

Seed Lab News

Bridget Westfall

Its that time of year again! Save some money on shipping rates by submitting smaller amounts of seed but still giving us what we need to satisfy your testing needs. Always remember that the most important factor in sampling is obtaining a sample that is representative of the entire field or seed lot.

Remember to protect the integrity of your seed sample during shipping

- Use MSGA sample bags or a Ziploc bag to send your sample in. Make sure to seal the top of Ziploc bags with tape to keep the bag from opening during shipping.
- Samples requiring moisture testing should be in a container that will reduce the risk of moisture loss.
- Packing materials are recommended especially for pulse crops, as they are prone to splitting during shipping.
- Common sample sizes and list of services for the Seed Lab can be found at <http://plantsciences.montana.edu/seedlab/>

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NOTES & QUOTES

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Please take note of these yearly reminders. It is the GROWERS responsibility to make sure their fields get inspected so call and set up a time with your inspector. If the field is not inspected prior to harvest, no certification will be allowed on the production from that field. Please contact the MSGA office (406) 994-7372 if you are unable to contact your inspector. Please plan ahead and keep your inspector informed on the readiness of your fields.

NOTICE ON CANCELLED ACRES

Note: If you have a field you want to cancel from certification, please let the field inspector know ahead of time so the inspector will not have to make a trip to the field. If you cannot make contact with the inspector, please call the MSGA office at 406-994-3516.

ANY GROWER WHO CANCELS ANY FIELD BEFORE THE INSPECTION WILL RECEIVE A REFUND OF ACREAGE FEES FOR THE CANCELLED ACREAGE. Parts of fields may be cancelled for a partial refund of fees. It is definitely to the grower's advantage to check out those fields before the inspector comes to determine if the whole field or any parts of the fields should be cancelled. Refunds will not be issued until all inspections are completed, usually in September.



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FIELD INSPECTORS



*Pictured Left to right:
Brian Bedord, Roger Hybner, Roger Brookie,
John Ranney, Lisa Bedord, Red Lovec, Erin
Miller, Larry Holzworth, Bob Nelson,
Mike Morgan, Tom Davis and Jim Bott*

Your field inspectors work hard to ensure that all fields get inspected for certification. They work closely with growers and with the MSGA office staff to help guarantee that everyone has a smooth and successful inspection season. Their contact information is listed with the counties that they cover. Please contact your assigned inspector about the readiness of your fields.

Bob Nelson-(406) 390-2695
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John Ranney-(406) 647-9184
Small grains in Yellowstone, Musselshell, Petroleum Counties

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Gallatin, Deer Lodge, Jefferson, Granite, Park, Beaverhead, Madison, Jefferson, Meagher, Silver Bow Counties

WILD OATS IN GRAIN FIELDS

A special reminder is in order for growers of small grains. If there are wild oats in a field, they must be rogued out. The field inspectors will be rejecting fields estimated to have more than 5 wild oat plants per acre. Please note that fields of tame oats containing wild oats of any amount will likely be rejected, since wild oats cannot successfully be removed from this crop by conditioning plants. A grower may have a field re-inspected, but MSGA reserves the right to charge a re-inspection fee.

The best policy is to rogue all wild oats out of the field before the inspector arrives.

MSGA also reserves the right to require that certified growers swath parts of fields (or otherwise mark out such parts) that are declared non-eligible due to wild oats or other contaminants. Discovery of co-mingling of such areas with otherwise certified parts of fields will be cause for rejection of whole fields. MSGA is determined that field inspection instructions will be followed as closely as possible.

ROUGING OF FIELDS

We try to include this item each year as a reminder of some basic preparation that needs to be done before field inspection. All fields should be rogued at least once for off-type plants and contaminating weeds before the inspector arrives. This also gives growers the opportunity to cancel fields before inspection and receive an acreage fee refund. Note: refunds will not be given if the inspector has to drive to your field before you cancel, unless you are only cancelling part of a field.

Alfalfa fields should be basically free of Yellow and White sweet clover prior to inspection. **NOTE: A count of more than 10 sweet clover plants per acre at inspection time is a basis for rejection of your alfalfa seed field.**

Alfalfa and other legumes need to be in bloom for proper inspection. Cereal grains and grasses must be in the ripening stage before they can be inspected to detect off-types and other contaminating crops, best done within 2 weeks of harvest (especially on small grains).

Check out our website for updated materials, we now have the winter crop directory online, along with updated MSGA seed certification standards. www.mtseedgrowers.org