

WCIA Other Crop Committee Agenda

1:00 p.m., February 4, 2010
Powell R&E Center

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Committee membership and actions
 - a. All WCIA members in attendance are considered voting members of the committee, and may make motions and vote.
 - b. All people in attendance are encouraged to participate in discussions.
3. Brief recap of the 2009 growing season.
4. Presentation from Bridger Plant Materials Center staff.
 - a. Recommendation for the release of 9081828 blanketflower selected class germplasm.
5. Flagging problem weeds, such as quackgrass in grass seed fields.
 - a. Inspectors commonly flag quackgrass areas when they are found during an inspection. In the past, a field that was deemed to have identifiable, isolated areas of quackgrass passed inspection with the grower required to avoid flagged areas. A seed test from a 2009 showed over 500 quackgrass seeds per pound on a field that fits the description above.
 - b. Recommendation from the NW District meeting: Areas of a grass seed field with quackgrass, either on the field perimeter or in patches in the body of the field, will be swathed and baled prior to inspection or reinspection.
 - c. Alternate wording of NW District motion: The presence of quackgrass in grass seed fields shall result in the rejection of the field, with the option of reinspections as allowed by WSCS procedures. Growers may swath areas of quackgrass prior to inspection or reinspection, but those areas must also be baled to prevent accidental harvest with the grass seed crop.

- d. There was discussion at the NW District meeting that some grass species mature earlier than quackgrass, and could be exempted from the previous standard. One example would be Garrison creeping foxtail.

6. Bulk Sales Certificates

- a. WSCS standards dictate that classes of certified seed may be sold in bulk one time. A second sale in the bulk voids certification. The obvious reason for this standard is that each time seed is handled in bulk, there is an opportunity for contamination.
 - i. Most small grain seed in SE Wyoming is handled as bulk, and as such, it is common for seed to be sold more than once in bulk.
 1. It can be sold from the grower/conditioner to a seed dealer for further sale.
 2. Farmers might get 500 bu., with his neighbor taking 50 bushel of the original loading.
 3. Farmers often sell left-over seed to neighbors after they have planted their fields.
 4. This is a significant issue for varieties protected by PVP Title V, as they cannot be sold by variety name unless they are a class of certified seed.
 - ii. Tote bags are not an option, as most people do not have the equipment to handle them.
- b. Recommendation from the SE District to allow for a second bulk sale when the first sale is from the seed producer/conditioner to a licensed seed dealer. The assumption is that licensed seed dealers will understand the importance of varietal identity and purity.
 - i. AOSCA and neighboring states allow for a second sale of bulk seed.
 1. Kansas has a program of approved Bulk Retail Facilities, as does Colorado.

2. Montana allows for two physical transfers of bulk seed, and includes a check box on the bulk sales certificate indicating if the seed is intended for resale or is going to the end user.
3. Nebraska limits bulk seed to two physical movements, with one of those being to another certification member for the purpose of resale, and South Dakota has similar wording in its standards.

ii. Recommendation:

1. Current Wyoming standard: Registered and Certified classes may be sold in bulk and certification retained if the sale is made direct from the owner to the buyer (planter). Certification is void if any lot of certified seed is sold in bulk more than once.
2. Recommended wording: Registered and Certified classes of seed may be sold in bulk a maximum of two times, provided that the first sale is between the producer/conditioner and a licensed seed dealer. Certified seed sold in bulk by the producer/conditioner to entities other than licensed seed dealers shall be limited to one sale. Certification is void if seed sold to an entity other than a licensed seed dealer is sold more than once.