



SEED BUZZ

The newsletter for WSCIA, which certifies small grains and pulse crops

A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

Happy New Year to everyone! It has been a busy winter in the office on top of cleaning seed and getting ready for 2023.

For those of you who have already sent in your 2023 WSCIA Membership renewal, thank you very much for your support and membership. We have included another membership form in this mailing for those that would like to send one.

Field inspection applications have been coming in, so please don't hesitate to start getting those submitted. As usual, please make sure all information is correct and complete before submitting.

I'm looking forward to a great year, and I hope you all are too.



2023 CALENDAR

- **Feb. 1:** Deadline to submit field inspection applications and receive waiver of \$25 application fee. All applications submitted after February 1 will be subject to the \$25 application fee. Companies with outstanding audit reports are not eligible for waived fees.
- **Feb. 1:** Deadline to submit field inspection applications for fall-planted hybrid cereals. Visit our web portal (wschia.co) to submit applications.
- **April 1:** Field inspection applications are due for fall-planted small grains, peas, and lentils. After this date, a \$50 late fee applies to these applications.
- **April 1:** Deadline for youth education funding requests. WSCIA is proud to support agricultural education projects for Washington youth. Requests must be written and submitted by students. Find more information at washingtoncrop.com/edfunds.
- **June 1:** Field inspection applications are due for spring-planted small grains, peas, and lentils (chickpea applications due within 28 days of planting). After this date, a \$50 late fee applies to applications. Visit our web portal (wschia.co) to submit field inspection applications. Electronic files of seed stock documents and field maps are required to complete the application. Contact the business office for help.
- **Nov. 13-14:** WSCIA Annual Meeting at the University Inn in Moscow, ID.



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FOUNDATION SEED

Foundation Seed staff have been working through cleaning the many seed lots this winter and trying to get prepared for a busy season coming up for treating, packing, and shipping. Some inventory of new varieties is limited. We are working to ensure that our seed stock is replenished for 2024, so please get your Year-In-Advance orders in (see enclosed order form).

CHECK RESTRICTIONS BEFORE YOU SAVE SEED

It is up to users to ensure that there are no restrictions on the seed they plan to save. Always remember these steps if you are not sure:

- Check the seed label and bag.
- Talk to the seed dealer or company representative.
- Check the seed company's website.
- Refer to any limited use or technology agreement you were required to sign.
- Consult legal counsel when necessary.



DOES YOUR FIELD NEED A SEEDLING INSPECTION?

If a field doesn't meet land history requirements due to previous crop(s) planted, you may apply to WSCIA for a waiver of land history, contingent on seedling inspection.

Seedling inspection applications should be submitted within 10 days of planting.

These inspections occur at the 3-4 leaf stage; the sooner they are on our radar the better we can schedule ourselves to be available.

You can find the application on our web portal (wscia.co).

For help logging into your account please contact the business office.

FIELD INSPECTION APPLICATIONS FOR FALL-PLANTED CROPS: DUE APRIL 1

The deadline for field inspection applications of fall-planted crops is April 1. If you haven't completed them yet, now is the time!

Please read the tips on page 3 of this newsletter to save yourself time, money, and frustration when it comes to completing an application.

If you need additional help, please contact the office at 509-334-0461.

KEY TIPS FOR COMPLETE FIELD INSPECTION APPLICATIONS

1. **Make sure your seed stock documents meet requirements.** The application must have at least one document that shows what seed lot, class of seed, and how many pounds of seed were planted. All tags from the bags of planted seed or the bulk sales certificate from the purchase of bulk seed are acceptable documents. Invoices from Washington seed dealers containing the following information are also acceptable for seed stock verification when parent stock is sold to a grower:

- Name and address of company seed was purchased from,
- Purchaser's name and address,
- Variety, class,
- Lot number, and
- Weight.

If the parent stock was not certified by the company that sold the seed to the grower, a bulk certificate showing the transfer from certifier to retailer must accompany the invoice to the grower when the application is submitted. Alternatively, the bulk certificate could be issued directly to the grower.

2. **Make sure you know where your field is!** Our updated software includes a mapping tool. Using Google Maps, you will navigate to the field location and place a pin, or create a shape to outline the field. If you submit only a pin, we also require that you upload a PDF file showing field boundaries. At least one of the maps that you provide **MUST** show the field borders.

3. **Know your login information.** Please contact our office (509-334-0461, office@washingtoncrop.com) if you:
 - Have an account in the web portal but need to be reminded what your username is or have your password reset, or
 - If you do not have an account set up — we will create an account for you.

BEFORE STARTING ANY FIELD APPLICATION, GATHER:

- Seed stock tags, bulk certificates, or invoices as PDF files;
- Field history information;
- Grower contact information;
- Field map/location.

See 2023 Calendar on page 1 of this newsletter for due dates.



**VISIT [WSCIA.CO](https://wscia.co)
TO SUBMIT FIELD
INSPECTION
APPLICATIONS**

For fall-planted crops, submitting an application before April 1 does not guarantee that it is complete. Applications with missing or incorrect information will be assessed a late fee of \$50 if the necessary information is not supplied to WSCIA before the due date. You are advised to make a thorough review of field paperwork to ensure that each production field has been applied for, that the class applied matches your production plans, and that information is complete and correct before submission.

VARIETY HIGHLIGHTS

Limagrain Cereal Seeds *John Dodd, PNW Commercial Mgr., 509-956-5855 john.dodd@limagrain.com*

LCS Opera is a 2-row, dual-purpose barley. Originally intended as a malt variety, LCS Opera offers an acceptable malt profile with the added bonus of being non-GN for distilling. LCS Opera has also shown yield results that are equal to or greater than feed barley varieties, meaning barley growers can benefit from dual marketing options.

WestBred *Nathan Clemens, (509) 570-8696, nathan.clemens@bayer.com*

WB9303 is the latest Hard Red Spring and Dryland Bin Buster Winner for the 2020 National Wheat Yield Contest. Medium plant height, consistent test weight and great standability. Companion product to WB9668 for the dryland acre with a Medium-Early maturity. Excellent yield potential, strong protein content and outstanding resistance to Stripe Rust and Hessian Fly.

WB9623 **New** For 2023 offering Al toxicity resistance and higher yield potential, especially in our lower PH soils. It is medium – late in maturity and medium – tall in height with great standability on the dryland acre. Consistent performance in both protein content and test weight and has Hessian Fly and Stripe Rust resistance.

WB9303 Wins again. 2022 NWYC 1st place Dryland at 116.4 bu/ac. It is a companion variety to our WB9668 with a medium plant height and medium – early maturity. It has proven to be a strong fit within our PNW Dryland acres offering both high yield potential and solid protein content. Also, when it comes to pest management, WB9303 has both Hessian Fly and Stripe Rust resistance.

WB6211CLP is our latest soft white spring wheat from WestBred utilizing Clearfield Technology. This variety is a direct replacement for our no longer offered WB1035CLP. WB6211CLP has better yield potential and overall end-use quality. It is a medium-tall variety and has both Hessian Fly and Stripe Rust resistance.

Washington State University *Marci Miller, Washington Genetics, (509) 659-4020, marci@washgenetics.com*

WSU spring wheat varieties continue to prove their outstanding performance in variety testing trials, farmer's fields across the Pacific Northwest, flour mills, and food products.

The newly released hard red spring (HRS) wheat variety **Hale** has higher average grain yield than all other HRS varieties in high and intermediate production areas (>12" annual precipitation) based on two and three year performance across WSU's Variety Testing Program trials. Hale has the best possible stripe rust resistance rating, medium height with good straw strength, early-medium maturity, excellent test weight, Hessian fly resistance, and good grain protein concentration. End-use quality of Hale is excellent and sets a new standard for WSU spring wheat varieties.

Roger spring club has also set a new bar with its combination of elite yield potential across the region, the only spring club with Hessian fly resistance, high test weight, excellent end-use quality, very good adult stripe resistance and earlier maturity.

WSU varieties **NetCL+**, **Ryan**, **Seahawk**, **Tekoa**, **Hedge CL+** and others continue to lead in productivity and profitability across the PNW. For seed inquiries please call Washington Genetics (509) 659-4020 or contact your local seed dealer.

Barley Project, Oregon State University *Denis Sather, (541) 737-8806, denis.d.sather@oregonstate.edu, Pat Hayes (541) 737-5878, patrick.m.hayes@oregonstate.edu*

Successor, a spring 2-row immi-tolerant feed barley, is slated for release by Oregon State University in 2023. Successor was selected from the cross of OSU Lightning x WSU Survivor, the first immi-tolerant spring feed barley released in the Pacific Northwest. Successor is intended for dryland areas, where its yield potential, earliness, moderate height, lodging resistance, kernel plumpness and test weight may be key advantages. Look for Successor in the Oregon, Washington, and Idaho dryland Extension trials in 2023 and be sure to place your orders for Foundation seed intended for planting in 2024. Why merely survive when you can succeed?

AgriPro *Riley Hille, (509) 347-6165, Riley.Hille@syngenta.com*

AP Renegade is a consistently high performing hard red spring wheat. With a strong disease package, medium height and medium maturity, AP Renegade is widely adapted across production areas. AP Renegade has a high test weight with good protein and end use quality. It is hessian fly resistant.

AP Venom, a hard red spring, is extremely high yielding irrigated variety with good protein. It has medium maturity and medium to tall height with excellent straw strength. AP Venom is flexible for spring or fall planting.

WASHINGTON STATE CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Washington State Crop Improvement Association, Inc., (WSCIA) is a non-profit organization working with Washington State University, Oregon State University, Washington State Department of Agriculture, and Washington seed growers and conditioners to develop, produce and distribute certified seed in order to improve crop yields in Washington.

Working through education, instruction and promotion, WSCIA is the official Washington State agency for foundation seed and for seed certification of Buckwheat, Chickpea, Field Pea, Lentil, Sorghum, Small Grain and Forest Reproductive Material. Certification of seed of Grass, Dry Edible Bean and Soybean is conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture.



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