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MCIA's News and Notes is designed to provide members and other interested individuals with information about MCIA programs and services, as well as timely access to information that impacts the seed industry and agriculture in general. Our format is structured to provide a brief introduction to topics of interest along with contact information or links to sources where you can obtain more detailed information. Many of the articles and items listed in this newsletter contain web addresses or hyperlinks by which you can obtain additional information. If you do not have internet access and would like additional information on any of the topics mentioned in this newsletter, please contact the MCIA office and we will forward you the information. Please feel free to contact the MCIA office if you have questions or suggestions for items to be included in future issues.

2017 MCIA Summer Board of Directors and Annual Membership Meeting

MCIA's Board of Directors held their annual summer meeting on July 27th at the MCIA office in Columbia. In response to increased requests from members and clients, MCIA will begin accepting credit card payments effective with the October billing cycle. Due to the fact that non-governmental entities are not allowed to tack on "convenience" fees for accepting credit card payments, all MCIA fees will increase by 2% effective October 1 in order to cover the cost of the merchant fees and monthly administrative fee.

The MCIA annual membership meeting was held July 28th at Missouri Foundation Seeds warehouse, followed by a buffet BBQ luncheon, video review of the 2017 wheat field day and a tour of the soybean demonstration and small increase plots. For the second year in a row, we were blessed with cooler weather and a few isolated showers with a break in the rains that allowed enough time to take a look at established and newly released varieties as well as experimental lines under consideration for release in the spring of 2018 and beyond. If this trend continues in 2018, we are seriously considering holding an annual meeting and plot tour every other week beginning in the middle of June and running through the end of August.

The membership approved the nominating committee report and the following directors were elected to serve 2 year terms on MCIA's Board of Directors.

Region I	Brian Anderson	MFA, Incorporated	Columbia
Region II	Dan Weber	Weber Seeds, Inc.	Marshall
Region III	Bruce Strobel	Strobel Seeds	Concordia
Region IV	Kevin Mainord	Gemeinhardt Seeds, Inc.	Anniston

2017 Premier Seed Grower Award

Each year, the MCIA presents its Premier Seed Grower Award to a member who has shown a commitment to producing high quality certified seed throughout the years. Traditionally, this award has been presented to an active/affiliate member company that has a long track record of service to the seed industry. We were pleased to present the 2017 Premier Seed Grower Award to Lynn Andrews with Andrews Farm and Seed of Carthage, MO.

After relocating to Missouri from Texas, Andrews Farm & Seed started a local seed cleaning business for tall fescue, cereal grains and soybeans. In 1982, they became active members of the Missouri Crop Improvement producing Certified wheat and soybeans. Over the years, their business grew from a local business to one with a more regional focus. As the industry changed, so did Andrews Farm and Seed. Today, they are one of the largest seed conditioning plants in the state and seed processed through their facility makes its way all across the country..

Wheat Variety Testing Performance Results

Results from the University of Missouri's 2017 Wheat Performance Testing are available in a printed version, via a direct link on MCIA's web site or online at <http://varietytesting.missouri.edu>. If you would like to request a printed copy of the results, please contact the MCIA office.

2017 Wheat Seed Quality Update

Quality of the 2017 seed wheat crop is excellent. MCIA's seed lab has tested 341 (down 114 from 2016) soft red winter samples with an average germination of 95.04%, 5 hard red winter samples with an average germination of 98.20% and 166 service (non-certified – up 14 from 2016) wheat samples with an average germination of 94.84%. Test weights in general are running in the high 50's to low 60's with a few coming in at 62+. Please make sure to properly sample all lots submitted for analysis to make sure you obtain results that are representative of the lot you are offering for sale and please feel free to contact the MCIA office if you have questions or concerns regarding your 2017 wheat seed production.

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Foundation/Parent Wheat Seed Availability

All members with a recent history of producing Certified and/or Quality Assurance seed wheat should have already received their 2017 order forms. While the priority deadline date of August 4th has already passed, Missouri Foundation Seeds still has a good supply of all varieties available at the present time. All new orders will be filled on a first come – first served basis as long as quantities last.

On a related note, we are offering a new public variety named Hilliard for production this fall. Additional information on this new variety was provided by Missouri Foundation Seeds with their order forms and with the July issue of the MCIA newsletter. Please contact either the Missouri Foundation Seed or MCIA office if you have questions or need additional info.

Wheat Labeling Issues

If you intend to market your 2017 seed wheat production and have not yet submitted your samples for analysis or ordered your certification labels or bulk sales certificates, please do so as soon as possible. It seems that every year the push to get last minute samples tested and labels issued is greater and greater. Please keep in mind that it takes 7-8 days from the time we receive the sample to complete the analysis and issue the labels or certificates.

MCIA members are reminded that many varieties produced in MCIA's certification program are protected under provisions of the Federal Plant Variety Protection Act (PVP). Each year, we receive reports that certified seed of protected varieties has been sold and transported without the proper certification labels and/or bulk sales certificates. Certification labels and bulk sales certificates are available from the MCIA office and usually ship the same day they are requested. Please make sure to use proper labeling for all sales to remain in compliance with provisions of the Plant Variety Protection Act and private intellectual property rights.

As a reminder, all seed wheat sold into Arkansas must be labeled as to variety name, unless it is specifically labeled for use as "cover crop". Several examples of proper labeling for "cover crop" wheat in Arkansas and other states with variety required labeling are enclosed for your review. Please feel free to contact the MCIA office if you have questions or require additional information with regard to proper labeling of any seed wheat.

Soybean and Rice Inspections

Field inspection request forms for soybean and rice were due August 1. We are still missing applications from several members that have submitted field inspection requests in recent years. If you have not already done so, please submit your applications and documentation ASAP. We need to have your applications as quickly as possible so that we can get the inspectors their assignments and plan for efficient inspections. MCIA members are encouraged to submit applications for any fields that could possibly be used for seed production so that we can have adequate staffing to conduct the required inspections in a timely manner. As a reminder – applications may be cancelled with a full refund of fees provided that we receive notice of the cancellation prior to inspection.

MCIA inspectors are scheduled for their annual training the last week of August and will be instructed to remain in constant contact with seed producers and their contract growers regarding the condition of their production fields and the status of inspections. We ask that you communicate any changes in the status of your production, whether cancellations or additions, directly with the inspectors as quickly as possible. MCIA inspectors will also be instructed to contact applicants and/or producers immediately if the inspection reveals anything that would result in a field not meeting standards or other issues that might pose quality problems.

We look forward to working with everyone this fall and ask for your cooperation to ensure that we have a smooth and timely fall inspection season.

Soybean Royalty Refunds

You may be eligible for a refund of royalties paid for soybean seed that you were unable to sell in 2016-17. In order to receive a refund, please return any unused tags/labels to the MCIA office no later than September 29th and indicate the number of tags/labels returned for each variety. **MCIA will not count your tags/labels for you and any tags/labels received after the September 29th deadline may be ineligible for a refund.**

Calendar

August 31	Delta Research Center Field Day	Portageville, MO
September 1	Missouri Soybean Yield Contest Entry Deadline (visit www.mosoy.org for forms)	
September 4	Labor Day – MCIA Office Closed	
September 9	Southwest Center Field Day	Mt. Vernon, MO
September 12	Forage Systems Research Center Field Day	Linneus, MO
September 15	Tiger Ag Classic Golf Tournament and Steak Fry	Columbia, MO
September 27-29	Missouri Seedsmen's Association Annual Meeting	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
November 4-7	Western Seed Association Annual Conference	Kansas City, MO
November 5-6	ASTA Farm & Lawn Seed Conference	Kansas City, MO
December 4-8	ASTA Corn, Sorghum & Soybean Research Conference	Chicago, IL

LABELING COVER-CROP WHEAT (Examples)

Note: Varieties protected under PVP 94 cannot be labeled as "variety not stated". Also, Varieties protected under PVP Title V must be sold as a class of Certified Seed, except that seed from a Certified lot may be labeled as to variety name when used in a mixture by, or with the approval of the owners of the variety.

Will Not work in Mississippi – Must state Mixed Wheat or Wheat Mixed Variety Not Stated; Also will not work for Louisiana; OK for Arkansas

SEEDSMAN'S BRAND WHEAT (FOR COVER CROP)		
KIND: WHEAT	PURE SEED: 98.00%	GERMINATION: 85%
VARIETY(S): NOT STATED	OTHER CROP: 0.08%	HARD SEED: 0%
LOT: 4321	WEED SEED: 0.05%	TOTAL: 85%
ORIGIN: AR	INERT: 1.87%	TEST DATE: JUNE-06
NOXIOUS WEEDS PER POUND: NONE		NET WT: 50 Lbs
XY SEED COMPANY PO BOX 123 ANYWHERE, ARKANSAS		

Ok for Mississippi & Louisiana & Arkansas

DAIRY BRAND WHEAT MIX (FOR COVER CROP)		
KIND: MIXED WHEAT	PURE SEED: 98.00%	GERMINATION: 85%
VARIETY(S): NOT STATED	OTHER CROP: 0.08%	HARD SEED: 0%
LOT: 4321	WEED SEED: 0.05%	TOTAL: 85%
ORIGIN: AR	INERT: 1.87%	TEST DATE: JUNE-06
NOXIOUS WEEDS PER POUND: NONE		NET WT: 50 Lbs
XY SEED COMPANY PO BOX 123 ANYWHERE, ARKANSAS		

Ok for Mississippi & Louisiana & Arkansas

DAIRY BRAND PASTURE MIX		
KIND: WHEAT (For Cover Crop / Pasture)	GERMINATION: 85%	TEST DATE: 6-06
VARIETY: AB123*	PURE SEED: 70.00%	NET WT: 50 Lbs
VARIETY: Not Stated	PURE SEED: 28.00%	ORIGIN: AR
LOT: 4321	OTHER CROP: 0.08%	NOXIOUS WEEDS PER POUND:
	WEED SEED: 0.05%	8 DOCK & 26 HAIRY CHES
	INERT: 1.87%	
XY SEED COMPANY		
PO BOX 123		
ANYWHERE, ARKANSAS		*1994 PVP PROTECTED VARIETY Unauthorized propagation Prohibited