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Survey/Comment Form for Seed Laboratories - About Seed Samplers

AASCO welcomes feedback from seed laboratories regarding the quality of seed samples received from AASCO Certified Seed Samplers. AASCO strives to ensure certified samplers are always adhering to the highest standards of ethics and seed sampling. By completing this form you will be assisting AASCO in maintaining a high degree of professionalism and service among certified seed samplers. Your willingness to provide general feedback about the performance of AASCO certified seed samplers is greatly appreciated.

Seed Lab Name and location: _____

Observation period during which seed samples were received: _____ to _____

Number of samples received from AASCO Certified Seed Samplers during observation period. _____

Number of unique certified seed samplers that submitted seed samples to your lab. _____

Please check the best response in reference to samples received from AASCO Certified Samplers:

- 1) Samples received from AASCO Certified Samplers were properly packaged & contained.
Always Most of the time About half of the time Less than half of the time Almost never
- 2) Seed treatments and/or coatings were clearly indicated on the outside of the sample containers.
Always Most of the time About half of the time Less than half of the time Almost never
- 3) Descriptions of seed treatments and/or coatings were provided with the submitted samples.
Always Most of the time About half of the time Less than half of the time Almost never
- 4) Samples were accompanied with legible and adequate identification of the seed lot.
Always Most of the time About half of the time Less than half of the time Almost never
- 5) Samples were accompanied with proper and legible instructions about tests needed.
Always Most of the time About half of the time Less than half of the time Almost never
- 6) The Sampler's unique AASCO identification number was indicated on the sample containers and on the paperwork.
Always Most of the time About half of the time Less than half of the time Almost never

7) Samples from AASCO samplers were of adequate size to conduct the requested tests.

Always Most of the time About half of the time Less than half of the time Almost never

8) Samples contained obvious contamination, such as scatterings of treated or discolored seeds, which might indicate a non-homogeneous seed lot.

Frequently Occasionally Situation not encountered

9) Samples were suspiciously free of any contamination.

Frequently Occasionally Situation not encountered

10) Documentation provided with samples suggest that more than one individual is using a specific sampler ID number.

Frequently Occasionally Situation not encountered

Please list all of the Names of AASCO Certified Samplers or their ID# that were the basis for your answers above. Use an asterisk next to the list entries that were associated with poor sampling or documentation procedures. Follow the asterisk with the relevant number(s) of the question above that the sampler(s) should be made aware of.

Examples: Joe Sampler* 7, 8 (inadequate size and obvious non-homogenous contamination)
 Suzie Smith (no asterisk or numbers after name indicates no problems with samples)
 CA01-9001* 1 (sampler ID only, given. Samples were not properly packed)

Additional comments or concerns:

Please e-mail this completed form and any additional comments to:
jheaton@cdfa.ca.gov (AASCO Chairperson, Seed Inspectors Qualifications & Training Committee)