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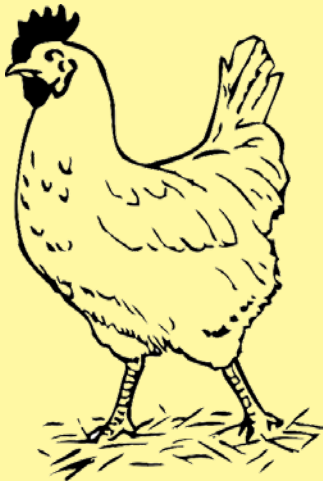
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- 21–22 AOSCA Northern Region Meeting (via conference call)

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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.



Reminder—Plan for Field Inspection Applications

Each year we need to contact growers to obtain all the information needed to complete field inspection. Sometimes it delays final certification later in the year. As you move into the planting season please keep accurate records and remember these items:

1. Save your proof of seed source (tags or bulk certificates)
2. Maintain proper isolation between varieties and other crops
3. New varieties—we need a variety description to complete inspections and pass fields, appropriate forms can be found online or by contacting the office.

Your MCIA field supervisor or office staff will be happy to answer your questions.

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
- **July 15:** Soybeans (pre-harvest inspection only)
- **Year of seeding:** Perennials
- **4 weeks prior to each cutting** for noxious weed seed-free forage and mulch
- **Within 18 months of the year established** for 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.

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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