

Indiana Seed Regulatory Program Staff

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The success and effectiveness of our program is due to the dedication and support of our staff involved in laboratory testing. The following individuals provide that support. Our laboratory program staff in chronological order of hire:

Minoo Faghihi – Registered Seed Technologist



Minoo was hired in February 2005 as an analyst to specialize in seed purity testing in the laboratory and provides valuable assistance in seed purity testing in the laboratory. She obtained her accreditation from AOSA as a Certified Seed Analyst in germination testing in April 2012 and her purity accreditation in February 2013. Minoo is retired and helps the lab during seasonal busy times. We are very happy to have Minoo back to help us with her tremendous knowledge and experience.

Jodi Small - Certified Seed Analyst



Jodi was hired in March 2005 as an analyst to specialize in germination testing for the laboratory. In her present role her main focus is viability testing, conducting warm germination tests on both agricultural and vegetable crop kinds. Jodi obtained her accreditation from AOSA as a Certified Seed Analyst in germination testing in April 2011. Jodi has a Masters of Education from Indiana State University. She currently is continuing her education while working toward the purity portion of accreditation.

Teresa Thompson - Laboratory Technician VII



Teresa began her Purdue career in 2004 working in the Department of Horticulture as a lab technician. She was hired by the Seed Laboratory in January 2011 as a secretary to the Seed Laboratory and Seed Administrator. In her role she is responsible for data entry of all sample information and official seed reports. Teresa has a BS in Agriculture from Purdue University. She assists with visitors, those who send in samples or phone in with questions. She also is trained to help with germination testing and supervising student workers.

Jessica McVay - Laboratory Coordinator/Feed Microscopist/Registered Seed Technologist



Jessica was hired in August 2012 in the laboratory as a Seed Analyst/Feed Microscopist. She holds a BS in Interdisciplinary Biology with a minor in Forensic Science and Sociology from Purdue University. Her Role in the laboratory is to help direct the lab staff in both purity and germination and provide microscopic analysis on animal feed and bird feed products. Her new role of Laboratory Coordinator in June 2016 has her providing leadership to the lab staff and helping direct the workflow.

Emily Morrison - Certified Seed Analyst



Emily was hired January 2016 as a Seed Analyst. Her primary role in the lab is to perform physical purity and germination. In 2016 Emily obtained certification in germination testing through AOSA and will pursue certification in physical purity. Before starting in the seed lab she has had previous experience in seed quality testing with Dow AgroScience. She graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Natural Resources and Environmental Science.