



Seed SCOOP

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Notice of the Alternative Service Delivery Communication Plan

CFIA's Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) is rolling out in 2014. For seed growers, this means that the 109 year old seed crop inspection application and inspection process that you have come to know so well is changing significantly starting next year. It is your responsibility, as a seed grower, to be up to date on the changes and to know your new responsibilities.

The CSGA office will be releasing three communication packages to members over the next months to help members with the transition. Please look out for these releases and read them carefully:

1) CSGA's Seed to Succeed magazine mailing will include a series of ASD information handouts. Expect to see the magazine and ASD handouts in

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Will Your Crops Be Included in Provincial Seed Guides and the Online National Seed Locator?

Paying up your CSGA account is important. Not only does it release your outstanding crop certificates but it also provides your farm with an added marketing boost. Only the fields that have been fully paid are displayed in provincial seed guides and in CSGA's national online Pedigreed Seed Locator at www.seedlocator.net. If you want buyers of Certified seed to find you and your farm, it is in your best interest to double-check your CSGA account and tie up any loose ends.

Members can access their account through CSGA's Members website at www.seedgrowers.ca/CSGAMembers. Payments can be completed online with several banks and credit unions by adding CSGA as a payee and using your CSGA grower number as your account number. If you do not currently have a password to enter the Members area, contact Latona Nicholson at nicholsonl@seedgrowers.ca or 613-236-0497, extension 231.

Companies preparing seed guides in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have requested crop listing information from CSGA as early as **September 27th**. For inclusion in these publications, it's important that all unresolved issues with your fields and accounts are settled with the CSGA ahead of that time.

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your mailbox the week of November 4th.

2) Financial Account Statements are being sent out to members starting in mid-November. Along with the financial statement, members can expect information documents on ASD.

As much as possible, all future communications will be released by email. Members without an email address in our system will receive updates by fax. To stay informed on ASD changes, CSGA must have your email address or fax number on file. A tear off form to update your contact information will be sent with Seed to Succeed and your financial account statement. Please fill out the form and return it to the CSGA if you need to update your contact information. We recommend visiting the CSGA website for the most recent updates on ASD.

3) The list of officially approved ASCIS's (Alternative Seed Crop Inspection Services) will be released in early January. Seed growers will have to identify an authorized service provider that operates in their region to inspect their crops before submitting an application for crop inspection to the CSGA next spring. The list of officially authorized ASCIS's along with other updates on ASD will be sent out to members in late January by email. Members without a valid email address in our system will receive the list by fax. The official ASCIS list will be maintained on the CSGA website.

4) **NEW in 2014** – Your personalized crop inspection application package will be sent by email next year. Those without an email address will receive their crop inspection application package by fax. Don't be left out. Make sure we have valid contact information in our system. Log into the Members Area of the CSGA website at www.seedgrowers.ca/CSGAMembers to verify the information in your member profile.

Acreage Report

Several hundred crop inspection reports continue to flow into CSGA on a daily basis. Although crop inspection reports for soybeans have yet to arrive in our office, we can already say that 2013 was a good year for pedigreed seed acres. Early reports indicate the national acreage at approximately 1.29 million acres – up about 90,000 acres from 2012.

Passages

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

Gerry Dyck, of Springstein, MB had 17 years of service to the CSGA;

Dr. Pierre Turcotte, Plant Breeder in the province of Québec;

Richard Nordal of Arborg, MB had 38 years of CSGA service; and,

Dr. Ernests Reinbergs, Professor and Oat and Barley Plant Breeder for the University of Guelph. He received an Honorary Life and Clark-Newman-Clayton Award from CSGA.



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