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Call for Expressions of Interest *Cereal Working Group*

CSGA Background

The Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA) provides the national seed crop certification program for most agricultural field crops in Canada and is responsible for establishing and administering the certification requirements and standards in the [Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production](#) and the [Canadian Breeder Seed Requirements](#). More information on CSGA's standards development process and framework can be found [here](#).

Seed Crop Standards Development

The development of requirements and standards for new crop kinds or types and the annual reviews of existing standards are guided and supported by CSGA's Regulatory Services Committee (RSC). Eight crop-specific working groups (CSWGs) provide independent expert advice on certification requirements and technical standards.

Purpose of the Crop-Specific Working Groups

The CSWGs assist CSGA in developing new standards, reviewing existing standards, and making recommendations to the RSC. Regular review ensures that CSGA's standards are current, science-based, internationally harmonized, incorporate new technology, and provide high levels of varietal purity and genetic identity assurance.

Composition and Selection Criteria

The CSWG membership shall include knowledgeable individuals with experience in one or more areas of the seed sector with the relevant crop kind(s) while ensuring geographic representation. Stakeholders will include, but are not limited to, seed growers, seed processors/distributors/retailer representatives, plant breeders, seed analysts, and licensed seed crop inspectors. CFIA will also be invited to participate in CSWG meetings.

Meeting Frequency

An active CSWG will generally convene twice, possibly three times, between November 1 and March 31. Meetings are normally two hours and require up to one hour or possibly more of preparation.

Expression of Interest Closing Date

Expressions of interest will be accepted until October 15, 2024. If you are interested in participating in this working group or have questions about its role or members, please contact [Gail Harris](#), Standards Manager.

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