



Eastern Standards Committee record of discussion and recommendations

Date: April 5, 2023

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (CDT)

Location: Winnipeg, MB
303 Main Street – 6th Floor Large Boardroom

Members

Description

Canadian Grain Commission

Doug Chorney (Chairperson)
Derek Bunkowsky
Esther Salvano

Chief Commissioner
Chief Grain Inspector for Canada
Director General, Grain Research Laboratory

Nominated by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Elroy Cober

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Processors and exporters of grain

Scott Cottenden
Peter Worfolk
Vacant

Canadian Special Crops Association
Canadian National Millers Association
Association des Négociants en Céréales du Québec

Producers of eastern grain

Neil Campbell
Ramzy Yelda
Vacant
Vacant

Prince Edward Island producer (Soy Canada)
Quebec producer (Producteurs de Grains du Québec)
Ontario producer
Ontario producer

Additional

Manuela Roduner
Linda Roy
Heather Russell

Ontario Agri-Business Association
Régie des Marchés Agricoles et Alimentaires du Québec
Atlantic Grains Council

Regrets

Kevin Reles

Eastern Elevator Association of Canada

Observers

Patty Roshier
Lonny McKague

Canadian Grain Commission
Canadian Grain Commission

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| Gino Castonguay | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Veronique Barthet | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Marta Izydorczyk | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Ning Wang | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Bin Xiao Fu | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Evan Thomas | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Joey Vanneste | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Kris Wonitowy | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Rémi Gosselin | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Shanell Dupras | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Brianne Stewart | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Max Cote | Canadian Grain Commission |
| Bruno Simard | G3 |

Recording Secretary

Jamie Campbell Canadian Grain Commission

Recommendations

- A motion was carried to use the last designated standard and print samples for other grades of grain grown in the Eastern Division

Action items

The Canadian Grain Commission will:

- update the November 2, 2022 Easter Standards Committee meeting minutes to reflect the approved amendment
- analyze advisory committee membership with a plan for greater eastern representation on the advisory committees by fall 2023
- gather feedback and continue with consultations on the moisture shrinkage order

Chairperson’s comments

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Welcome to members
- Noted that Dr. Peter Burnett, former Director of our Grain Research Laboratory and a member of the Eastern Standards Committee and Western Standards Committee, passed away

Approval of the April 5, 2023 Eastern Standards Committee agenda

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- A motion was carried to approve the meeting agenda

Standards committee member comments

- A concern was flagged about eastern members approving the motion for the advisory committee meetings when no eastern members were in attendance at those meetings

- The committee chose to change the wording of the motions to “Motion to approve the _____ Advisory Committee report as presented, but not to approve the content”

Approval of the November 2, 2022 Eastern Standards Committee meeting minutes

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- A motion was carried to approve the meeting minutes

Standards committee member comments

- An amendment was requested on page 5: in the first sentence of the third-last paragraph, “every five years” should be stricken from the record

Business arising

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- No business arising was discussed

Grain standards review and advisory committee update

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Provided a rationale for the changes proposed to the grain standards advisory committees (formerly sub-committees) by extending membership to the east with goal to provide additional balance
- Expressed intention to come back to the committee with a more comprehensive plan to improve eastern representation on advisory committees

Standards committee member comments

- Discussion about a plan to include more eastern representation on advisory committees
- Agreement that a diversity of opinions can come up with better recommendations to bring to the standards committees

Grain grading modernization update

Lead: Derek Bunkowsky

Summary

- In 2017, the Canadian Grain Commission undertook a grain grading modernization project at the request of producer organizations where it was identified that several aspects of the grain grading system were out of date, and in need of review
 - [Updates on this project are available](#) on the Canadian Grain Commission website
 - The focus of the project has been to uphold the integrity of the grain grading system, and address any concerns identified by grain industry stakeholders and the Canadian Grain Commission

Standards committee member comments

- Questions about whether severely sprouted would be added as a grading factor for eastern wheat classes

Pulses Advisory Committee report

Lead: Joey Vanneste

Summary

- The Pulses Advisory Committee report was presented, including discussions on:
 - o red lentil wrinkled seed effects on dehulling efficiency research update
 - o insect parts and their inclusion in dockage composition for beans, chickpeas, fababeans and lentils chapters in the Official Grain Grading Guide
 - o bi-coloured soybeans potential issues update due to seed coat discolouration in certain environmental conditions
 - Research is being done, but it's difficult to obtain samples
 - o processed samples definition clarification in the Official Grain Grading Guide

Standards committee member comments

- Question around making amendments to the Official Grain Grading Guide to accommodate a deficiency in bi-coloured soybeans that seems to only be impacting a single company and variety

Barley and Other Cereal Grains Advisory Committee report

Lead: Kris Wonitowy

Summary

- The Barley and Other Cereal Grains Advisory Committee report was presented, including discussions on:
 - o potentially changing the No.1 CW General Purpose barley test weight tolerance from 50 to 48 pounds per bushel, based on concerns that had been raised related to crop insurance claims and calculations
 - this item was closed with no changes recommended
 - o heated in oats where it was determined that a change to the Canadian Grain Commission grading standard is not necessary
 - o hulled in canary seed and clarifying the definitions for foreign material and hulled seeds in the Official Grain Grading Guide

Standards committee comments

- Discussion about the history behind why there are different test weight standards between the east and west and its impacts on crop insurance

Oilseeds Advisory Committee report

Lead: Evan Thomas

Summary

- The Oilseeds Advisory Committee report was presented, including discussions on:

- the heated canola project update where the Grain Research Laboratory is working on processing samples and a need for analysis before any results can be finalized
- the fact that mustard dockage is now included in producers' Harvest Sample Program results
- clarification for slotted sieve selection when assessing dockage in the canola chapter of the Official Grain Grading Guide
- processed samples definition clarification in the Official Grain Grading Guide

Standards committee member comments

- There was some disagreement on whether the canola sieve clarification constitutes as a change

Wheat Advisory Committee report

Leads: Kris Wonitowy and Dr. Bin Xiao Fu

Summary

- The Wheat Advisory Committee report was presented, including discussions on:
 - the current sprouted tolerance in Canada Eastern Soft Red Winter wheat project, noting that there has been an insufficient number of samples sourced through the Harvest Sample Program for this research and the Canadian Grain Commission may look for alternate ways to source material
 - the sprouted and severe sprouted definition update in the Official Grain Grading Guide
 - Update on the alignment of primary and export test weight minimums and total foreign material tolerances to current export levels
 - the Western Standards Committee voted in favour of a motion to align primary and export standards
 - that motion was immediately followed by another motion that the Western Standards Committee also voted in favour of for an economic analysis to be conducted and considered by the committee before moving forward
 - the Canadian Grain Commission does not have the capacity nor the mandate to carry out an economic analysis

Variety identification for malt barley update

Lead: Esther Salvano

Summary

- Provided update on concerns producers brought forward about variety test results for malting barley purity
- Determined that testing methods, as well as undesignated DNA profiles associated with CDC Copeland may be the cause of the less optimal results
- Discussed that the Grain Research Laboratory is working to develop new testing protocols

Proposed regulatory amendments update

Lead: Derek Bunkowsky

Summary

- A letter was sent to industry stakeholders in early February 2023 to gather feedback on 2 items: moisture shrinkage and a proposed regulatory change to inspection and weighing requirements for eastern grain delivered into licensed terminal elevators.
- Foresee the need for further consultation on the moisture shrinkage order with a target date of August 1, 2024 to implement the change
- Plan is to have the regulatory amendment related to inspection of producer deliveries of eastern grain into Canadian Grain Commission-licensed terminal elevators come into force as soon as possible, hopefully later this year

Recommendations of standards

Lead: Derek Bunkowsky

Summary

- A motion was carried to use the last designated standard and print samples for other grades of grain grown in the Eastern Division

Other

Lead: Doug Chorney

Standards committee member comments

- Question raised around why there is no corn advisory committee
 - o It was explained that there has been a corn ad-hoc committee when necessary

Terms of committee members

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Noted committee members whose terms were set to expire and up for renewal

Standards committee member comments

- Concerns raised about the process to fill vacant seats on the Eastern Standards Committee
 - o committee agreed it may be a good time to propose changes to the *Canada Grain Act* to improve the nomination process

Closing remarks

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Thanked members for their participation
- Noted the committee is essential to ensure that changes to the grading system reflect the interests and concerns and balance the needs of all parts of Canada's grain sector
- It was suggested that the next Eastern Standards Committee meeting be held in Montreal, Quebec

Adjournment

Lead: Doug Chorney

Action items

- A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting