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Winter 2025

A Quarterly Update from the Montana Seed Growers Association

# *The Sprout*

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*MSGA wants to wish all our associates a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.*

## ***Board of Director Election Results***

The final votes have been tallied for districts 1 & 5. We want to thank everyone who voted for our great candidates. Congratulations to Terry Peters (District 5) from Ledger, MT, and to Tim Lake (District 1) from Polson, MT. Each Director will serve a three-year term. A special thanks to Jack Lake for his many years of service on the MSGA board.

## ***MSGA Board of Directors Meeting 2025***

The MSGA Board of Directors meeting will be held in Bozeman January 28<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. If you have comments or concerns that you wish to have discussed, feel free to call your district's elected board member or the MSGA office. Please call the office if you need the contact information for you respective board member.

# Update From MSGA

With winter settling in it's a great time to get your re-germs sent in for testing. Remember that germinations must be within 12 months for a seed sale in the state of Montana, and 6 months for seed that is leaving the state. Its also a great time to make sure your bulk seed inventories are up to date and ready for spring seed sales. If you have seed lots that are gone that you would like to have removed from the database please reach out to Rebecca Papke and she can walk you though that process.

MSGA will start our 2025 Seminar Series on January 7<sup>th</sup> and will run through January 28<sup>th</sup>. These will reoccur on Tuesday mornings from 9-10am via zoom. We have a great line up of speakers this year and we look forward to having all of you listen in. Watch for emails weekly to register for the talks.

## Planning for Spring Seeding

Even though it is only January, it is a good time to start thinking about your crop rotations and possible options for spring seeded crops. **Make sure to check and double-check MSGA's specific land history requirements for all fields before planting for the 2025 growing season.**

**Field Peas** cannot be planted on land that has grown the same crop in 2 cropping years for Certified, 3 years for Registered, and 3 years for Foundation.

**Chickpeas** cannot be planted on land that has grown the same crop in 2 years for Certified, 3 years for Registered, and 3 years for Foundation.

**Small Grains** A crop of small grain or flax will not be eligible for certification of Certified or Registered class if planted on land where the same kind of crop was grown the previous year unless that crop was of the same variety and class and passed field inspection. **Foundation class:** The previous crop must have been a different crop kind, followed by 2 successive years of summer fallow, or produced a Foundation class of the same variety the previous crop year. One year of summer fallow will not be accepted as a crop year between different varieties of the same crop species (kind).

**Please call the MSGA office with questions on land history requirements.**

**You can apply for fields anytime in the MSGA Database:**

<https://www.msgacert.org/login>

### **Production Fees 2024**

Please remember that production fees must be paid on all seed that was field inspected. We send out the first notice for production fees the end of November. Production can be calculated without cleaning seed. Simply deduct 10% for the cleanout amount and pay on that quantity. For prices, please refer to the Handbook of Seed Certification, the Directory, or look online at [www.mtseedgrowers.org](http://www.mtseedgrowers.org). Production fees must be paid no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.