

**Wyoming Crop Improvement Association
Northwest District Meeting**

**December 1, 2009
Powell Research and Extension Center
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

1. Welcome.
2. Approval of 2008 Minutes.
3. Acreage/field inspection report.
4. Quackgrass in grass seed fields. Suggested field standard change: Quackgrass on the field perimeter (outside 10 rows) may be flagged off and avoided at harvest. Quackgrass found in the body of the field shall result in rejection of the field, with the field being eligible for reinspection. The suggested standard change was prompted by a seed test for a field that passed field inspection but had 539 quackgrass per pound in the seed test.
5. Bacterial bean blight.
 - a. Changes to WSCS standards suggested by the bean industry meeting.
 - b. Suggestion from the bean industry meeting for a Wyoming version of the Idaho Bean Law.
 - c. Windrow vs. standing inspections. WSCS standards state that fields must be inspected in the windrow, but harvest conditions often mean partial fields being cut, and an allowance to do a standing inspection would be a benefit in some instances, especially when fields are cut and combined the same day late in the season. Another concern for the current standard is that varieties are being bred for direct harvest, and we may be forced to do standing inspections.
 - d. Questions about inspection procedures and consistency in how fields are inspected, and specifically do inspectors look too hard for issues such as bacterial bean disease?
6. WSCS staffing.
7. Alfalfa seed sampling.
8. Seed Lab progress report.

9. WCIA Lobbyist

- a. Donations to date and account balance.
- b. Issues for the lobbyist from this District.

10. Foundation Seed Building

11. Annual Meeting – February 4th and 5th, 2009.

- a. Board of Directors will determine the format. The location for the banquet will be the Commons, and the event will be catered by Arramark.
- b. Speakers
 - i. Ron Micheli, gubernatorial candidate, has been invited to speak, but has not responded.
 - ii. Dr. Daniel Ball, Oregon State University Weed Scientist will speak on weed control in grass seed production on the afternoon of Feb. 4th.
- c. Sandy Frost suggested a speaker on conservation easements and their role in protecting the family farm, and indicated she had a couple of possible speakers
- d. Committees at Annual Meeting
 - i. Currently have Pure Seed and Seed Standards Committees
 - ii. Suggest three commodity committees, those being Beans, Alfalfa, and Other Crops.

12. Elections – The term is up for the position held by Mike Forman.

13. Other?