



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

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Dear WI seed producer:

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is pleased to continue to offer phytosanitary certification field inspections in support of seed export. We hope you will consider having your fields inspected by our department. If you would like your fields inspected, please return one *Seed Field Inspection Form* for each field or crop by **June 15th** in order to be included in our work plans. Seed Field Inspection Forms submitted after June 15th will be included in our plans if possible.

Seed Field Inspection Forms are available online at: http://datcp.wi.gov/Plants/Plant_Shipment_and_Exports/index.aspx

If you would like a paper copy of the Seed Field Inspection Form mailed to you, please let us know by email or phone and we will send one out to you.

Complete the top section of the form only. To help us find your fields it is essential to include as much detail as you can provide. If you have several fields in the same town please use a cover plat map with the field(s) highlighted. GPS coordinates (in decimal degrees) are often the best way for us to locate your fields, so please include that information if available.

Attach all inspection forms to the corresponding field maps and make sure all fields (all crops) intended for inspection from your company are included. There is a \$1.50/acre fee or minimum fee of \$50 per company for the inspection(s). This will be billed upon completion of the inspection and lab testing. The inspections will begin in late July or the first week in August.

Please take some time to review the Seed Field Inspection Form. The Plant Industry Lab will test for each disease listed under the corresponding crop and attempt to diagnose any other visible symptoms present in samples submitted. If you know the country you will be exporting to, please list it on the inspection form and our inspectors will include any additional requirements or testing needed for export to that country.

Remember:

- When applying for your phytosanitary certificate, you cannot present conflicting reports. You cannot present a seed field inspection report that shows the parent plants are positive for a pest or disease, and then get the seed lab tested to prove it is negative for that pest or disease. You can get the seed lab tested and forgo a field inspection of the parent plants, OR you can get the parent plants inspected in the field if you think the lab results will be negative.
- Argentina will be requiring a growing season inspection for corn seed that was grown from 2015 on in order to verify that it is free from Striga (*Striga asiatica*). For corn seed intended for planting that was grown prior to 2015, the options will be to declare area freedom or have a growing season inspection that showed freedom from Striga.
- For any lab testing of seed, a state inspector must draw an official sample to submit to a lab of your choosing.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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