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APRIL

- 10** MCIA Office Closed
- 22** AOSCA Northern Region Meeting (via conference call)

MAY

- 27** MCIA Office Closed

MCIA Launches New Website

After several months of work that included design, content editing, engineering, and testing, MCIA is pleased to announce the launch of a new website! We encourage you to visit and get to know the new mncia.org.

We think you'll agree that it achieves our objectives: The new site is secure and mobile-friendly (responsive to viewing on various screen sizes), site navigation has been streamlined, and all of MCIA's services now share a unified website (instead of two separate ones).

To assure that the site is easy for users to see and hear, Twin States Technical Services, the web developer MCIA partnered with, designed the site to an AA Level standard, following Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

How to Report 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.

Covid-19 Update: MCIA Remains Operational

Like many businesses, MCIA finds itself in an uncertain world with the Covid-19 pandemic. We appreciate your patience as we navigate the unknown. Given the circumstances, our staff is working from home as well as on-site. Our goal is to continue to provide you with the accurate and efficient services you expect of MCIA, while following the advice of experts to protect the health of co-workers, our families, and the community.

We have posted guidance for our customers on our website. We are closely monitoring Covid-19 developments and will provide updates as needed. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Together, we will do whatever is needed to best serve our customers.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Fawad Shah, President/CEO

Field Inspection Application Deadlines

Please note these dates to avoid late fees:

- **June 8:** Small grains, corn, and sunflowers
- **June 8 or 3 weeks after planting (whichever is first):** Soybean post-spray inspections
- **June 8:** 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.

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. Note: The lab will no longer prechill small grains before germination testing. If prechill is desired due to possible fusarium infection or other issues, please request a prechill in the remarks section of the Sampling Report.

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.

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