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"For over 75 years, the members of Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. have been serving the global agriculture community by producing quality Idaho Certified Seeds. When seed is certified by ICIA, the varietal purity and health of Idaho's seeds and crops are preserved."

Farmer's Yield Initiative (FYI)

Farmers' Yield Initiative (FYI) is an educational messaging program made up of a coalition of public and private partners with the goal of raising public awareness about the benefits of the legal seed trade.

"Investment in crop research is essential to the future viability of the seed industry. Beginning in 2006, the "Farmers' Yield Initiative" of "FYI" informative campaign has the collective goal of advancing wheat research, education, seed certification, and the enforcement of intellectual property rights under the Plant Variety Protection Act (PVP) and patent laws."

The program uses direct mailing to communicate their educational message to producers in the Pacific Northwest. In 2016, over 1,750 growers in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington received the information. The goal is to broadcast a unified message as to the federal laws governing the seed industry. Producers are reminded about the benefits associated with using certified seed, and how buying legal seed is essential to funding and perpetuating agricultural progress. FYI also maintains a database of all producers who receive notice of the law, which is useful when a producer intentionally violates seed laws, yet claims to be unaware of protected varieties of seed.

For additional information about the FYI program, go to:

<http://farmersyieldinitiative.com/>

Idaho Medal of Achievement

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter is seeking nominations for the 2017 Idaho Medal of Achievement award. His letter below explains the award and how nominations can be made.



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR
February 3, 2017

Dear Friends,

The Idaho Medal of Achievement was created by Executive Order in 2015 to recognize citizens demonstrating exceptional, meritorious and inspirational service to the people of Idaho. It is intended for those who go above and beyond what is expected of them as citizens of Idaho. Honorees receive a 99.9-percent solid silver medallion meant as a lasting tribute to their civic virtue.

I was privileged to award the first Idaho Medal of Achievement on January 9, 2017, to pioneering teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan, whose commitment to education has extended from McCall, Idaho, into space, influencing and inspiring generations of Idahoans.

I encourage you to nominate noteworthy individuals for the 2017 award to be presented in January 2018. The Idaho Medal of Achievement is awarded annually to individuals – living or dead – who are nominated by the public and considered by a four-member Idaho Medal of Achievement Commission.

Submissions can be made by email to IMOA@gov.idaho.gov, or online at <https://gov.idaho.gov/achievement.html>. The Governor's Office also can be contacted for a nomination form by mail. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 31, 2017.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Idaho Medal of Achievement. I look forward to reviewing the nominations for this prestigious honor.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

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Revised Certification Standard

Rapeseed/Canola/Mustard

The Idaho State Legislature recently approved a revision to the Rapeseed/Canola/Mustard seed standards. The new standard replaces a zero tolerance for Sclerotinia bodies with a 1/50 grams tolerance. This change aligns ICIA standards with Canadian standards and should help facilitate seed movement between Idaho and Canadian provinces. The revised rule becomes effective at the close of the 2017 legislative session.

Seed Standards:

Factor	Standards for each class	
	Foundation	Certified
Pure Seed (Min.)	99%	99%
Other Crops (Max.)	1/50 grams	2/50 grams
Inert Matter (Max.)	1%	1%
Weed Seed (Max.)	10/50 grams	20/50 grams
Prohibited Noxious Weeds 1	None	None
Objectionable Weeds (Max.) 2	1/50 grams	2/50 grams
Seed Analysis 3	See footnote 3	See footnote 3
Sclerotinia bodies	None 1/50 grams	None 1/50 grams
Leptosphaeria maculans /Phoma lingam (Blackleg)	0.01%	0.01%
Germination (Min.)	85%	85%

1 None means none found during normal inspection procedures.

2 Objectionable weed seeds are defined as: Restricted noxious plus *Brassica* species other than crop being inspected, and *Galium aparine* (Bedstraw).

3 Erucic acid and glucosinolate content must be within tolerances as described by the plant breeder for each variety.

4 All seed lots for which certification is applied shall be assayed for virulent *Phoma lingam*/*Leptosphaeria maculans* (Blackleg) and shown to be 99.99% free of this seed borne fungi.

Due Date Reminders:

Alfalfa/Clover renewals –April 1

Misc. Perennial renewals – April 1

PVG renewals – April 1

Grass renewals – May 1

Misc. Annuals – May 1

Grain – June 1

Potatoes – June 10

Beans SW Idaho – June 15

Beans SC Idaho – July 1

Corn/Sunflower – July 1

If you have any questions regarding renewal of perennial crops or making a new application for certification, please contact your local ICIA office for assistance.

Board of Directors:

ICIA is governed by a Board of Directors and utilizes Advisory Committees to make recommendations to the Directors regarding standards, policies and procedures, and other areas of concern. Advisory Committees are also the primary source of nominations for elected Board positions. Seed growers and industry representatives are encouraged to participate on Advisory Committees and be a part of association leadership. Contact your local office for more information.

District #1 - Justin McLeod, Nezperce - Grower

District #2 - Rick Kitamura, *Treasurer*, Ontario, OR - Grower

District #3 - Kirk Rolfs, *Vice President*, Nampa, - S & W Seed Co

District #4 - Brian Darrington, Declo - Grower

District #5 - Brent Dame, *President*, Hansen - ADM Edible Beans

District #6 - Curtis Stoddard, Grace - Grower

District #7 - Wyatt Penfold, Driggs - Grower

University of Idaho - Dr. Paul McDaniel

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