



Foundation Seed Stocks Committee Meeting

Agenda & Meeting Report

Virtual

Thursday, June 3, 2021

1:00 PM, Central Time

Chair Jim Palmer Vice Chair _____

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Palmer at 1:01PM, Central Time.
- 2) Introductions / roll call – roll call was taken by Peggy Gromoll. Addie Clay was introduced as the new director of the Kansas Foundation Seed Program. Daniel Mills was introduced as a recent addition to the Utah Foundation Seed Program.
- 3) Review AOSCA anti-trust compliance policy – reviewed.
- 4) Review & adopt agenda - A suggestion was made to add a discussion of how new varieties are being released by University research programs to the agenda. Amended agenda was adopted.
- 5) Approve minutes from 2018 meeting – no meetings in 2020 and 2019 – 21_AM_FSS_02. The minutes of the last meeting dated June 26, 2018 were approved.

Chairman Palmer asked for some general discussion on crop conditions from the members present. The following responses show that there is widespread concern about dry conditions in many parts of the US

CA – water shortage in many areas, non-irrigated crops are lost, possible water restrictions, rice acres have decreased by 20%

Canada – dry in many parts of the western provinces, followed by recent frost and snow in some areas

FL – a cool winter, followed by current hot and dry conditions. A rainy spring helped some crops. Irrigated crops look good, but non-irrigated acres are under stress

ID – dry and hot

KS – currently cooler, following warm and dry conditions earlier

MI – dry and hot

MN – good planting season, but now it is dry and hot conditions are forecasted

MT – dry winter, some winter kill, but recent snow has brought some moisture

NC – too wet early in the spring for timely planting, followed by dry conditions, now wet

NY – good weather now, following a dry winter and questionable soil moisture

OR – good planting season, but now it has turned dry. 50th year of helicopter grass inspections

SD – extreme heat now is threatening top-end yields

UT – hot and dry

VA – excessive moisture during planting, but now it is dry

WA – dry conditions. Noted excellent market for food-grade winter peas

There were very few agenda topics to consider, so general discussion followed.

- 6) Are any foundation seed organizations printing their own tags? (Bowman) - North Carolina posed a question of whether other foundation seed organizations were allowed by the seed certifying agency to print tags for Foundation seed, and if so, how this works out. Jim Palmer, with Michigan Crop, commented that they were now doing this successfully. Palmer offered to provide more insight and assistance to Bowman if interested. John Beuttenmuller, Florida Foundation Seed, said they are working on a system now and hope to have it implemented by next year. Utah shared the process they currently use that is very simple and not very costly.

Discussion followed on the topic of University releases and how either royalties or check-off funds are collected. There appears to be a wide range of how income is derived from new varieties and how they are distributed within University research programs. Most of the programs represented at the meeting shared the specifics from their own states. The discussion was helpful to those with questions and looking for ideas

- 7) General discussion - The group agreed the meeting was helpful and expressed their hope of a meeting in person in 2022.
- 8) Other business - Daniel Mills volunteered to serve as vice-chair of the committee.
- 9) Action items – develop list for presentation at the Council meeting – none.
- 10) Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 1:59PM, Central time.