



Eastern Standards Committee record of discussion and recommendations

Date: November 2, 2023

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

Location: Canadian Grain Commission
Montréal, QC

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
Bruno Simard

Canadian Special Crops Association
Canadian National Millers Association
Association des commerçants de grain du Québec

Producers of eastern grain

Neil Campbell
Dana Dickerson
Julie Maw
Ramzy Yelda

Prince Edward Island producer (Soy Canada)
Ontario producer (Grain Farmers of Ontario)
Ontario producer (Grain Farmers of Ontario)
Quebec producer (Producteurs de grains du Québec)

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 Rosher
Lonny McKague
Dr. Bin Xiao Fu
Gino Castonguay

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Shanell Dupras	Canadian Grain Commission
Rémi Gosselin	Canadian Grain Commission
Joanne Prinsen	Canadian Grain Commission
Etienne Rochon	Canadian Grain Commission
Marc Rossignol	Canadian Grain Commission
Evan Thomas	Canadian Grain Commission
Ning Wang	Canadian Grain Commission
Kris Wonitowy	Canadian Grain Commission

Recording Secretary

Diane Ouellet Canadian Grain Commission

Recommendations

No recommendations were brought forward during this meeting.

Chairperson's comments

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Welcome to members.
- Materials from this meeting are available in French if any members would like.

Standards committee member comments

- A member commented it would be good to have French materials to pass on to their colleagues.

Action items

- No action items brought forward.

Approval of the November 2, 2023 Eastern Standards Committee agenda

Lead: Doug Chorney

Action items

- Meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the April 5, 2023 Eastern Standards Committee meeting minutes

Lead: Doug Chorney

Action items

- Meeting minutes were approved.

Business arising

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- No updates given.

Standards committee member comments

- Member asked for an update on the new regulation amendment to revise the existing exemption for inspection of eastern grain going into Canadian Grain Commission-licensed terminal elevators.
 - o The proposed regulatory amendment is with the Department of Justice. It's expected to be in place by January 1, where there's no longer an exemption of producer grain going into terminal elevators. It will be in effect in the new year.

Grain standards review and advisory committee update

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- An update was given on the advisory committee structure and the addition of eastern representation.
- It was clarified that advisory committees are a technical body and are not a decision-making body.

Standards committee member comments

- Member was concerned about corn being added to the Barley and Other Cereal Grains Advisory Committee instead of receiving its own. Wondered if it was considered a cereal crop.
 - o Other members noted that corn is a cereal crop and is the third largest crop by production grown in Canada.
- Member asked about timeframe for implementation.
 - o Chief Commissioner Chorney confirmed the aim is for the spring advisory committee meetings.
- Member asked if there is an eastern member on the barley advisory committee at this point.
 - o Chief Commissioner Chorney confirmed no there isn't.
- Member asked if the Canadian Grain Commission has approached potential members already.
 - o Chief Commissioner Chorney confirmed they have not.
- Member asked if current eastern committee members can make recommendations.
 - o Chief Commissioner Chorney said they appreciate member input.

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 and included:
 - o an update on the sprouted tolerance in CESRW project to examine and improve predictions of visual grading in relation to Falling Number
 - o an update on proposed changes to the degrees of soundness to better align the various classes of wheat which are using the same standard

Standards committee member comments

- Member asked about the decision to compare severe sprouted tolerance of CESRW with CWSWS.
 - o A Grain Research Laboratory Program Manager confirmed they're not comparing and instead to show a hypothetical severe sprouted tolerance for eastern wheat.

Action items

- Motion to accept the Wheat Advisory Committee report as presented but not approve the content was carried.

Barley and Other Cereal Grains Advisory Committee report

Lead: Kris Wonitowy

Summary

- The Barley and Other Cereal Grains Advisory Committee report was presented and included:
 - o information on variety tolerances for malting and food barley and details on a potential variety designation list for food barley
 - o an update on proposed changes to the degrees of soundness for rye and triticale along with colour characteristics in oats
 - o an update on proposed changes to the decimal precision for oats, mixed grain

Standards committee member comments

- Member questioned why there is a need for a variety designation list for food barley
 - o An inspection specialist stated it identifies to producers, grain handlers and export buyers the varieties of barley that meet the quality characteristics of the class.
 - o The Chief Grain Inspector for Canada stated it's the Canadian Grain Commission's responsibility to designate barley varieties to a class to assure what the end user needs and expects is being met.
- Member noted there isn't much malt barley grown in the eastern region.
- Member said barley production has been trending down in the east over the past few years.
 - o An inspection specialist said if there is a designation list with these assurances for buyers, that could help attract customers.
- Member commented that barley and wheat are more often used as feed in the east.

Action items

- Motion to accept the Barley and Other Cereal Grains Advisory Committee report as presented but not approve the content was carried.

Oilseed Advisory Committee report

Lead: Evan Thomas

Summary

- The Oilseeds Advisory Committee report was presented and included:
 - o an update on the heated canola project where research is ongoing to ensure our tolerances are relevant

- an update on the early stages of moisture in canola dockage research
- an update on proposed changes to the decimal precision for domestic mustard seed, flaxseed and soybeans
- an update on the broken and small canola project
- an update on the Enlist technology soybeans in Canada after it was noted that there was potential discolouration when they were grown in the US

Standards committee member comments

- Member mentioned there could be soybean breeder samples when looking for samples with seed coat discolouration. Contacts can be provided to Evan Thomas.

Action items

- Motion to accept the Oilseed Advisory Committee report as presented but not approve the content was carried.

Pulses Advisory Committee report

Lead: Evan Thomas

Summary

- The Pulses Advisory Committee report was presented and included:
 - an update on proposed changes to the decimal precision for fababeans and soybeans
 - an update on insect parts in soybeans to state that there will be no update to how insect parts are assessed
 - an update on the Enlist technology soybeans in Canada

Standards committee member comments

- Member asked why soybeans are covered on both pulses and oilseeds advisory committees.
 - An inspection specialist clarified it's because of potential differences between food-grade and crush soybeans.
- Member asked if there's an eastern representative for soybeans on the Pulses Advisory Committee.
 - An inspection specialist confirmed there is.

Action items

- Motion to accept the Pulses Advisory Committee report as presented but not approve the content was carried.

Variety identification for malt barley update

Lead: Dr. Esther Salvano

Summary

- An update was provided on the variety identification for malt barley issue that was identified.
- We're working on varietal purity testing and dispute resolution.

Action items

- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Crop reports

Leads: Heather Russel – Atlantic, Ramzy Yelda – Quebec, Dana Dickerson – Ontario, Kris Wonitowy – Western

Summary

- The crop reports were presented.

Standard committee member comments

- Member asked how many Harvest Sample Program samples were received for corn so far.
 - o An inspection specialist stated he had graded 1 sample and that they're hoping for more. He mentioned they sometimes receive corn samples after the submission deadline.
 - o The Chief Grain Inspector for Canada confirmed the submission deadline is more to put together data for the New Crop Missions.

Action items

- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Terms of committee members

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- No terms are ending.
- One term is up for renewal in November.

Action items

- No action items or recommendations were brought forward.

Closing remarks

Lead: Doug Chorney

Summary

- Thanked members for their participation.
- Thanked the staff in the Montreal office for their warm welcome and assistance.

Action items

- No action items or recommendations were brought forward

Adjournment

Lead: Doug Chorney

Action items

- Motion was carried to adjourn the meeting.