



Notes & Quotes



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B o a r d o f D i r e c t o r U p d a t e :

On January 22nd and 23rd the 99th annual Board of Directors meeting of the Montana Seed Growers Association met here in Bozeman. Next year will be the Association's hundred year anniversary. The Board is comprised of a grower/member from six of the Ag Experiment Station districts and ex-officio Dr. John Sherwood of the MSU Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology department. Board members this year are Patrick Lake (Vice President) of Ronan, Lloyd Harris of Bozeman, John Wold of Laurel, Steve Grove of Moccasin, Bob Hodgskiss (President) of Choteau and Charlie Cahill of Scobey. So as not to forget anyone also present at the meeting was Ron Larson, Tawnya Morgan and Heather Rimel of the Montana Seed Growers, Dr. Bill Grey, PSPP, Bernie Schaff, Post Farm, Dr. Phil Bruckner, PSPP; Dave Wichman, CARC; Ramey Lunceford, FFA; JonCee Kelley, Department of Agriculture; Clark Schmidt, BASF and our guest President Cruzado. This year honorary membership went to Leon Welty from Northwestern Ag Research Center and Gregg Carlson from Northern Ag Research Center. Each year the board reviews and carefully selects individuals who have been important to the Certified Seed industry. Special recognition went to long time past board members Jim Kulish of Stanford and Bear Whitmer of Bloomfield. A few of the hot and ongoing topics discussed at this year's meeting were roundup ready alfalfa and how it will be managed and inspected, Clearfield gene technology requirements from BASF, and State Seed Lab legislation. Updates were given by Phil Bruckner on new winter wheat lines, JonCee Kelley on DOA sampling, Bill Grey on Foundation Seed, John Sherwood for PSPP update and Clark Schmidt on BASF seed production guidelines for wheat and lentils. Other topics for discussion were crop history on small grains, Chicago Climate Exchange, Farmers Yield Intuitive and Gallatin Valley Farm Fair. President Cruzado joined us for lunch on Wednesday, presented her thoughts on MSU and its Land Grant mission, and asked for comments and questions from the board on what was important to them. One other final and important bit of business is the Boards support of youth in agriculture which they once again showed by making a \$500 dollar donation to the Montana FFA Foundation to help sponsor the upcoming State Agronomy Contest in Billings. If you have questions or inquiries on items discussed please contact the Montana Seed Growers Association.



S m a l l G r a i n C r o p H i s t o r y ... R o n L a r s o n

In an effort to answer some questions that have developed concerning crop rotations in small grains and what is allowed by the standards the MSGA board revisited the crop history standards at its last meeting. Here is the newest addition to these standards which may be of help to you if you as you plan your certified seed crop rotations in 2011.

Special Case: A registered class of seed of a given small grain variety may be planted on land which previously produced common seed from a documented certified class of the same variety, provided that all of the requirements listed below are met:

A copy of the certified tag, bulk sales certificate, or lab report for the seed used to plant the previous un-inspected field is supplied to MSGA.

There is a year of summer-fallow between the crop years.

Application for certification is received early enough by MSGA on the Registered class seed to allow for a seedling inspection. This crop would ultimately receive 2 inspections and is subject to a second inspection fee.

Foundation seed planted on such a field could only be used to produce the certified seed class.

If you have questions regarding your crop history, or this issue, feel free to call the MSA office.

Another issue that surfaced at the recent MSGA Board Meeting involves a policy question for applications for certification that will be submitted this spring. **The Board has directed that the total quantity or volume of seed used must be included with all applications (there is a line on the application to enter this amount) along with the usual copy of the seed tag or Bulk Seed Sale Certificate. Be sure that the certification # and lot # of the seed used are also listed the application. All of this documentation will need to be on the application in order to be accepted into the program for 2011.**

H a r l e m S e e d S h o w

Thank you to all of you who participated in this year's Harlem Seed Show. In alphabetical order here are the Blue Ribbon Winners for Certified Seed:

Barber Seed Service, Denton, MT (ONeal HRS Wheat & Jedd HRS Wheat)

Bruce Seed Farm, Townsend, MT (Trailhead Basin Wildrye & Nezpar Indian Ricegrass)

Cahill Seeds, Scobey, MT (CDC Meadow Yellow Field Pea)

Golden Triangle Seed, Rudyard, MT (Aragorn Field Pea & AC Radiant HRW Wheat)

Heartland Seed, Inc., Moccasin, MT (Hockett Barley)

Northern Seed, LLC, Conrad, MT (SO-50 Camelina)

Scott Glasscock, Angela, MT (Korando Field Pea)

Skov Farm, Fairview, MT (Kelby HRS Wheat)

Vince Ployhar, Denton, MT (Hays Barley)

Westland Seed, Ronan, MT (Ladak 65 Alfalfa)

Congratulations to all of our Seed Growers!



K e e p t h e S e e d C o m i n g ... B i l l G r e y & B e r n i e S c h a f f , M o n t a n a F o u n d a t i o n S e e d P r o g r a m

In a nut shell, that is what we are all about at Foundation Seed and without solid support from the seed growers, this wouldn't be possible. Thank you for those of you completed the on-line survey. The survey has brought up several aspects that you like, some that you want changed and some aspects we haven't even thought about. But that is the value of a survey and we need your opinion. The survey is still open and we value and need your input:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MFSP>

"Montana Foundation Seedstocks Program Survey". . Complete the survey, at the end there is a tab "done", click on this and the survey is sent off to me.

Let me give a few of the points I pulled out from survey. Most folks are applying for seed by phone but you are also fine with an email application. You are good with less paper and greater use of the electronic systems. You do want to have better or timely updates as far as the status of your seed order (noted: emails could improve this). Deadline for application is not a problem and a single spring application would be fine. The preferred packaging of seed is as a 40 bu or 30 bu tote For the most part, those who responded are fine with the quality of seed. The survey indicated there is a need for information variety performance. There are different ways to get the information.

Google for "PSPP Montana Producer Info" or use the link <http://plantsciences.montana.edu/Crops/> . Variety information in a condensed 2-page version can be found by Googling "Montana Foundation Seed", and click on the tab "Small Grain Quick Facts".

Three new wheat varieties are coming and will be PVP title V. Two winter wheat Varieties, Judee (MTS0713). Judee is a replacement for Genou, with higher yield performance, greater stem solidness and shorter plant height. Bearpaw (MTS0721) is a replacement for Rampart and is higher in yield potential and shorter with similar high stem solidness and low cutting by the wheat stem sawfly. A spring wheat variety, Duclair (MT0832), will be available spring 2012. Duclair is a selection for solid stems, long grain fill duration, increased heights and thresh ability relative to Choteau. Information on these varieties is up-to-date on the web site:

http://plantsciences.montana.edu/FoundationSeed/varietyrelease/2011/variety_release.htm

S e n a t e B i l l 1 9 5 U p d a t e

Senate Bill 195 is a bill that will remove the fee structure for the Montana State Seed Testing Laboratory from the State Seed Law and putting it in the hands of a Seed Lab Advisory Committee and the Dean and Director of the College of Agriculture and the Montana Agriculture Experiment Station. Currently this bill has passed the Senate and House Agriculture committee. The final step is the House vote and subsequent signing by the Governor if it is passed. The bill has support of the agricultural seed industry associates as well as the State Department of Agriculture and the MSU Agricultural Experiment Stations.

Hopefully this will make the State Seed Laboratory more responsive to the needs of the Seed Industry as we adjust staffing requirements. Thank you to the industry for your continued support of the Montana State Testing Laboratory.

