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## CALENDAR

### JULY

- 13** Kernza Field Day:  
A-Frame Farm, Madison
- 14** MCIA Board of Directors  
Meeting, St. Paul
- 14** Kernza Field Day,  
Morris
- 15** Marbleseed Organic Field  
Day: Beargrease Botani-  
cals, Sturgeon Lake
- 19** NWROC Crop & Soils Day:  
Northwest Research  
& Outreach Center,  
Crookston

### AUGUST

- 17** Marbleseed Organic Field  
Day: Circadian Organics,  
Ferryville, WI
- 24** Minnesota State Fair: *open  
through Sept. 4*, St. Paul

### SEPTEMBER

- 4** MCIA Office Closed

### Order Winter Wheat and Rye Foundation Seed

Growers interested in ordering Foundation winter wheat or rye seed should contact MCIA. We will help you obtain seed from neighboring states. Order early for best availability.

### Variety Assessment Fees & Royalties

You will be receiving forms for reporting your variety assessment fees and royalties. Take time now to complete your sales records, which will help you respond in a timely manner. Thank you!

## REMINDER: Field Inspection

**Be sure your small grain seed field is inspected before you harvest!** If you do not have a field inspection report, contact your field supervisor. Do not harvest unless you are sure it has been inspected. **We can still accept applications for small grain field inspections.** If you need to add a field, contact the MCIA Office or your field supervisor.

**Update Your Tags.** Approved Facility reminder: The prefix to the AF (Approved Facility) number changes to that of the current calendar year each July 1. Please update your tags to the following format: 23-AF-(enter your client number here).

For more information, refer to pages 26–27 of the *Seed Certification Handbook*. If you have further questions, please contact the MCIA Office.

**List Your Carryover Seed in the Directory.** The dry conditions this year may be a good reason to list your carryover seed in the 2024 MCIA *Directory*. If you have seed you want to list, please submit the Directory Carryover Seed Inclusion form that was included in your field inspection information packet. You may also access the form from the Client Resources page of the MCIA website. Or simply send MCIA the following information about your carryover seed: **crop variety, your name, address, and telephone number.**

**Prepare for the Minnesota State Fair.** Prepare your samples now for entry in the Minnesota State Fair’s farm crops competitions! Be sure to include a certification report for the samples you are submitting. The closing date for farm crops entries is August 9 (the new corn closing date is August 31).

For entry forms, rules, and premiums, visit <https://www.mnstatefair.org/competitions/ag-hort-bee/farm-crops/> or call the State Fair office at 651-288-4417.

**Advertise in the 2024 Directory.** Advertising in MCIA’s *Directory* is a great promotional opportunity for members. Expect to receive an informational mailing soon regarding *Directory* advertising. For more information, or to reserve ad space, email Alan Makinen at [alan.makinen@mncia.org](mailto:alan.makinen@mncia.org) or call Alan at the MCIA Office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, 612-625-7766.

**Check Your Email.** We are in the preliminary stages of a plan to communicate more efficiently while lowering operating costs. Instead of delivering printed copies by mail, we will send email notifications when our quarterly newsletter, the *Minnesota Seed Grower*, and our monthly bulletin, *Samplings*, are published digitally. Members will then have the option to read the publications online or download them.

So now is a good time to inform MCIA if your email address or any other contact information has changed. Send your contact updates to Selena Nelson at [selena.nelson@mncia.org](mailto:selena.nelson@mncia.org).

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