



Peanut/Sunflower/Cotton Committee Meeting

Agenda & Meeting Report

Virtual

Monday, June 7, 2021

1:00 PM

Chair Alex Mkandawire Vice Chair _____

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Mkandawire at 1:01PM, Central Time.
- 2) Introductions / roll call – roll call was taken by Peggy Gromoll.
- 3) Review AOSCA anti-trust compliance policy – done.
- 4) Review & adopt agenda – agenda was updated with request to recruit Committee Vice-Chair and for attendees to provide state updates under General Discussion. With these additions, motion made and passed to approve the agenda.
- 5) Approve minutes from 2019 meeting; no meeting in 2020 – motion made and passed to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting as distributed.
- 6) Standards Change Proposal – new Sesame Standards (Indiana) – background for these standards was provided by Chair Mkandawire and further information provided by Indiana Crop Improvement staff members, Logan Cass and Zach Sparks. Discussion followed with the following changes proposed:
 - In the Field Standards table, delete Breeder column
 - In the Seed Standards table, provide germination standards at 80% for all categories (Foundation, Registered, Certified)
 - In the Seed Standards table footnotes, remove statement: *Shall not contain more than 2% inert matter other than broken seed.
 - In the Seed Standards table, revise Inert matter (maximum) to 3% for Foundation; 5% for Registered, and 7% for Certified.
 - Land Requirements, section II, B), revise wording of ‘flower color, stem type, and number of capsules’ so that all three are not necessary.
 - Field Inspections, section III, delete statement B), C), and D).

It was recommended to the Indiana Crop staff to review the Federal Seed Act for isolation and distances for previous crops with possible revisions.

Motion made and passed to return the proposed standards as submitted to Indiana Crop Improvement Association for revisions and resubmission.

- 7) General discussion - Chairman Mkandawire asked for some general discussion on crop conditions from the members present.
CA – sunflower is their most important crop with 41,000 acres applied for this year and applications still being submitted. Ninety percent of sunflowers are oilseed and ninety

percent are shipped to OECD. California has the best environment for sunflowers but there have been some isolation issues. The second largest crop is cotton but acres have decreased from 40,000 to 10,000 the past 10-15 years. The third largest crop is safflower and have remained fairly constant over the years at about 1,000 acres; 1,500 acres have been applied for this year. Rape is the smallest crop, being produced near the Mexican border in the Imperial Valley and shipped to Canada. Average rainfall is very low, as are reservoirs, impacting decreased production this year and possibly next.

SSCA – small grains harvest is 60-70% completed. Alabama production has been hindered by rain. Corn was planted on time but went three weeks with no rain. Peanuts and cotton were planted beginning mid-May and is about 75-80% completed.

GA – there has been a significant increase in peanuts from last year – 135,000 acres applied for. Harvesting weather was great and this year's crop looks good with 80-90% germination. Planting is just about completed.

NC – peanut acres were up last year but struggling with planting this year so may be down.

- 8) Other business – none.
- 9) Action items – develop list for presentation at the Council meeting – there was one action item regarding the proposed new Sesame standards but this was returned to the submitter for revisions and resubmission before possible forward to the Council.
- 10) Adjourn – motion made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:03PM, Central Time.