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**APRIL**

25–26 MCIA Staff Meeting,  
St. Paul

**MAY**

29 MCIA Office Closed

**JUNE**

3–7 AOSCA Annual Meeting,  
Bloomington

**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
- **July 15:** Soybeans (pre-harvest inspection only)
- **Year of seeding:** Perennials
- **4 weeks prior to cutting:** 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](http://www.mncia.org).

**MCIA Seeks Organic Certification  
Specialist/Inspector**

This full-time position offers a competitive salary and full benefits. For more information on this position, including how to apply, visit the Job Openings page of the MCIA website or call the MCIA Office.

**Reminder—Plan for Field Inspection Applications**

Each year we need to contact growers to obtain all the information needed to complete field inspection. 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 can answer any questions.

**Career Opportunity for Seed Technologist**

MCIA is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Seed Technologist. This full-time position offers a competitive salary and full benefits. MCIA's Seed Laboratory operates out of MCIA's main office on the campus of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. For more information, read the full position announcement on the Job Openings page of the MCIA website, [www.mncia.org/job-openings](http://www.mncia.org/job-openings).

**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. *Be sure the info on your sampling report is complete and accurate.*

**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 to order additional seed or if you have questions.

**How to Report Illegal Seed Sales**

While many producers respect the seed laws, there are some who seek to gain an unfair advantage. The Farmers' Yield Initiative works to encourage compliance with existing seed laws. Please consider submitting a confidential tip to help put a stop to illegal seed trade by calling 479-368-0555. The caller can remain anonymous. Visit [farmersyield.com](http://farmersyield.com) for more information.

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