



May 2022

President's Message:

As I write this report we have seen all sides of Mother Nature this spring. From cool, wet and cold temperatures to start to recent record breaking heat waves. Each year we seem to plant in hope for a successful growing season and this year will be no different. Best wishes to you in getting your spring work done and your crops off to a good start.

A new insurance program for pedigreed seed crops is available to provide some risk management protection for your seed crops of spring wheat and soybeans in 2022. Fall wheat plantings will be eligible fall of 2022. Please consider looking into the eligibility and premiums available to you with Agricorp. The OSGA board has worked on developing this for many years and we hope it brings value to our members.

The OSGA Field Day will be held on **Thursday, June 30, 2022** at Cribit Seeds in West Montrose. The full day features a tour of the seed plots, seed plant tour and several speakers including Doug Miller CSGA Executive Director and Peter Johnson on the Value of Straw as Fertilizer and Soil Health Contributor. Please remember to **register online** for helping us to arrange the luncheon numbers.

The annual general meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held online **July 6, 2022**. Consider participating in this meeting and engage in seed industry issues.

Also, Pedigreed Seed Crop Inspection Application deadlines are coming up. See the back page for a reminder on upcoming deadlines.

We hope you have you a safe planting season and a prosperous summer and hope to see you soon at one of the organized events.

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Ontario Seed Growers' Association Field Day

Thursday, June 30/22

Itinerary

Location: Cribit Seeds

265 Katherine St S., West Montrose, ON N0B 2V0



- 9:00 am Arrival at Plant
Coffee and Registration
Sponsored by SeCan Association
- 9:30 am Welcome from OSGA President – Andrew Dawson and host
Quentin Martin, Cribit Seeds
- Tour seed plant and research plots – Wagon for transport
- 12:00 BBQ Lunch (Beef-on-a-Bun, Salads and Pies)
Sponsored by Bayer CropScience
- 1:00 pm Recognition and Presentations
- 1:15 pm Industry Update
Doug Miller, Executive Director CSGA
- 2 pm *Straw Wars* - The Value of Straw
Peter Johnson, Real Agriculture
- 3:00 pm Adjourn



Please register at: <http://www.seedontario.ca/field-day>





- **New insurance coverage for pedigreed seed**

New Production Insurance coverage for pedigreed seed soybeans and pedigreed seed spring wheat is now available, with coverage for pedigreed seed winter wheat coming for 2023. This new coverage provides additional risk management options for new and existing soybean and wheat producers who are growing or decide to grow pedigreed seed. Pedigreed seed coverage provides all the benefits of Production Insurance coverage for conventional crops but with higher price options and a germination guarantee to reflect the higher value of the crop. To qualify for coverage, pedigreed seed growers must have a production contract or be able to provide Agricorp with production documents. All types of seed are eligible, including early-generation and experimental varieties, provided they meet pedigreed seed standards.

- **Higher coverage offered for pedigreed seed crops**

Pedigreed seed coverage provides a higher claim price, which is set at harvest. Agricorp calculates the claim price by adding a price premium, based on an industry survey, to the claim price for conventional soybeans or spring wheat. Pedigreed seed coverage also includes a germination guarantee for production that doesn't meet germination standards due to an insured peril. This coverage is designed to stabilize your claim price to reflect the value of your pedigreed seed. When you identify a germination issue, contact Agricorp immediately to report crop damage. To qualify for a claim, germination test results from an accredited lab are required.

- **Additional benefits**

If you insure both conventional and pedigreed seed production, there is no offsetting of yields between the two. Your yield history for your conventional and pedigreed seed production are built and maintained separately. For new participants, Agricorp assigns a 5-year average farm yield (AFY) that is based on a variety of factors, such as soil type, drainage and township averages. Each year that you participate, your actual yield replaces an underwritten yield until your AFY is composed entirely of your own yields.

- **How Production Insurance coverage works**

Production Insurance participants are guaranteed a level of production based on their yield history and chosen level of coverage. Agricorp uses your AFY to determine if your actual production is below average. As noted earlier, if you are new to pedigreed seed coverage, an AFY is assigned to the crop and each year you participate, your actual yield replaces an underwritten yield until your AFY is composed entirely of your own actual yields.

When you apply or renew each year, you choose a single coverage level for all of your pedigreed seed production. Your guaranteed production is determined by multiplying your AFY by your selected coverage level. If an insured peril causes your actual yield to fall below your guaranteed production, a production loss claim may be paid on the difference.

The premium you pay for this coverage is based on a premium rate that Agricorp sets at renewal time each year and the number of acres you report. After you have had pedigreed seed

coverage for more than a year, your premium may be discounted or surcharged based on comparing your claim rate to the claim rate for the commodity as a whole. In addition to guaranteeing a level of production, Production Insurance also provides coverage for unseeded acreage and replanting if an insured peril prevents you from planting or causes damage that requires you to replant. To qualify for a claim, damage should be reported to Agricorp as soon as it occurs.

• **RMP: Grains and Oilseeds coverage for pedigreed seed**

RMP: Grains and Oilseeds coverage helps farmers manage risks beyond their control, like fluctuating costs and market prices. Pedigreed seed coverage is now available through RMP: Grains and Oilseeds for the 2022 program year for soybeans and spring wheat, and for winter wheat in 2023. Please note that for RMP: Grains and Oilseeds coverage, premiums and payments for pedigreed seed crops are calculated using the values for soybeans and wheat.

• **Interested in securing pedigreed seed coverage?**

For Production Insurance coverage, call Agricorp.

For RMP: Grains and Oilseeds coverage, visit agricorp.com to submit an application by May 16. To qualify for RMP coverage, farmers must be enrolled in 2022 Production Insurance.

For more information about programs, including rates and coverage options, visit agricorp.com.

COMING EVENTS

May 24 11 am English 9 am French

CSGA Webinar: Understanding the 2022 Application Season Register [here](#)

CSGA Pedigreed Seed Crop Inspection Application Deadline Dates

May 5 for winter canola/rapeseed

May 25 for fall seeded cereals

June 10 for fababeans, forages, flax, canola, mustard, corn and field peas

June 20 for all other crops not listed here

July 10 for field beans and buckwheat

July 25 for soybeans

June 30 OSGA Field Day hosted by Cribit seeds 9 am – 3 pm Agenda follows. Register online by **June 24**

July 6 CSGA Annual Meeting www.seedgrowers.ca

July 11-14 Seeds Canada Annual Meeting Winnipeg ON www.seeds-canada.ca