



# Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc.

## *SEEDER*

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*"For over 74 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."*

## Are You Using Cover Crops on Your Farm?

There is an increased interest in the use of cover crops throughout the state to manage soil erosion, soil fertility, water, weeds, pests, and wildlife habitat. If you plan to utilize a cover crop system, it is important to be aware of the potential for some seed labeling and certification issues.

All seed, including seed for cover crops, must be properly labeled when sold. Labeling information includes kind and variety, lot number, purity analysis, germination, test date and the name and address of the labeler. Varieties with PVP protection may only be sold under the restrictions of the US Plant Variety Protection Act. In some cases this means a variety can only be sold by variety name if it is certified. In all cases, it is illegal to sell grain of a PVP variety as seed.

It is also important to be aware of planting restrictions for certain crop species under Idaho State Department of Agriculture regulations. Crops include but may not be limited to beans (*Phaseolus* spp.), non *Phaseolus* spp beans (soy, mung, azuki, etc.), lentils, rapeseed, canola, and mustard. When considering a cover crop component, it would be wise to check with the Dept. of Ag about any restrictions.

If cover crops are planted on land you intend to grow a certified seed crop in the future, specific crop certification land history requirements should also be considered. Also, some cover crop components may be difficult to control and may cause field contamination issues in future certified seed crops. Your local ICIA office can help to determine if a possible conflict exists.

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## 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, Nampa - S & W Seed Co  
District #4 - Brian Darrington, Declo - Grower  
District #5 - Brent Dame, *President*, Hansen - ADM Edible Beans  
District #6 - Chad Neibaur, *Vice President*, Bancroft – Grower  
District #7 – Wyatt Penfold, Driggs - Grower  
University of Idaho - Dr. Paul McDaniel  
Foundation Seed Program - David Hoadley

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## 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/Sorghum/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.

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## 2016 Fees

The ICIA Board of Directors reviewed the association's financial position at their summer 2015 meeting and made the determination that a 2016 fee increase would not be necessary. Therefore, the 2015 Fee Schedule posted on the ICIA website is current and will be used for the 2016 crop season.

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## Application Maps

An important part of a successful application for certification includes an accurate map showing the field location. A good map includes sufficient detailed information so that a Field Inspector unfamiliar with your farm can effectively locate the field. The map should clearly define the field border, closest cross roads, direction from closest town, field entry, and other useful landmarks. There are many good mapping programs available such as Google Earth or Google Maps that can generate excellent maps for this purpose, and they are free to use. Please take a second look at your field map before submitting it with your application and ask yourself if a person could find this field without prior knowledge of its location. Good maps contribute to efficient and accurate field inspections.