

# Samplings

Enhancing Value, Improving Marketability .... November 2015

#### Calendar

Nov. 26-27	MCIA Office Closed - Holiday		
Dec. 7-11	ASTA Corn, Sorghum & Soybean		
	Seed Research Conf., Chicago		
Dec. 9-10	Prairie Grains, Grand Forks, ND		
Dec 24-25	MCIA Office Closed - Holiday		
Jan 1	MCIA Office Closed - Holiday		
Jan. 8-9	MN Organic Conf., St. Cloud		
Jan. 12-13	MCIA Annual Mtg, Fergus Falls		
Jan. 27-28	MN Ag Expo, Mankato		

# **Royalty Fee Changes**

Beginning July 1, 2015, the royalty rate for South Dakota State University (SDSU) and University of Wisconsin varieties changed. A notice has been sent out and information is available on the MCIA website

## Foundation Seed

Look for your Foundation seed order form later this month. Orders received before December 15 will receive priority over orders received after that date.



# 2016 Annual Meeting - Plan to attend!

Since 1903

When: January 12th and 13th (Mark your Calendars Now!)

Where: Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Falls, MN

We have a great program planned and look forward to seeing you at your Annual Meeting. Contact Fawad S. Shah at MCIA if you have agenda items that should be addressed or discussed.

# **Program Highlights**

Seed Certification - Embracing New Opportunities - Chet Boruff, AOSCA

Shifting Minnesota's Agricultural Landscape

- Dr. Don Wyse, University of Minnesota

University of Minnesota Use of Drones in Agriculture

- Dr. Ian McRae, University of Minnesota

**GMO Food - Company and Buyers' Perspectives** - Katie Leavitt, SunOpta

Minnesota Department of Ag - Updates - Dr. Geir Friisoe, MN Dept Ag

## A Seed Testing Workshop and more...

## **Exhibitors and Sponsors -**

If you would like to participate in the Trade Show or be a sponsor of the MCIA Annual Meeting, please contact the MCIA office.

## **Board of Director Nominations -**

Nominations are open for the MCIA Board of Directors. The following seats are open: Paul Adams, District 2 and Jim Kukowski, District 1. Jim is eligible to serve another term. Send nominations to Fawad S. Shah at fawad.shah@mncia.org.

## Award Nominations -

We value the input of our members. Please contact MCIA to nominate a deserving individual for the Premier Seedsman, Honorary Seedsman and Achievement in Crop Improvement awards.

## Please join us for the MCIA Annual Meeting, January 12-13, 2016 in Fergus Falls

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