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JANUARY

- 11–12** Minnesota Organic Conference, St. Cloud
- 15** MCIA Office Closed
- 17–18** MN Ag Expo, Mankato
- 24** **MCIA Annual Meeting, St. Cloud**
- 25–27** Northern Plains Food and Farming Conference, Aberdeen, SD

FEBRUARY

- 2–3** Organic Vegetable Production Conference, Madison, WI
- 10** SFA Annual Conference, St. Joseph
- 22–24** Marbleseed Organic Farming Conference, La Crosse, WI

Seed Lab Reminders

Remember to submit a completed Sampling Report with **every** sample submitted for testing—this includes preliminary germs and germ updates, retesting, etc.

Also, be sure to include any other documentation required to complete certification, such as Dome and Anthracnose results for field beans, Diaporthe and Pseudomonas results for OECD/EC soybeans, or molecular testing results when applicable for corn.

When Interagency Certification applies, include a completed and signed Certificate of Transfer for Seed Certification or proof of final certification (label or bulk cert). This will prevent delays in processing your samples.

Plan to Attend Small Grains Events

Small Grains Update Meetings: The Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers will be hosting Small Grains Update Meetings throughout the state January 9–12. Attendance is free; registration is not necessary.

Presenters and topics include: **Dr. Jochum Wiersma**, UMN Small Grains Specialist, spring wheat variety performance; **Bruce Kleven**, Legislative Strategist for MN Wheat, 2024 Minnesota legislative session update; **Dr. Angie Peltier**, UMN Extension Educator, pests, *Phytophthora*, white mold, SCN, and Frogeye leaf spot; **Devin Hoffarth**, Market Development & Industry Relations Director of MN Corn, new use opportunities for corn; **Melissa Carlson**, VP of Research, MN Wheat Research & Promotion Council, wheat and soybean on-farm research results.

LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES

- **Dilworth:** Tuesday, January 9, 12:00 p.m. Dilworth Community Center (lunch served).
- **Ada:** Wednesday, January 10, 8:00 a.m. Ada Event Center (lunch served).
- **Crookston:** Wednesday, January 10, 12:00 p.m. Crookston Inn.
- **Hallock:** Thursday, January 11, 8:30 a.m. City Hall (lunch served).
- **Roseau:** Thursday, January 11, 3:30 p.m. Gene's Bar & Grill (dinner served).
- **St. Hilaire:** Friday, January 12, 8:30 a.m. Community Center (lunch served).

For details, visit the Minnesota Wheat Growers website: mnwheat.org/growers.

Small Grains Update Workshops: If you're a farmer or crop consultant already producing small grains or are looking for another crop to add to your rotation, these small grains management workshops are for you. The UMN Extension will offer workshops at several regional locations in January and February. The focus will be on production agronomics, variety selection, and economics. Time will be reserved to answer your production questions.

LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- **Morris:** Monday, January 15, 12:00 noon–3:30 p.m. West Central Research and Outreach Center.
- **Le Center:** Monday, February 19, 1:00–3:00 p.m. 4H Building.
- **Cold Spring:** Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. Great Blue Heron Restaurant.
- **Slayton:** Thursday, February 22, 1:00–3:00 p.m. 4H Building.
- **Benson:** Friday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. McKinney's on Southside.
- **Grand Rapids:** Monday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. North Central Research and Outreach Center.

For more information, visit the UMN Extension's courses and events web page: <https://extension.umn.edu/courses-and-events>.

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