

Agenda

Objectives:

- To review results from the recent work on Plants with Novel Traits and Novelty
 - To obtain an update on the results of recent seed related activities (e.g., seed tags and labeling, licensed seed sampler, weed seeds order, grade tables and methods & procedures for testing seed)
 - To confirm the 2009 workplan for the NFS and winter meeting schedule
 - To continue discussions on the Future of the National Forum on Seed (beyond 2008-2009 and ACAA funding)
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08:30 Arrival, registration, coffee and muffins

09:00 Getting Started / Welcome *Facilitator*

- Agenda Review
- Introductions

A. UPDATE ON RECENT WORK

09:00 Review of the report from the PNT and Novelty Working Group *Dale Adolphe*
(October 27, 2008)

09:30 Discussion

- What additional work is suggested for the NFS on PNTs and Novelty at this time?

10:15 **Health Break**

10:30 Update on the seed sector related activities and Q&A *Facilitator*

- Methods and Procedures for Seed Testing
- Seed Tag and Labeling Review
- Licensed Sampler Program
- Weed Seeds Order Update
- Grade Tables Update

Q&A

12:00 Lunch

B. FOCUS ON 2008-2009 WORKPLAN

13:00 Review of Phase IV workplan and winter 2009 meeting schedule *Facilitator*

- Variety Naming
- Legislative Impediments to Innovation
- Competitive Issues : Seeding by Importer
- National Forum Meetings

- Discussion on 2008-2009 Workplan

C. THE FUTURE OF THE NFS

- 14:00 Review of key messages from previous forum meetings *Facilitator*
- Presentation of a proposed consultative framework for the seed industry and its stakeholders *Dale Adolphe*
- Questions for clarification
- 14:30 Discussion
- What do you like about the proposed framework? What are some of the benefits with the proposed framework?
 - What are some of the concerns with the proposed framework?
 - How could the proposed framework be improved?
 - What others options should be considered?
 - What are the next steps?

(includes afternoon break)

D. WRAPPING UP

- 16:00 Standing NFS Agenda Item – Governance
- Any other issues arising today?
- 16:15 Closing Remarks
- Next steps
 - Next NFS Meeting
- 16:30 Close