

METHODS OF TESTING THE GERMINATION OF
BLUEGRASS SEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE

No recommendations can be made at this time as investigations into the methods for the germination of Bluegrass seed are still being carried on. New crop samples received last summer for inclusion in the studies showed little or no delayed germination and it is our intention to try again this year to secure samples showing some dormancy. A complete report of all studies will be submitted at the next meeting and, for this reason, it is requested that this committee be continued for one more year.

T. F. Cuddy, CHAIRMAN

RULES COMMITTEE

A questionnaire was sent to the AOSA Membership asking for comments or criticisms of the list of crop and weed seeds as given in the Handbook No. A68-24, Uniform Classification of Weed and Crop Seeds, by O. L. Justice. A progress report which included the summary of the information obtained from the questionnaires was sent to the members of the Executive Board and the Rules Committee.

This committee has cooperated with the SCST Rules Committee on matters pertaining to rule changes.

Rules for testing pre-inoculated legume seed were presented to the Executive Board and they were approved as tentative rules.

The proposals for tentative rules for purity and germination testing of tree and shrub seeds were reviewed by this committee but no action was taken because they were referred back to the re-organized subcommittee. The new committee was composed of the members of the two original subcommittees on germination and purity with C. B. W. Rogers as its chairman.

P. J. Hall, CHAIRMAN

SAMPLING AND TOLERANCES SUBCOMMITTEE

Work has continued on the preparation of a handbook of tolerances for seed analysis. Computation of the tables were completed for tests for (1) purity, (2) foreign-seed numbers, (3) germination, (4) pure-live seed, and (5) varietal purity.

Writing of the text is in the final stage and an appendix will explain how the computations were made.

The tables for the proposed Handbook were reviewed by the members of ISTA Committees on Rules, Purity, Germination, Variety and Statistics.

S. R. Miles, CHAIRMAN

TREE AND SHRUB SEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE

After the consolidation of the purity and germination sections of the two original subcommittees, a new draft of the "Tentative Rules for Testing Tree and Shrub Seeds" was prepared and submitted to the Rules Committee and to the members of this subcommittee. This draft contained the major parts of the original subcommittees' reports in addition to the suggestions received from the subcommittee members, the Rules Committee and others. Action on these proposed rules was postponed until additional studies upon certain methods in question are completed.

C. B. W. Rogers, CHAIRMAN