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CALENDAR

MAY

29 MCIA Office Closed

JUNE

3–7 AOSCA Annual Meeting, Bloomington

10–14 ASTA Leadership Summit, Sacramento, CA

2023 AOSCA Annual Meeting

MCIA will host the Annual meeting of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) June 3–7 in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Attendees will include representatives from Seed Certification offices across the United States, as well as Canada and other countries.

The meeting provides an opportunity to review and update certification standards and procedures. In addition, attendees discuss current issues affecting the seed industry. AOSCA agencies conduct certification programs for a wide variety of crops. Their work facilitates the movement of seed or plant products in local, national, and international markets.

Seed Lab Survey: Are You Satisfied?

In June, MCIA Seed Laboratory Manager Chase Mowry will be sending out a customer satisfaction survey via MailChimp. Please watch for it.

If you do not receive a survey request and would like to participate, please contact Chase at chase.mowry@mncia.org. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

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.

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 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 on the Client Resources page of the MCIA website, www.mncia.org. If you have any questions, please contact your field supervisor.

Provide Proof of Seed Source

Applicants for seed certification must provide proof that eligible seed was used to plant seed production fields. Submit the foundation or registered seed tag or bulk certificate as your proof of seed source. If you have questions regarding eligibility for certification, contact your field supervisor or the MCIA office.

Attention: Approved Facilities

Did you make changes to your certified seed lot where retesting wasn't required? Please report any changes to the MCIA office by submitting a completed **Lot Number Change Request Form** along with a copy of your new certification tag. Please don't delay and submit today! It's important we process these requests in a timely matter so certification records can be updated and are current when Variety Assessment Fees are billed. Contact the MCIA office or your field supervisor with any questions. Thank you!

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