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**CALENDAR**

**AUGUST**

- 1–3 Farm Fest, Morgan
- 15–17 Midwest Specialty Grains Conference, Omaha, NE
- 24 Minnesota State Fair **opens**, (runs through Sept. 4), Saint Paul

**SEPTEMBER**

- 4 MCIA Office closed
- 4 Minnesota State Fair **closes**, Saint Paul

**Foundation Winter Wheat and Rye**

Growers interested in ordering Foundation winter wheat or rye seed should contact MCIA. We will help you obtain seed from neighboring states. Order early for best availability.

**MCIA Directory Advertising**

Are you interested in advertising in MCIA's 2018 *Directory*? You'll reach seed buyers, producers, conditioners, wholesalers, retailers, and a variety of ag-related businesses.

Look for an informational mailing that will be going out to members this month. For more information, or to reserve your ad space, contact the office at 612-625-7766 and ask for Alan.

**REMINDER: Field Inspection**

**Please be sure your small grain seed field is inspected before you harvest.** If you do not have a field inspection report, contact your field supervisor. Do not harvest unless you are sure it has been inspected.

**We can still accept applications for small grain field inspections.** If you need to add a field, contact the office or your field supervisor. A late fee may apply.

**Carryover Seed Listing (MCIA Directory)**

The 2018 MCIA *Directory* will include a listing of carryover seed. If you have seed you want to list, please submit the application form that was included in your field inspection information packet, which we sent out in May. You may also access the form on the MCIA website or you can simply send MCIA the following information:

- *Crop Variety* • *Name* • *Address* • *Telephone Number*

**Minnesota State Fair Certified Seed Show**

Enter your certified seed samples in the Minnesota State Fair. The entry closing date for *farm crops* is Friday, August 11 (the *new corn* closing date is Thursday, August 31). The Ag-Hort-Bee Rule and Premium book and entry form can be found online at [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org) (look under the competition banner) or call the State Fair Office at 651-288-4417. Prepare your samples now for entry to the fair!

**Seed Lab Update**

Congratulations to MCIA Lab Analyst, Chase Mowry, who is now a Registered Seed Technologist! Chase recently passed exams and received his certificate at the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists meeting in Denver, Colorado.

The MCIA lab is adding native seed testing for the coming testing season. Native seed producers may still use SDSU or WCIA labs for certification samples, but now have the option to use our lab. Chase attended a three-day native seed-testing workshop in June.

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