

Research/Seed/Leaf Hopper Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m.

November 21st, 2017

The Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st of November, 2017 at the WSC Conference Room. Attending were Matt Miller, Ted Propp, Vance Lungren Jr., Lial Sinn, Steve Snyder, Richard Russel, Chris Scheuerman, Mike Greear, Myron Casdorff, and Jared Glanz with the Washakie County Weed & Pest.

Jared Glanz with the Washakie County Weed & Pest gave us a report on Leaf Hopper monitoring for 2017 explaining how counts were again low this past year. The 2017 Leaf Hopper spray program cost the WSC \$13,987.50 after the 50/50 split with the WCWP. There is NO charge for Jared's 2-weeks of extensive monitoring he does for us. Approximately 7,000 Acres were sprayed by Crop Air for a total of 17 hours of fly time. Jared also reported that the proposal to remove the Sugarbeet Leafhopper from the state designated pest list failed with a 4 in favor and 19 against vote at the annual State Weed & Pest meeting.

Discussion was had about concerns from last year's OVT plots as well as uncertainty going forward with the loss of Gustavo Sbatella from the UW Extension group. The group discussed the late thinning that occurred this year as well as the planting errors that occurred at the Sinn plot. Cooperation with Western was again brought up and Mr. Greear agreed to contact Rebecca Larson to discuss the upcoming season.

Seed requests from the three major seed companies we reviewed. No request were provided from Holly Hybrids or Seedex. The ACH requests were review and approved which included CRYRR116, CRYYY313NT, and CRYYY400NT. Betaseed's requests were approved for BTS39RR8N, BTS336N, BTS353N, BTS49RR33(Riverton only), but denied for BST36RR50 due to failure of the variety to meet seed policy standards and lack of grower interest. Hilleshog's requests were only partially approved. NT9617RR Test market request was denied for lack of testing. This was its second year and there was nothing extraordinary about its performance. 9418RR was dropped from the approval list based on poor performance. H9036RR and H9295RR were granted continued approval.

Lungren stressed the importance of keeping the Approved list fresh, removing those varieties that are no longer being planted or meeting the testing standards. Our variety standards are determined by the approved varieties and they set the base by which we gauge performance and give approval to new varieties. If we allow old nonperforming varieties to remain it brings this base down and sets the bar low for upcoming varieties.

Once the variety approvals were made the group updated the crib sheet. Lial Sinn suggested that Cercospora ratings be added to the crib sheet and Myron agreed add it and finish updating the rating the last few disease columns.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vance Jr.

