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Indiana Crop Improvement Celebrates 125 Years with Open House Event

Lafayette, IN | August 19, 2025 — Indiana Crop Improvement Association, (ICIA), a leading provider of seed certification and laboratory testing solutions since 1900, marked its 125th anniversary with a celebratory Open House event on Friday, August 15. The event brought together industry leaders, stakeholders, and guests from across the region to commemorate the company's legacy, growth, and future.

Held at ICIA's facility in Lafayette, Indiana, the event featured guided tours, historical displays, a catered lunch, and 125th anniversary gift bag for all attendees. Guests included ICIA member/customers, ag industry representatives, seed and ag media and former ICIA staff members.

"We are honored to celebrate 125 years of service and innovation within the seed and grain industries," said Craig Nelson, CEO of ICIA. "This milestone is a testament to the dedication and hard work of ICIA's employees, the support of our clients, and the loyalty of our members."

Highlights of the event included presentations from ICIA's past leadership, as well as a commemorative timeline that highlighted the company's evolution over more than a century. The celebration also included a look ahead, with a preview of upcoming initiatives and a renewed commitment to growth and innovation.

Founded in 1900, Indiana Crop Improvement Association has remained committed to supporting agriculture, with a focus on quality, customer service, and modernization.

"We were excited to open our doors and share this special milestone with our customers and stakeholders," added Susan Overdorf, ICIA Marketing Director. "It was more than a celebration; it was an expression of gratitude to all those who formed, built and grew the association over 125 years."

For more information about ICIA or upcoming initiatives, please visit www.indianacrop.org or email icia@indianacrop.org.

About ICIA

Founded in 1900, Indiana Crop Improvement Association is an independent, non-governmental organization. We are an unbiased, third-party source for agricultural quality assurance. For 125 years, ICIA has built a solid foundation by providing a sound scientific approach to testing. From innovative genetics to the latest in molecular technology, ICIA has an uncompromising commitment to quality results delivered on time with a focus on exceptional customer service.

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