

Notes & Quotes

Montana Seed Growers Association

Production fees now due

Production fees for seed harvested from all crops are payable within 30 days after harvest. Fees for the 2012 cropping season must be received by April 15, 2013. Fees are due on all crops which have passed the field inspection even if they do not pass final lab analysis or are not carried through certification beyond field inspection. Growers may not receive an invoice for crops grown under contract with a seed dealer. All fees should be calculated on a clean seed basis. To determine "clean seed" production on an uncleaned lot, deduct 10% (average cleanout) from total uncleaned production (on large seeded crops). Contact the MSGA for cleanout questions on small seeded crops.

Prices are as follows:

Wheat-Flax-Kamut-Rye-Spelt-Triticale	.05/bu on clean seed
Barley-Oats-Buckwheat-Peas-Lentils	.08/cwt on clean seed
Oil Seeds	.12/cwt on clean seed

Perennial Crops—

All Grass Varieties	.005/lb
Perennial Legume Crops	.005/lb
Flowering Saltbush	.25/cwt
Field Beans—No production fees are due on bean seed production.	

District elections

It is time once again for district elections for our Board of Directors. This year elections will be conducted for Director of District 1, currently held by Pat Lake of Ronan, and is comprised of Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula and Ravalli counties; and District 5, currently held by Bob Hodgskiss of Fairfield comprised of Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Pondera, Teton, Chouteau counties. All growers enrolled in the program in Districts 1 and 5 for the 2012 growing season are eligible to vote, and any grower living within the two districts who has been a member/grower of MSGA for the last three consecutive years (as shown by signing an Application of Certification) may be elected to serve as director. The term of office for each director is three years. Primary election ballots will be on their way soon! The three candidates with the most votes in the primary election will then move on to the general election. **Please be sure to cast your vote for your representative!**

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The Manager's Perspective

.The 2012 growing season has been very interesting to say the least. With weather patterns yielding one of the driest growing seasons on record in much of the southern part of the state, and crossing over to timely rains or almost too wet at times in some of the other parts of the state, crop yields were reported to be average to very good on dryland acres, and seed crop yields were similar in that pattern. This was an exceptional year for the seed certification program, acreage-wise. I have listed statistics for some of our major crop types in the table below. As far as I can tell this is the first time in the 100 year history of MSGA that total acreage applied for has exceeded 80,000 acres, 81,064 to be exact. Acres passing field inspection ended up at 73,416. By contrast, in 2011, total acreage was 60,071, with 55,628 acres passing field inspection. Basically the 2012 acreage figure represented a 34% increase in program acres over 2011. Almost all the crop types increased in acreage. One other noteworthy item – this is the first year in my experience that the number of acres of winter wheat seed surpassed spring wheat seed acreage.

Acreage for some MSGA Crops

Crop Kind	Alfalfa	Barley	Pulse crops	All Wheat	HRW Wheat	HRS Wheat	Durum
2011 Acres Applied For	2913	6532	6977	36071	17251	18079	1429
2011 Acres Passed	2572	5746	6886	33815	15934	17222	1401
2012 Acres Applied For	3399	11541	12926	43917	22861	20508	2723
2012 Acres Passed	3072	10074	12806	39151	20273	18358	2016

Welcome to the New Program Assistant

Growing up in Southern California, I loved being near the ocean but always preferred cooler weather and snow. After graduating from UC Irvine, I took what was supposed to be a two month trip to Europe with my roommate. We landed in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, a ski resort in the Bavarian Alps and wound up staying for 18 months so we could travel, hike and ski. That started my lifelong passion for travel.

My love of the outdoors and skiing continued and I knew I wanted to live in a ski area.

I moved to Big Sky and worked several jobs before meeting Bob and Vivian Schaap, who owned Lone Mountain Ranch. I started working there and stayed for 25 years! Over the years I managed the office, managed a retail shop, worked on a project to re-decorate and remodel the cabins and Dining Lodge and then became the Director of Sales and Marketing. It was a wonderful place to work and the Ranch's exceptional cross country ski trails were right out the door. I made many life long friends at the Ranch, both among the guests and crew members.

I always thought that if I didn't work for the Ranch I would like to be affiliated with MSU. I am really looking forward to working with Ron and Heather learning about the agricultural industry in Montana.



SeCAN Royalties

For those of you growing the SeCAN varieties AC Metcalfe or Harrington barley we now have the royalty amounts for next year.

AC Metcalfe—\$1.05 for bushel of seed sold

Harrington—\$0.55 for bushel of seed sold



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Upcoming Dates

- ◆ November 11-14: Montana Farm Bureau Convention– Billings
- ◆ November 22-23: MSGA office closed for Thanksgiving
- ◆ December 4-6: Grain Growers-Great Falls
- ◆ December 11-13: Montana Seed Trade Winter Meetings-Helena
- ◆ December 12: Northern Pulse Growers Assoc. Meeting-Billings
- ◆ December 13-15: Montana Stockgrowers-Billings
- ◆ December 25: MSGA office closed for Christmas
- ◆ January 1: MSGA office closed for New Year
- ◆ January 2-4: Crop Pest Management School-Bozeman kwanner@montana.edu