

## AOSA RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes were approved by the AOSA at their annual meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 24. They will become effective October 1, 1982.

Change 1. Reword section 2.10a(8), the definition of ergotized crop seed. This change will classify any crop seed with ergot "not entirely enclosed within the seed unit" as inert matter.

Previously ergotized crop seeds were classified as inert only if the ergot protruded "from the tip of the seed unit".

Change 2. Establish a uniform blowing procedure for side-oats grama.

Change 3. Change the germination method for New Zealand Spinach. This involves temperature changes, reduction of length of germination test and delay in removing pulp from seed unit until the 21st day.

Change 4. Remove little bluestem from the "modified method" section 2.7g(1). This will require that little bluestem be tested by the "hand method", section 2.7g.

A newly revised copy of the AOSA Rules (excluding these four changes) is available from Bob Trent, Idaho State Seed Laboratory, 2240 Kellogg Lane, Boise, Idaho 83702. The cost is \$12.00. A cover can be ordered for an additional \$3.50.

Anyone desiring more information about these changes may contact the AOSA Rules Committee Chairman, Arnold Larsen at Colorado State Seed Laboratory, E-10 Plant Science Building, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523, or call (303) 491-6406.

Note: Exact details of the above rule changes can be found in AOSA Newsletter 56(1):37-40.