

Notes & Quotes

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Production Fees

It's that time of year again folks, production fees for seed harvested from all crops are payable within 30 days after harvest. The first round of invoices has been sent. Fees for the 2013 cropping season must be received by April 15, 2014. **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

Ballots have been sent for Directors for District 4, currently held by Steve Grove of Moccasin and comprised of Cascade, Judith Basin, Fergus, Petroleum, Wheatland, Golden Valley and Musselshell counties; and District 6, currently held by Charlie Cahill of Scobey and is comprised of Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Richland, Dawson, McCone, Prairie, Garfield and Wibaux counties. All growers enrolled in the program in Districts 4 and 6 for the 2013 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. 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!**

From the Manager

The fall season is again upon us and most all of the seed fields have been harvested. Some great yields have been reported in some areas, but hail storms had significant negative impact on crop yields at many sites across the state. As for the certification program, we experienced another record year with over 103,000 acres of production applied for, a 27% increase over 2012, and a 71% increase over 2011. Needless to say, the MSGA program is experiencing some growing pains. I am expecting that the acreage increase will continue in the foreseeable future, with increased interest in new varieties as well as a late surge in interest in other crop types like the pulses. The table below shows the highlights of the season and an acreage comparison of the major crops inspected over the last 3 years.

A part of the challenge to certification when it comes to the acreage increase we see in the table is maintaining a large enough group of inspectors to cover the territory on a timely basis. I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the dedication and persistence of our inspectors in performing the field varietal purity verification that is required for certification. They have kept up admirably with inspections in spite of the increased acreages in the program the last 2 years.

This is a good place to say “thank you” to you, our seed producers and contractors, for your cooperation and willingness to invest in this independent 3rd party verification process as we seek to maintain the standards for varietal identity and freedom from excess weed seed and contaminating other crop. The increase in acreage these last few years indicate to me that the process works and the seed industry is functioning well.

If you have concerns or questions about the certification process, feel free to contact the MSGA Office or the MSGA Board member who lives in your experiment station district. A complete list of directors is displayed on the MSGA website, www.ag.montana.edu/msga.

2011-2013 Summary of Acres Applied For & Acres Passing Field Inspection								
Crop Kind	All Crops	All Wheat	HRW Wheat	HRS Wheat	Durum Wheat	Pulse Crops	Barley	Alfalfa
2011 Acres applied for	60,071	36,071	17,251	18,079	1,429	6,977	6,532	2,913
2011 Acres passed	55,628	33,815	15,934	17,222	1,401	6,886	5,746	2,572
2012 Acres applied for	81,064	43,917	22,861	20,508	2,723	12,926	11,541	3,399
2012 Acres passed	73,416	39,151	20,273	18,358	2,016	12,806	10,074	3,072
2013 Acres applied for	103,167	50,368	24,874	23,927	607	24,934	13,211	3,818
2013 Acres passed	95,498	46,113	23,147	21,572	596	24,727	11,334	3,569

Seed Lab

Ron Larson

Currently, one of my duties is to serve as interim manager for the State Seed Lab. As such, I am very pleased to announce the hire of a new analyst to replace Lucy Cooke, who retired last spring. Her name is Faye Jorgensen and her bio appears in this newsletter. I had the privilege of working with Faye a number of years ago as a field inspector for MSGA and look forward to working with her again.

Overall, I hope to be able to increase staffing for the lab to the level needed for both improvement of turn-around time during the busy seasons and adding tests as needed to become a one-stop shop for seed testing needs. Currently we are gearing up to run BSMV tests on barley for the winter season and hope to be able to offer the Clearfield Confirm test by next spring.

Now is a good time to send in samples to the lab as sample flow seems to slow down considerably during the months of October and November. Thank you for using the Montana State Seed Lab.

Introducing the New Seed Lab Analyst-Faye Jorgensen

I was born and raised on a 70 cow dairy farm with 4 brothers and 2 sisters in Perham, Minnesota. I came to MSU after seeing a picture of the campus with the M in the background. After marrying Dale and graduating from MSU we set up a farming operation in Perham MN and then moved to Bridger, MT and farmed there. From there we moved to Miles City where Dale sold Ag Chem products and then to Aberdeen SD. There I started working as a grain inspector at Aberdeen Grain Inspection.

Seeing the opportunity to work at the Montana State Seed Lab, we jumped at the chance to move back to Montana and are amazed with our good fortune to be here.

We have 5 children living all over the world, (one in Afghanistan right now) and they are all more than happy to come see us in Bozeman to go skiing, hiking and camping.

Hobbies: cycling, hiking, pottery, baking bread, watching sports, reading.

Favorite Sports: Baseball and Football

Favorite Teams: Minnesota Twins, Miles City Cowboys, MSU Bobcats

Favorite Book [Giants in the Earth](#)

Favorite pastime: Walking a restored prairie



Secan/NDSU Royalty & Research Fees

SECAN royalty and North Dakota research fee payments are due and payable for the previous sales year (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013). Both NDSU and SECAN are asking us for these fees, so we ask your cooperation in sending those fees to MSGA as soon as possible. Statements have been sent out to those producers and contractors who are involved in producing these varieties. Please note that, as of this writing the fees for SECAN for the next sales season have not yet been announced. We will try to get that information out as soon as it is known.

Return Service Requested

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Fall season was busy, as is typical, with the harvest and rapid turn-around for seed processing and sowing of foundation seed. Sadly, our EARC station got clobbered with the white combine and we will need to delay the availability of foundation seed of ‘Silver’ durum until spring 2015. The foundation productions from CARC and POST farms were successful under perfect harvest conditions, reliable processing and the timely rains for fall planting.

NOTICE: Proposed price of \$44/cwt in 2014 on MSU Foundation seed for BARLEY AND OAT varieties. The proposal will be presented to the Foundation Seed Advisory Committee in January 2014. The new price will reflect the inputs for fertilizer and seed treatment. If you have comments, please submit them to a member of the committee or to myself.

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Foundation seed allocation during the Fall 2013.

Public Release Variety:

Warhorse 1320 bu, Colter 366 bu, Bearpaw 275 bu, Judee 40 bu, Yellowstone 30 bu, Willow Creek 64 bu, Windham Pea 5770 lbs, Morton Lentil 3200 lbs.

Exclusive Release Variety:

SY Clearstone CL2, hard red winter wheat and WB3738 (MTW08168), hard white winter wheat

