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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 25–26** Minnesota Ag Expo, Mankato
- 26–28** NPSAS Winter Conf., Aberdeen, S.Dak.
- 28–29** Immigrant and Minority Farmers Conference, Saint Paul
- 31** Best of the Best in Wheat and Soybean Research, Moorhead

FEBRUARY

- 1** Best of the Best in Wheat and Soybean Research, Grand Forks, N.Dak.
- 3–4** Organic Vegetable Production Conference, Madison, Wisc.
- 11** SFA Annual Conference, Saint Joseph
- 15–16** SFA Midwest Soil Health Summit, Fergus Falls
- 20** MCIA Office Closed
- 22–23** International Crop Expo, Grand Forks, N.Dak.
- 23–25** MOSES Organic Farming Conference, La Crosse, Wisc.

Foundation Seed Orders

We are currently accepting orders for Foundation seed on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have not already placed a seed order, please do so as soon as possible for best availability.

A confirmation order form will be mailed to members later this month.

REMINDER: New MCIA Logo!

A new MCIA logo was unveiled at the MCIA Annual Meeting (see it above). The new logo will be incorporated into the MCIA web site, publications, and forms throughout the coming year.

The following awards were presented at MCIA's Annual Meeting in Fergus Falls Minnesota, January 5, 2017.

Achievement in Crop Improvement Award

Jim Kukowski of Strathcona was recognized with the Achievement in Crop Improvement award for dedication to the certified seed industry and his many contributions to various agricultural organizations. Kukowski, along with his wife Marilyn, own and operate an approved seed conditioning facility and have been certified seed growers for over thirty years. Their Roseau County farm is a longtime host site for the University of Minnesota small grain trials. Kukowski is a passionate and vocal supporter of agriculture and serves a number of state and local organizations.

Premier and Honorary Premier Seedsman Awards

Duane Dahlman of Cokato and Dahlman Farms Inc. is part of the third generation of Dahlmans to produce certified seed. Duane and his brothers Kevin and Craig concentrate on producing traited and conventional seed corn for the wholesale market. As Seed Plant Manager, he is responsible for drying, processing, and bagging their seed production. Duane has served as chair of the MCIA Board of Directors, and is active in a number of local organizations.

Pete and Mike Friederichs of Foxhome grew up in a certified seed family and have been involved in all aspects of seed production. They have cooperated with MCIA to produce and distribute Foundation seed for many years. Friederichs also process and package food-grade sunflower and soybean products. Pete and Mike have been active in the state soybean, wheat, and barley commodity groups.

Grass and Sons Seed of LeRoy has been in the seed business for over 70 years. Accepting the award were Dave Lunning, and his father, John Grass Jr. Grass and Sons produce, condition, and bag certified oats and soybean seed as well as seed for private companies. They also clean and package food-grade soybeans. They are also active in a number of state and local organizations.

Jody Prudhomme of Shoreview received the Honorary Premier Seedsman award. Jody has been employed at MCIA for over 18 years. As Certification Specialist, she works with seed producers and approved facilities, assisting them with all aspects of seed certification. Her calm, professional manner and extensive knowledge of the various program standards make Jody a true asset to MCIA.

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