?

MCIA field inspection application packets were mailed out in May. A few items to remember:

- 1. Enclose payment. Review fee schedule to determine fees.
- 2. Enclose proof of seed source with application.
- 3. Enclose new variety descriptions if applicable.
- 4. Sign and return completed application by due date.
- 5. Application forms and instructions are also available online at www.mncia.org.

If you have questions, contact your field supervisor or the MCIA office.

# Field Inspection Application Deadlines

It's Not Too Late to Apply!

Please note these dates to avoid late fees:

- June 7 Small grains, corn, sunflowers and other crops not listed
- June 7 or 3 weeks after planting (whichever is first) Soybean post spray inspections
- June 7 Soybean bloom inspections
- Noxious weed seed free forage & mulch 4 weeks prior to each cutting
- July 15 Soybeans (pre-harvest inspection only)
- Year of Seeding Perennials and Native seed

#### Save Proof of Seed Source

Applicants for seed certification must provide proof that eligible seed was used to plant seed production fields.

Remember, when purchasing seed be sure bags are properly tagged with Foundation or Registered certification labels or that you receive a bulk certificate for bulk seed purchases. Save these documents for proof of seed source and submit with your Application for Field Inspection.

# Field Signs

Clay County Crop Improvement has field signs available to promote your public variety. Why not put up a sign to promote Linkert, Elgin-ND or Forefront wheat or maybe your Deon or Horsepower oats. For more information contact Tom Livdahl at 218-585-4621.

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