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CALENDAR

MARCH

25 MCIA Board Meeting,
St. Paul

APRIL

2 MCIA Office Closed
21–22 AOSCA Northern Region
Meeting, location TBD

MAY

31 MCIA Office Closed

Ready for Spring?

Early spring conditions may create more demand for small grains. The Seed Laboratory is busy, so don't delay in getting your seed tested. At best, it will take 7 days and we need test results before issuing final reports, bulk certificates, and tags. A few other items to keep in mind:

- Update your germination. If you have carryover seed, be sure the label reflects a germination test date that is compliant with the seed law.
- Be sure you received a passed seed certification report before any tags or bulk certificates are issued.
- Always tag or issue bulk certificates for the seed you distribute.
- Resolve any issues about eligibility of seed source before planting.
- Retain your tags or bulk certificate as proof of seed source for your field inspection application.

ATTENTION: Seed Certification, Agronomic Standards, and Handbook Updates

The *Agronomic Seed Certification Standards* and *Seed Certification Handbook* have been updated. Festulolium and hybrid rye standards were approved by the MCIA Board of Directors. Revisions made to hemp and sod quality seed standards were also approved. Other key changes include, but are not limited to, reformatting standards for consistency, merging information into one document, and clarifying requirements on interagency certification.

The latest version of these documents can be found on the Client Resources page of the MCIA website: www.mncia.org/resources. Look under Certification Services, Seed Certification Program, Standards & Procedures. Printed copies are available upon request from the MCIA office. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

Is Your Sampling Report Missing Information?

When we receive Sampling Reports that are lacking key information, it delays the certification process. Information that is sometimes omitted includes:

- Field numbers
- Lot size
- Number of tote containers and/or the weight of those totes
- Number of bags and/or bag weight

Thank you for making sure that your Sampling Report contains all the necessary information!

Tags Required for Seed in Tote Containers

Remember that seed sold in tote containers must be labeled with a certification tag. A bulk certificate can no longer be used when distributing seed in tote containers.

Any seed class may be sold in tote containers using a certification tag as proof of certification. A tote typically weighs between 1,000 to 3,000 pounds. In cases where tote containers are unloaded into the buyer's vehicle, the tags must be provided to the buyer.

Foundation Seed Information

Seed Available: We are still accepting orders for Foundation Seed of barley, oats, soybeans, and wheat. Please include full payment when ordering.

Seed Pickup: Full payment is due before you can pick up your Foundation Seed order. Remember to contact your seed distributor ahead of time to make arrangements to pick up seed. Call MCIA for additional information or if you have questions.

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