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CALENDAR

APRIL

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

MAY

- 27 MCIA Office Closed

JUNE

- 1–6 AOSA/SCST Annual Meeting, Sparks, NV
- 15–19 ASTA Policy & Leadership Development Conference, Denver, CO
- 23–26 AOSCA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Reporting Illegal Seed Sales

While many producers respect the seed laws, there are some who seek to gain an unfair advantage by working outside of the legal system. The Farmers' Yield Initiative works to encourage compliance with existing seed laws. Please consider submitting a strictly confidential tip to help put a stop to illegal seed trade. The caller can remain anonymous, and the call is toll-free, 1-877-482-5907. Or, send an email to tips@farmersyieldinitiative.com. For more information, visit farmersyieldinitiative.com.

Foundation Seed Information

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.

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 and forbs

Information packets for Field Inspection Applications will be mailed in May. Application forms and instructions are also available online at www.mncia.org.

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.

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 take at least seven days, and HPLC for wheat and oat variety ID testing can sometimes take longer. Rush service can be requested.

Use a Sampling Report

Whether you need a carryover germination test, a preliminary purity or a complete test for certification, please use a Sampling Report when submitting seed samples to the MCIA Seed Laboratory. A Sampling Report provides information needed to quickly process your sample and begin the appropriate tests.

2019 Seed Conditioning Workshops

From May through August, Iowa State offers a series of hands-on seed conditioning workshops, which include a mix of classroom presentations and equipment demonstrations.

For more information call 515-294-4011, visit www.seeds.iastate.edu, or e-mail Alan Gaul at agaul@iastate.edu.

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