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July Small Grains News

Howdy,

Harvest is underway in most parts of Iowa and southern Minnesota and Wisconsin, good luck harvesting to everyone who still has small grains in the field! Read on for some new resources on small grain harvesting equipment and post-harvest handling and, as always, if you snapped pictures during harvest, I'd love to see them.

The full Small Grains Conference program is [now online](#)! The deadline for pre-registration is **Monday, July 23**. If you can't [register](#) by then, you are welcome to register when you arrive at the conference on the day of the event. I know we're cutting it close on the date this year as some may be harvesting still, please bear with us. Next year we'll aim for mid-August dates again for the conference.

Cheers,

Alisha

Pre-Register by July 23 for Small Grains Conference

This year's conference will be held in Mankato, MN from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on July 30. Learn more about the [full schedule](#) and program of speakers on our [small grains conference webpage](#).

Registration is free for Practical Farmers members and \$40 for non-members. To register for the small grains conference, visit our [registration page](#), pre-registration deadline is **Monday July 23**. After this, walk-ins are welcome to register at the conference.

Remember, if you're in the small grains cost share, you'll need to attend at least one learning event this year. You can fulfill that requirement with this event, or check out our other [upcoming small grains events](#).

[Register for Small Grains Conference](#)

Blog from July Call Now Online

On July 6th we heard from farmer Earl Canfield about his equipment and best practices for harvest and post harvest handling of his oats. His talk covered equipment and use of a swather and pick up head to harvest. [The blog](#) from this call covers the presentation and discussion from this timely shared learning call.

Because we will have just wrapped up our small grains conference there will be **no shared learning call on August 3**. We'll reconvene Noon -1 P.M. on September 7th.

Harvesting Small Grains Standing

On June 27th Practical Farmers hosted a combine clinic to review the equipment settings and special parts necessary to harvest small grains standing with a combine. If you weren't able to attend the clinic itself, we wrote up a blog recap of what was covered. [Read the blog here.](#)

EVENTS

There will be no shared learning call on August 3, due to the small grains conference. The next shared learning call will occur on September 7th.

Conference: [Rotationally Raised - Making Small Grains Work](#)

July 30, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | PFI Annual Small Grains Conference
Centennial Student Union Minnesota State University-Mankato Campus
[620 South Rd.](#), Mankato, MN 66001

Shared Learning Call: Small Grains Topic TBD

September 7, Noon - 1 p.m.
Dial 641-715-3620 and enter passcode 357330# when prompted

Field Day: [Cover Crops + Small Grains = A Perfect Pair for Soil Health and Water Quality](#)

September 10, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Mark and Melanie Peterson of Bent Gate Farm
2311 N Ave., Stanton, IA 51573

IN THE FIELD

Harvest and Post-Harvest Handling

For those of you who haven't harvested yet, check out these resources:

- The [Harvest episode](#) of our Rotationally Raised Video Series.

- The [Post-Harvest: Handling and Storage episode](#) of our Rotationally Raised Video Series.
- [The recap blog](#) from our July 6th call on harvest and post harvest handling.
- [The recap blog](#) from PFI's June 27 small grains combine clinic.

Marketing

If you don't already have a market lined up for your grain, here are some resources on identifying a market that lines up with the grain quality you've achieved with your crop:

- The [2018 Small Grains Directory](#) lists small grains buyers for seed and grain by location.
- [The recap blog](#) from our grain and seed markets call in early 2017.
- [Grain Miller's markets presentation](#) from the 2016 small grains short course.
- [The recap blog](#) from our March 2018 call on marketing to breweries and distilleries.
- [The rotationally raised short](#) on markets for small grains.

And don't forget about straw!

- [The blog recap](#) from our straw marketing call in 2017.

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