MCIA has presented its highest honor, the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award, to Dahlco Seeds, of Cokato. Dahlco Seeds is headed by brothers Kevin, Duane, and Craig Dahlman. MCIA also recognized two Premier Seedsman awardees, Darius Theil, of Wendell, and Mike Zabel, of Plainview, for their excellent service to the seed industry. Paula Mohr, editor of *The Farmer* magazine, received MCIA’s Honorary Premier Seedsman Award. The awards were presented January 8, 2020, at the MCIA Annual Meeting in Fergus Falls.

**Thank You, Exhibitors and Sponsors!**

**New Foundation Seed Varieties in 2020: MN-Torgy Spring Wheat**
MN-Torgy (MN14105-7) is hard red spring wheat that combines yield and protein. A medium maturity variety, it has shown strong yield performance in state and regional trials. MN-Torgy has moderate overall disease resistance; with a very good rating for bacterial leaf streak (BLS) and a good fusarium head blight (FHB) rating. It has a good rating for pre-harvest sprouting, above average protein, and good test weight. Seed of the new MN-Torgy wheat variety will be distributed by MCIA through your local County Seed Distribution Committee. Additional information has been mailed to eligible members.

**Foundation Seed Orders**
We are currently accepting orders for Foundation Seed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Demand for oat seed is strong and supplies are limited so be sure to order soon. Seed supplies are good for recent release MN-Washburn wheat and other varieties as well. If you are interested in a variety not on our price list, give us a call and we will try to locate it from another state. Payment should be sent with any orders.

**Seed Lab FYI: Days Required for Germ Tests**
- **Barley** (no prechill): 7 days
- **Corn**: 7 days
- **Kentucky bluegrass** (no prechill): 21 days
- **Oats** (no prechill): 10 days
- **Rye** (no prechill): 7 days
- **Ryegrass** (no prechill): 14 days
- **Soybeans**: 7 days
- **Wheat** (no prechill): 7 days

*Can be completed at first count if they have reached their max potential.

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**Small Grain Winter Workshops**
This UMN Extension program covers small grain variety selection, production, and pest management at several locations:
- Feb. 17 Rochester
- Feb 18 Le Center
- Feb 19 Cold Spring, Mora
- Feb. 20 Granite Falls, Slayton
- Feb 21 Benson

For registration information, please visit [https://extension.umn.edu](https://extension.umn.edu).

**2020 MCIA Board of Directors**
Grant Mehring, of Bayer Crop Science, and Brent Benike, of Northern Excellence Seed, were recently elected to the MCIA Board of Directors, filling Related Industry and District 1 seats, respectively. Matt Bohn, Nancy Ehlke, and Darius Thiel were reelected. A full list of current board members follows:

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