



SEED BUZZ

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

MANAGER CORNER

With our typical shifty spring weather on the Palouse, I am reminded to be thankful for all the challenges and rewards this year will hold. We are working towards implementing some needed upgrades for Foundation Seed, and we continue to make other operational improvements. Foundation winter wheat fields are looking great at this time, and FSS staff was able to complete some custom cleaning this spring. Now that all spring seed has been dispersed, WSCIA staff have immediately pivoted into working on our annual financial audit.

Seedling inspections are already underway for many areas. Please ensure you check your field history to be aware if you need to request a seedling inspection. We will be gearing up soon for our annual inspector training in June before field inspection season kicks off.

Thank you to all the seed dealers for completing their audits with Katie and looking forward to seeing everyone at field days this summer.

- Aaron Jeschke, WSCIA Manager

2024 CALENDAR

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 (wscia.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.

NOVEMBER 11-12

WSCIA Annual Meeting at the Yakima Convention Center.



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FOUNDATION SEED REPORT

With the weather being warmer early this year, it kick started spring planting early. The seed house was running on all cylinders getting orders out the door as fast as it could. At the time of writing this, all-pre-existing orders had been completed and only a handful were waiting to be picked up. While the Seedhouse was in full swing, we were also monitoring our increases and getting spring spraying application taken care of. Spring planting went well, and we were able to get all of our crops planted and have already started checking on some spring wheat that has popped out of the ground. So far everything is looking great! The next process will be shifting gears and gearing up for 2024 harvest and right into fall orders. Be on the lookout for our Fall Order form on our website soon and next Seed Buzz to start putting in those Current Season and Year-In-Advance orders.

Thank you for your business and happy end of spring work to everyone!



CERTIFICATION REPORT: DEADLINE SEASON

As spring work is wrapping up and seed is in the ground, I want to remind everyone of the June 1 deadline for field inspection application for spring-seeded small grains, peas and lentils. Garbanzo field applications are due 28 days after seeding. We are seeing a lot of seedling applications roll in at this time, and those applications will be charged a late fee if they are submitted more than 10 days after seeding. This deadline is so we can coordinate on our end and get the inspection done in a timely manner.

We are getting close to pre-inspection season. Just a reminder, the purpose of pre-inspections is that we can get a look at fields at high risk for lodging—typically triticale and forage barley grown under irrigation. The expectation across the state is that the grower will follow best practices to prevent lodging (growth regulators, limiting overhead irrigation etc.), but if it happens, we can save some acres by looking at the crop prior to maturity. When a pre-inspection is scheduled, irrigation should be turned off until the inspection is complete. Pre-inspections are not a field scouting service, and should not be applied for as a just-in-case measure. We want to provide the best service possible to get inspections done promptly and efficiently. If you have any questions please call.



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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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WSU Variety Testing Program PNW Crop Tour Schedule

The 2024 crop tour season will soon be starting and provides opportunities to view field trials and interact with Washington State University personnel. The list below provides an outline of when each small grain (other crops besides small grains will be clearly stated) variety tour will be offered in Washington. Please check with the contact listed prior to the tour to verify the time, location, and agenda or reach out to your local county wheat growers association or other co-sponsor. Location maps for the WSU Extension Cereal Variety Trials are available online at <http://smallgrains.wsu.edu/variety>.

We would like to thank the Washington Grain Commission for funding to support the trials and tours as well as the county wheat growers associations and co-sponsors for programs and meals associated with the field days. And lastly, a big thank you to all of the grower cooperators for their time and resources to host the variety trials. We look forward to seeing you in the field!

– Clark Neely, WSU Cereal Variety Testing

Date	Tour	Starting Location	Time	Contact
3-Jun	Horse Heaven	Horse Heaven Community Hall 37301 County Well Rd, Prosser, WA	8:00 AM	Clark Neely, 814-571-5628
3-Jun	Connell	46.601627, -118.586545	2:00 PM	Clark Neely, 814-571-5628
6-Jun	Adams County Crop Tour	47.2590062, -118.4508995	3:00 PM	Aaron Esser, 509-659-3210
10-Jun	Harrington	47.401006, -118.400656	10:30 AM	Aaron Esser, 509-659-3210
12-Jun	Moses Lake	47.114768, -119.010154	9:00 AM	Andy McGuire, 509-754-2011
12-Jun	WSU Weed Tour	Palouse Conservation Field Station, Pullman, WA	1:00 PM	Drew Lyon, 509-335-2961
11-Jun	Pendleton (OSU/ARS)	48037 Tubbs Ranch Rd, Adams OR 97810	8:00 AM	Debbie Sutor, 541-278-4405
12-Jun	Moro (OSU/ARS)	66365 Lone Rock Rd, Moro OR 97039	8:00 AM	Debbie Sutor, 541-278-4405
13-Jun	Lind Experiment Station Field Day	781 E. Experiment Station Road, Lind, WA	8:30 AM	Samantha Crow, 509-677-3671
14-Jun	Douglas County	47.610310, -119.984815	5:00 PM	Dale Whaley, 509-888-6352
17-Jun	Mayview	46.607572, -117.409327	10:00 AM	Mark Heitstuman, 509-243-2009
18-Jun	Wheat Academy Road Show	425 B St, Walla Walla, WA	9:45 AM	Rachel Wieme, 509-524-2685
19-Jun	Reardan	47.6945290, -117.9659950	9:00 AM	Aaron Esser, 509-659-3210
TBD	Almira	McKay Seed, Almira, WA	TBD	Aaron Esser, 509-659-3210
20-Jun	Fairfield	Harvest Moon Restaurant, Rockford, WA	7:00 AM	Clark Neely, 814-571-5628
20-Jun	WSU Wilke Farm Field Day	47.656425, -118.131783	8:30 AM	Aaron Esser, 509-659-3210
21-Jun	Eureka (WSU/OSU)	46.2841394, -118.6537912	9:00 AM	Rachel Wieme, 509-524-2685
21-Jun	Walla Walla (WSU/OSU)	46.101129, -118.242495	1:00 PM	Rachel Wieme, 509-524-2685
21-Jun	W. Wheat Workers Field Tour	Blue Mountain Community College FARM building, Pendleton, OR	8:00 AM	
24-Jun	Spillman Farm Field Day	46.696113, -117.146961 (Sheaf Building)	3:00 PM	Clark Neely, 814-571-5628
25-Jun	St. John	47.081516, -117.518972	10:00 AM	Clark Neely, 814-571-5628
25-Jun	Farmington	47.034089, -117.056899	2:30 PM	Clark Neely, 814-571-5628
27-Jun	WSU Potato Field Day	Othello Research Station, 1471 W. Cox Rd	9:00 AM	Mark Pavsek, 509-335-6861
3-Jul	Bickleton	45.948259, -120.240402	1:00 PM	Hannah Brause, 509-773-5817

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