

Region 1 - One sample of Merion Kentucky bluegrass was distributed for both purity and germination tests. - E. E. Hardin, Chairman.

Region 2 - Two samples, one of sweet clover and one of oats, were distributed for germination only. - E. Robertson, Chairman.

Region 3 - Two samples, one of turnip for purity and germination, and one of parsnip for germination only, were distributed. - R. A. Ingalls, Chairman.

Region 4 - Four samples, one of sorghum, two of cotton, and one of soybeans, all for germination only, were distributed. - H. L. Weir, Chairman.

Region 5 - Three samples, one of peanuts and one of soybeans for germination only, and one of Bahia grass for purity only, were distributed. - M. V. Meadows, Chairman.

No summary of the results of either the Association-wide or the regional programs can be presented at this time as the reports are still incomplete. When all reports have been received, tabulations of the results will be prepared and distributed to the participating laboratories. - E. J. Doyle, Chairman.

#### RULES COMMITTEE

Suggestions for rule changes have been received and studied for inclusion in the rules at a later date. Suggestions received during the past year have included corrections and clarifications of the existing rules and tolerance tables. Some suggested changes have been referred to the committee by the Standardized Test Committee.

Members of AOSA and SCST are encouraged to submit suggested corrections or additions to the present Rules along with substantiating data. - L. E. Everson, Chairman.

#### STANDARDIZED TEST COMMITTEE

##### A. Recommendation

The Committee recommends that light be excluded from germination tests of Agropyron smithii.

##### B. Problems referred to the Research Committee for study

1. The problem of firm ungerminated seeds in Bahia grass, Johnson grass, browntop millet, weeping lovegrass and sand lovegrass.
2. The proposed use of solutions of 0.2% potassium nitrate and 0.1% thiourea in the laboratory germination of browntop millet.

##### C. Proposals referred to the Rules Committee for consideration

1. A recommendation that the sentence beginning in line 7, Section 5.1, page 65, Rules for Testing Seeds, and reading "Tolerances obtained by combining those in Tables IV to VII with those in Table IX shall be calculated in a similar manner," be deleted and that the following sentence be substituted therefor: "All other tolerances, including tolerances for pure seed based on 400 to 1000 seed tests, shall be determined from the result or results found by test."
2. A recommendation that a method for the laboratory germination of burnet (Sanguisorba minor) be included in Section 4.9, Table II, Rules for Testing Seeds.

##### D. Rule Interpretations

1. Question: Can the use of light and potassium nitrate be considered optional for Festuca rubra var. commutata, F. capillata, F. rubra and F. ovina?

Answer: No. Light may be used only when the 20-30° temperature is employed. Potassium nitrate may be used on Festuca capillata only.

2. Question: Can the use of light be considered optional at the 10-20° temperature for celeriac and celery?

Answer: No. Light is not to be used in tests at this temperature.

Note: It is recommended to the Rules Committee that their files be examined to verify that the interpretations given above are in accord with the data or other submissions upon which the rules in question were based. - A. C. Heise, Chairman.