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CALENDAR

MARCH

26 MCIA Board Meeting,
St. Paul

APRIL

19 MCIA Office Closed
23–24 AOSCA Northern Region
Meeting, East Lansing, MI

MAY

27 MCIA Office Closed

Seeking Part-time Inspectors

MCIA is seeking part-time field inspectors for the upcoming inspection season. These positions are classified as “seasonal.” We currently need inspectors for southern and south-eastern Minnesota, but inspectors are also needed in other areas. The number of hours needed each week varies. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact your field supervisor or visit www.mncia.org for more information.

2019 Seed Conditioning Workshops at Iowa State Univ.

Starting in spring and continuing through summer, Iowa State University will be offering hands-on seed conditioning workshops, which include classroom presentations and equipment demonstrations. For more information visit www.seed-lab.iastate.edu/seed-conditioning-workshops or contact Alan Gaul at 515-294-4011 or agaul@iastate.edu.

REMINDER: Ready for Spring?

Rumor has it that spring is coming, eventually! The seed lab is busy, so don't delay in getting your seed tested. At best, it will take 7 days and we need test results before issuing final reports, bulk certificates, and tags. A few other items to keep in mind:

- Update your germination. If you have carryover seed, be sure the label reflects a germination test date that is compliant with the seed law.
- Be sure you received a passed seed certification report before any tags or bulk certificates are issued.
- Always tag or issue bulk certificates for the seed you distribute.
- Resolve any issues about eligibility of seed source before planting.

Submitting Samples to the Seed Lab

To ensure that your samples arrive in good condition use a good quality leak-proof bag and quality packaging. For fragile seeds (like soybeans) use a sturdy box and use packing material to keep them from getting bounced around during shipping. You may want to write *Fragile* on the package.

Tags Required for Seed in Tote Containers

MCIA now requires that seed being sold in tote containers must be labeled with a certification tag. A bulk certificate can no longer be used when distributing seed in tote containers.

Any seed class may be sold in tote containers using a certification tag as proof of certification. A tote typically weighs between 1,000 to 3,000 lb. In cases where tote containers are unloaded into the buyer's vehicle, the tags must be provided to the buyer.

MCIA Seed Certification Handbook Updated

The recently updated *MCIA Seed Certification Handbook* describes procedures required for participation in the seed certification program. It was developed to supplement the requirements in the *MCIA Agronomic Seed Certification Standards*. Download a copy from the www.mncia.org or contact your MCIA Field Supervisor to request a copy.

Foundation Seed and New Variety Information

Seed Available: We are still accepting orders for Foundation seed of barley, oats, soybeans, and wheat. Please include full payment when ordering.

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

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