



Seed SCOOP

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New Dates Announced for CSGA's 2-Day Seed School

Chatham, Ontario - January 27-28, 2014

Winnipeg, Manitoba - February 3-4, 2014

CSGA's 2-Day Seed School is a series of professional development courses focused on seed. The program is a unique learning experience for industry professionals and for company staff to learn what it means to be part of the seed industry and the challenges we face. Dr. Claude Caldwell, and his company Field to Fork AgriSystems, delivers the 2-Day Seed School on CSGA's behalf.

The program combines lecture material with hands-on lab-type exercises, as well as group exercises and open discussions about the issues faced in the seed industry. The course is a great introduction to the seed industry for company personnel that were hired because they had the necessary office skills but are missing exposure to the seed industry or lack an agriculture background. Participants will learn the basics of seed biology and seed identification, and through hands-on exercises will learn about purity, germination, sampling and grading. Open discussions will reinforce the aspects of the Canadian seed certification process, introduce participants to genetic issues and explain the importance of Canada's seed industry abroad. The course outline is available on our website at: www.seedgrowers.ca/resources/2-day-seed-school/.

Registration for the two day program is set at \$600, plus GST.

To register in either the Winnipeg or Chatham program, please communicate your interest to Caroline Lafontaine, CSGA's Member Services Coordinator at lafontaine@seedgrowers.ca by Friday, January 10th, 2014. A minimum of 14 course participants is required to run a course.



Alternative Service Delivery Update

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has released a revised list of potential ASCIS's (Alternative Seed Crop Inspection Services). The updated list of potential ASCIS is available on the CSGA website at: www.seedgrowers.ca/alternative-service-delivery-updates/.

This list is still preliminary until the service provider is authorized by CFIA and has signed a service agreement with CSGA. CSGA will have the official list on the website in January as service providers are authorized by CFIA and contracted by CSGA. Because CFIA is now in the phase of authorizing service providers, the list is changing frequently. Seed growers are encouraged to follow the CSGA website for an up-to-date listing and status

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of service providers. Seed growers are also encouraged to begin contacting service providers early in the New Year in order to be ready for 2014.

In 2014, seed growers will need to designate a service provider other than CFIA for fields producing Foundation, Registered and Certified crops covered in Circular 6 Sections 2 & 3. Seed growers can designate CFIA as the service provider for higher generation plots or non-Section 2 & 3 crops.

Some service providers will have qualified inspectors to perform inspections on crops and generations other than Foundation, Registered and Certified crop kinds in Section 2 & 3. Seed growers need to contact service providers to determine the best arrangement for their specific seed operation.



Staffing & Job Opening Announcements

Pam Coles, CSGA's Finance and Accounting Manager, has returned from parental leave. We welcome Pam back in her regular duties.

After 35 years at CSGA, René Daoust has taken his well-earned retirement. We wish René well in his new adventures and thank him for his dedication to the Association.

CSGA is currently searching for an individual to replace René in his duties. CSGA is looking for a full-time bilingual Operations Coordinator for our Ottawa office. The complete job description is available on our website at: www.seedgrowers.ca/job-opening/. In the meantime, French speaking members can contact [Caroline Lafontaine](#) at extension 225 or [Latona Nicholson](#) at extension 231 for assistance.

Changes in Crop Certification Requirements (Circular 6) for 2014

The Board of Directors met in November 2013 and approved several changes in the Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production (Circular 6). A Notice of Changes, as well as the official updated version of Circular 6, will be posted to the CSGA website by February 1st, 2014. Growers are reminded that the current certification requirements for pedigreed seed crops are on the CSGA website at www.seedgrowers.ca.

Here are the major changes approved for 2014:

- Spring Wheat Select Plots (Section 12.4.3): The previous land use requirements are revised to allow Select plots of spring wheat to be grown 2 years after production of a different variety or non-pedigreed wheat crop (instead of the current 3 year requirement) when the Select plot is planted on land that in the previous year produced a corn crop or a cultivated row crop (such as a potato or vegetable crop).
- Field Bean crops and plots: (Sections 3.3.7, 12.5.8): The second inspection requirement for all field bean crops, traditionally used to monitor disease levels, has been removed.
- E-form versions of an Application for Seed Crop Certification and an Application for CSGA Membership will be used by growers in 2014, and an e-form version of the Seed Crop Inspection Report will be used by both the CFIA and Authorized Seed Crop Inspection Service (ASCIS) inspectors.
- Assignment of Crop Certificate Forms (# 179 and # 179A): These forms, for Authorization to Assign Crop Certificate, have been discontinued. Assignments of crop certificates are now recorded on the new Application for Seed Crop Certification e-form which is completed for each field.

Other minor changes next year in Circular 6 include the following:

- Certification standards have been adopted for hybrid Rye seed crops; and
- Land and isolation standards are now specified for Select Plots of Camelina and Fenugreek.

PASSAGES

We would like to pay tribute to the following members that have recently passed:

- Herb Kletke of Teulon, Manitoba. Herb was awarded the CSGA Robertson Associate award for his many years of service and dedication to the Association in 2012 and the Outstanding Service Award in 1984. Producing since 1960, Herb had 54 years of service to the CSGA;
- Jean-Marcel Laferriere of Gatineau, Quebec. Jean-Marcel had been producing pedigreed seed since 1975 and had 31 years of service;
- Brian Moshondz of Russell, Manitoba;
- Larry Yeo of Miscouche, Prince Edward Island. Larry produced pedigreed seed for 60 years and was awarded the CSGA Robertson Associate award in 1980 for his years of service and dedication to the Association;
- Richard Nordal of Arborg, Manitoba. Richard had 38 years of service to the CSGA; and
- Jack McGill of Pakenham, Ontario. Jack was a past director of the Ontario CSGA branch.

Survey Notice

CSGA is requesting your participation in a short online survey to help us improve our member services. Please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSGAmembersatisfaction to participate.

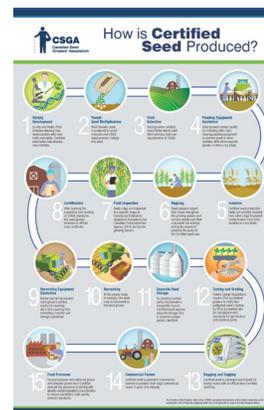
Holiday Hours

The CSGA office will be closed over the holidays to allow our staff members to enjoy the festive period with their family. The office will close early on December 24th and will reopen on January 2nd to serve you. Happy Holidays to you and your family.



How is **Certified Seed** Produced?

We recently produced a flowchart to help seed growers and seed company staff explain the seed certification system to their customers. A PDF version is available for download on our website or visit the site for an interactive electronic version at: www.seedgrowers.ca/seed-growers/what-is-canadian-certified-seed/how-certified-seed-is-produced/



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