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Memo to: Michael Stahr, AOSA Rules Chair
Sue Alvares, SCST Rules Chair

From: Bryan Ostlund, Executive Director 

Re: Support to Discontinue Factoring Procedures in Fine Fescue Seed Analysis

The Oregon Fine Fescue Commission, which represents Oregon producers of fine fescue seed, supports discontinuing the factoring procedure in fine fescue purity analysis.

The Commission has been part of the ongoing discussion and understands that under the proposed rule, any multiple florets that contain at least one fertile floret will be considered a pure seed unit.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the current rule proposal. We also want to thank AOSA and SCST for considering the improvement of testing rules. It's in everyone's interest to strive for more objectivity and reliability in the purity testing process.

We are confident that the new approach will benefit all those that grow, clean, sell and purchase fine fescue seed. Additionally, it is our hope that the new approach will benefit all seed testing laboratories that serve our industry because the new method should be simpler and more consistent across labs.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

cc: Oregon Fine Fescue Commissioners

