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APRIL

- 8–10 AOSCA North and West Regional Meeting, Custer, SD
- 10 Women’s Agricultural Leadership Conference, Chaska
- 22–23 MCIA Staff Meeting, St. Paul
- 27–29 Minnesota State FFA Convention, Twin Cities
- 29–5/1 National Organic Standards Board Meeting, Milwaukee, WI

MAY

- 27 MCIA Office Closed

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

Questions? Contact your MCIA field supervisor or the MCIA office staff for answers.

Foundation Seed Orders

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 for more information.

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 documents may also be downloaded from the Client Resources page of the MCIA website: <https://www.mncia.org/resources>.

Seed Testing Tips

If you haven’t submitted your seed samples to the MCIA Seed Laboratory 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 information on your Sampling Report is complete and accurate.*

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- Certification Services
- Field Services
- Foundation Seed Services
- Organic Services
- Seed Laboratory Services