

# Samplings

June 2015 Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability

#### Calendar June 17-20 ASTA Convention, Washington DC June 21-24 AOSCA Annual Mtg, Vancouver, British Columbia June 29-30 MCIA Board Meeting, Alexandria July 22-24 Northern Seed Trade Assn Annual Mtg, Manitoba, Canada Sept. 9-11 Midwest Specialty Grains Conf., Mpls

## 2015 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.

Seed Corn Conditioning	June 15-18
Seed Treatment	June 24-25
Soybean and Small Grain Seed	July 6-9
Specialty Seed Conditioning	July 14-16
Soybean and Small Grain Seed	July 20-23
Gravity Separation	July 28
Gravity Separation	July 30
Seed Corn Conditioning	August 3-6

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

### **Hiring Part-time Field Staff**

MCIA is looking for part-time field inspectors for the upcoming inspection season especially in the Hastings and *Morris areas*! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact your field supervisor. . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

### Welcome & Farewell

Since 1903

Welcome Dr. Fawad Shah, as MCIA's President/CEO, who began June 1. Dr. Shah comes to MCIA from the USDA where he served as the Director of the Seed Regulatory & Testing Division. Watch for the summer issue of the Seed Grower for more information.

Farewell to Ben Lang who retired May 31. We wish Ben well as he begins this new life adventure!

### **Field Inspection Applications**

MCIA field inspection application packets were mailed out in May. Application forms and instructions are also available online at www. mncia.org. Please make sure to include the following items with your applications:

- 1. Enclose payment. Review fee schedule to determine fees.
- 2. Enclose proof of seed source with application. Submit the Foundation or Registered seed tag or bulk certificate as your proof of seed source.
- 3. Include field maps (complete and accurate).
- 4. Enclose new variety descriptions if applicable.

5. Sign and return completed application by due date (see below). If you have questions, contact your field supervisor or the MCIA office.

### **Field Inspection Application Deadlines**

Applications are still being accepted for all crops! Please note the following dates:

- June 7 small grains, corn, and sunflowers
- June 7 or 3 weeks after planting (whichever is first) soybean post spray inspections
- June 7 soybean bloom inspections
- 4 weeks prior to each cutting for noxious weed seed free forage & mulch
- July 15 soybeans (pre-harvest inspection only)
- Year of seeding perennials and native seed

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