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**CALENDAR**

**MAY**

**28** MCIA Office Closed

**JUNE**

**4–7** AOSA SCST Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC

**9–13** ASTA Annual Convention, Washington, DC

**24–27** AOSCA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

**28–29** MCIA Board Meeting

**2018 Seed Conditioning Workshops**

Iowa State offers these hands-on workshops, which include a mix of classroom presentations and equipment demonstrations.

- Commercial Popcorn.....May 22–24
- Color Sorting Satake (SM).....June 4–5
- Color Sorting Satake (EVO).....June 6–7
- Color Sorting - Buhler Sortex .....June 12–13
- Specialty Seed..... June 19–21
- Seed Corn..... June 25–28
- Soybean and Small Grain Seed .....July 9–12
- Seed Treatment..... July 18–19
- Soybean & Small Grain Seed..... July 23–26
- Gravity Separation..... July 31
- Gravity Separation..... August 2
- Seed Corn Conditioning.....August 6–9

For more information call 515-294-4011, visit [www.seeds.iastate.edu](http://www.seeds.iastate.edu), or e-mail Alan Gaul at [agaul@iastate.edu](mailto:agaul@iastate.edu).

**REMINDER: Save Proof of Seed Source**

Applicants for field inspection must provide proof that Foundation or Registered seed was used. Save your tags or bulk certificates for proof of seed source and submit them with your application.

**Field Inspection Application Deadlines**

Please note these dates to avoid late fees:

- **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 and mulch
- **July 15:** Soybeans (pre-harvest inspection only)
- **Year of seeding:** Perennials and native grasses & forbs

Information packets for Field Inspection Applications will be mailed in May. Application forms and instructions are also available online at [www.mncia.org](http://www.mncia.org).

**Foundation Seed Information**

**Seed Available:** We are still accepting orders for Foundation seed.

**Seed Pickup:** Full payment is due before you can pick up your Foundation seed. Remember to contact the seed distributor ahead of time to make arrangements to pick up seed. Call MCIA for additional information or if you have questions.

**MCIA Field Services Is Hiring**

**Field Inspectors:** MCIA is seeking part-time field inspectors for the upcoming inspection season—*especially in central and southern Minnesota!*

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact your field supervisor or call the MCIA office at 800-510-6242.

**New MCIA Field Supervisor**

**Eli Gindele** has been hired as MCIA Field Supervisor for the southern part of the state. Eli graduated with a B.S. in crop science from the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. Most recently, Eli has held the position of Agricultural Extension Educator in Northwest Minnesota. He also has experience as a crop scout. Eli will begin his employment on May 1, 2018.

**Seed Laboratory Update**

If you haven't submitted your seed samples for testing, do so now! Verifying that seed standards are met is one of the last steps in the certification process. Germination tests generally take at least seven days, and electrophoresis can sometimes take longer. Rush service can be requested.

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 Organic Services  
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