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Hot off the Press!

The 2018 Maritime Soybean Yield Performance Test summary tables for the conventional and RR soybeans are ready and can be found on the Soybean page of the Perennia web site <https://www.perennia.ca/portfolio-items/soybean/>. I would like to thank Doug MacDonald for his continued work on these variety trials. His dedication to the industry is outstanding.

The 2019 Maritime Cereal Cultivar Performance Trial results are also ready and located on the cereal page of the Perennia web site <https://www.perennia.ca/portfolio-items/cereal/>. Due to the backwards fall, there may be a little more interest in planting spring wheat. I'd draw your attention to the column on Fusarium Index (FHB index). There are some interesting differences between varieties.

Upcoming Meetings

- LIVESTREAM OF THE SOUTHWEST AG CONFERENCE – All the latest and greatest in Field Crop Production information with the best industry speakers. Jan. 4th starting at 9:00 am at the Berwick Fire Hall. Please register by calling 902-678-7722 before Jan 1st. Livestream Sessions can be found at the following [link](#).
- Corn and Wheat: Focusing on Test weight and Toxins Eric Richter lead agronomist from Syngenta and myself 1:00-2:30 in the valley on Jan. 31st and Feb 1st in Truro, room 214 in the Main Admin Building in Perennia Park.

What you need to know about how the Seed Synergy Collaboration Project is going to affect you

The Canadian Seed Growers Association has been working over the past year with its partners at the Canadian Seed Trade Association, the Canadian Seed Institute, the

Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada, the Canadian Plant Technology Agency, and CropLife Canada on the Seed Synergy Collaboration Project.

The goal of the Seed Synergy Collaboration is to implement six changes:

1. Update the delivery of the novel products regulations for plant breeding innovation
2. Implement a seed variety use agreement (trailing royalty) system for intellectual property-protected seed
3. Amend the Seeds Regulations to streamline requirements and enable modernization of the seed regulatory framework, including incorporation by reference
4. Define a new, industry-delivered model for the seed certification program
5. Create a single window for all seed regulatory services, facilitated by information technology, and including a “variety profile” data management system for all commercial varieties so that end users can make informed decisions
6. Create a more efficient and effective industry organizational model

To implement point 2, the Seed Synergy partners have supported a plan they hope will drive investment in plant breeding, starting with cereal, pulse and specialty crop producers. This will be done through a contract royalty option called a Seed Variety Use Agreement (SVUA). The SVUA would allow breeders, if they choose, to set a Seed Variety Use Fee (SFUV) on farm saved seed that reflects an appropriate value for providing an improved variety to the producer.

I invite you to read the [Green Paper](#) and the [Executive Summary](#). There will be regional workshops across the county this winter to provide more opportunity for discussion and comment. The closest to us will be in Charlottetown, PEI on January 30th, 2019. Hope you have an opportunity to read the White Paper and develop your own ideas about what the Next Generation Seed System should be. To share your comments directly with CSGA, please write to them at seedtalk@seedgrowers.ca.

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