



Eastern Standards Committee record of discussion and recommendations

Date: November 2, 2022
Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am (CDT)
Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Members

Description

Canadian Grain Commission

Doug Chorney (Chairperson)
Derek Bunkowsky
Esther Salvano

Chief Commissioner
Chief Grain Inspector
Director General, Grain Research Laboratory

Nominated by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Elroy Cober

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Processors and exporters of grain

Dante Manocchio
Peter Worfolk

Association des Négociants en Céréales du Québec
Canadian National Millers Association

Producers of eastern grain

Ramzy Yelda
Neil Campbell

Quebec producer (Producteurs de Grains du Québec)
PEI producer (Soy Canada)

Additional

Linda Roy
Heather Russell

Régie des Marchés Agricoles et Alimentaires du Québec
Atlantic Grains Council

Observers:

Patty Rosher
Lonny McKague
Kris Wonitowhy
Joey Vanneste
Bin Xiao Fu
Ning Wang

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Marta Izydorczyk
Veronique Barthet
Evan Thomas
Shanell Dupras

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Regrets:

Scott Cottenden
Manuela Roduner
Kevin Reles

Canadian Special Crops Association
Ontario Agri Business Association
Eastern Elevator Association of Canada

Recording Secretary

Natalie Rioux

Canadian Grain Commission

Recommendations

No recommendations were brought forward.

Chairperson's comments

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Welcome to members.
- Meeting being held virtually due to the inability at this time for the Canadian Grain Commission infrastructure and technology to support hybrid meetings.
- Welcomed new members. The Eastern Standards Committee is at 13 members with 2 producer seats missing at this time.

Approval of the November 2, 2022 Eastern Standards Committee agenda

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Under agenda item No. 14 – Other, a member added a final grade at a terminal in the Port of Montreal.

Action items

- Meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the April 6, 2022 Eastern Standards Committee meeting minutes

Lead: Doug Chorney

Action items

- Meeting minutes were approved.

Business arising

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Nothing was discussed.

Grain standards committee review of the revised terms of reference

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Through the consultations on the *Canada Grain Act* review, grain sector stakeholders provided feedback on the standards committees and its operations and processes. We heard that stakeholders want:
 - o more transparency
 - o broader and timelier access to information including meeting minutes, records of decision and grading issues discussed
 - o updates to the nomination process and increased representation.
- The Canadian Grain Commission reflected on this feedback and decided to make improvements to the transparency and processes of standards committees.
- More specifically, the Canadian Grain Commission has conducted a review of standards committee operations in 3 areas:
 - o terms of reference
 - o communications
 - o nomination process
- The review will result in better functioning standards committees, clearer communications and more transparency, which addresses stakeholder concerns.

Standard committee member comments

Members raised comments about:

- The frequency of revision to the terms of reference should be aligned with term length. The *Canada Grain Act* should be revised to add a provincial regulatory body to the Eastern Standards Committee membership and eliminate the reference to a maximum seven-year serving time.

Action items

- No action items brought forward.

Wheat advisory committee report

Leads: Kris Wonitowy and Dr. Bin Xiao Fu

Summary

- The wheat advisory committee report was presented.
- The sprouted tolerance in CESRW research project was discussed.
 - o Investigated the 2.5% sprouted tolerance level in No. 2 grade of CESRW as a company was having trouble attaining a Falling Number value of 275.
 - o Through a study on the 2021 CESRW crop, the Grain Research Laboratory assessed whether differentiating between severely sprouted and sprouted kernels will better reflect Falling Number values.

- Of the 200 samples analyzed, none had a Falling Number over 300, a typical quality benchmark. This reflected the poor overall condition of the 2021 crop.
- A study is being launched that relates to the severe sprouted definition in western wheat.
 - Part of the definition is under review, “the sprout has been clearly broken and only a portion remains,” and results are anticipated in the spring.
- WGEA member companies would like primary and export tolerances to be harmonized.
 - The results from the Grain Research Laboratory’s research clearly demonstrated that test weight has significant impacts on milling yields and ash contents of flour or semolina. Samples with low test weight had lower milling yield and higher ash content.

Action items

- Motion to accept the wheat advisory committee report as presented was carried.
- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Pulses advisory committee report

Leads: Joey Vanneste and Dr. Ning Wang

Summary

- The pulses advisory committee report was presented.
- A study was presented that investigated the effect of the degree of wrinkled seeds on dehulling quality of red lentils.
 - Suspect and wrinkled seeds in red lentils had a significant effect on dehulling quality. Sound seeds had the lowest broken fraction and powder produced, followed by clamshell, suspect, and then wrinkled seeds.
 - It’s difficult for inspectors to remain consistent when using the current definition of wrinkled in the Official Grain Grading Guide.

Action items

- Motion to accept the pulses advisory committee report as presented was carried.
- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Barley and other cereal grains advisory committee report

Leads: Kris Wonitowy and Dr. Marta Izydorczyk

Summary

- The barley and other cereal grains advisory committee report was presented.
- A request was received to modernize the primary and export grade determinant tables for general purpose barley to align the minimum test weight in Canada Western and Canada Eastern grades.
 - Aligning Canada Western and Canada Eastern grades is being considered. More information and data will be provided for consideration at the spring advisory committee meetings.
- The discrepancy between Canadian Grain Commission standard for heated oats compared to millers and processors was discussed.

- More information is being gathered and a decision will be presented at the spring advisory committee meeting on whether or not the definition of heated oats in the Official Grain Grading Guide needs to be changed.

Action items

- Motion to accept the barley and other cereals advisory committee report was carried.
- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Oilseeds advisory committee report

Leads: Evan Thomas and Dr. Veronique Barthet

Summary

- The oilseeds advisory committee report was presented.
- The modification of the definition for inconspicuous admixture in canola for the Official Grain Grading Guide.
 - Don't intend to revise yellow mustard after its effects as conspicuous admixture were reviewed.
- Processed compared to unprocessed canola samples were discussed.
 - Plans on proposing the following edits for the Official Grain Grading Guide at the spring advisory committees for implementation no earlier than August 1, 2023:
 - revisions to the definitions of processed and unprocessed
 - additions to the wording around procedures that reference processed samples
 - The addition of a checkbox for processed samples in the submitted sample form was discussed.
- There are updated versions available of the distinctly green and heated canola colour guides.
- An update was provided on the Grain Research Laboratory's study on heated canola.
 - The research began a couple of years ago and so far there have been mixed results.
 - This research needs more investigation and requires more samples.
- Added dockage assessments for mustard samples received through the Harvest Sample Program.
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Standards committee member comments

Standards committee members had questions and comments, including requesting:

- copies of the canola colour guides
- an update on the green soybeans project
 - a few samples were sourced last year, but they weren't appropriate samples to use for the study. The research is on hold until enough suitable samples are received.

Action items

- Motion to accept the oilseeds advisory committee report was carried.
- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Crop reports

Leads: Atlantic - Heather Russell

- The Atlantic region crop report was presented. Overall, a good growing season led to above average yields.

Quebec - Dante Manocchio

- The Quebec region crop report was presented. Overall, cool and wet springs with no delays and record fall temperatures. Some yields were disappointing, but others had no concerns. There were record corn crop yields.

Ontario - Kris Wonitowy

- The Ontario crop report was presented. Overall, expecting soybean yields to be well above average.
- Harvest samples through the Harvest Sample Program are used for scientific projects and enable us to research for grain quality and grain safety. Grading factor tolerances reflect end-use functionality and ensure processing needs for buyers. The harvest samples are slightly down in comparison to other years.

Eastern dispute resolution update

Lead: Derek Bunkowsky

Summary

- The Canadian Grain Commission website now has guidance for eastern grading disputes.
 - o [How to dispute your grain grade in eastern Canada \(grainscanada.gc.ca\)](http://grainscanada.gc.ca)
- Thanked Ontario Agri Business Association, Grain Farmers of Ontario, and two members for their assistance and efforts.
- A letter to eastern stakeholders was sent on June 29 communicating these updates.

Recommendation of standards

Lead: Derek Bunkowsky

Summary

- No new standards being brought forward this fall. The designation of standards now occurs at the spring meeting before the beginning of the new crop year.
- However, new standards could still be recommended in the fall and come into effect at the beginning of the following crop year.

Action items

- No action items or recommendations were brought forward

Terms of committee members

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Thanked the new committee members for their participation.

Action items

- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Other

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

Standards committee members had comments, including:

- A producer who was delivering grain at a terminal facility at the Port of Montreal was not provided with any documentation from the terminal at the end of their delivery to prove his deliveries when trying to get paid. The buyer was called and everything was settled and subsequently the producer was paid. The issue was brought to the Canadian Grain Commission for further investigation.

Closing remarks

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Thanked members for their participation.

Action items

- No action items or recommendations were brought forward

Adjournment

Lead: Doug Chorney

Action items

Motion was carried to adjourn the meeting.