

**North Central Crop Evaluation Committee**  
**Minutes from the 1999 Annual Meeting**  
**August 10-11, 1999**  
**Michigan State University**  
**East Lansing, MI 48824**



**Combines beginning harvest**

Courtesy Sue Canty

**Present:** Jim Beuerlein (OSU), John Boyse (MSU), Susan Canty (MSU) Tim Dietz (MSU), Keith Dysinger (MSU), Ralph Esgar (Ill), Pat Flannery (Wisc.), Robert Hall (SDSU), Scott Harckcom (PSU), Brian Henry (Ill), Lynn Hoffman (PSU), Darin Joos (Ill), Dave Jordan (OSU), Kevin Kirby (SDSU), Kent Kohn (Wisc.), Chris Kroon Van Diest (OSU), Joe Lauer (Wisc), Richard Minyo (OSU), Len Nelson (Neb), Kraig Roozeboom (Kansas), Lee Siler (MSU), Kurt Thelen (MSU) and Ken Ziegler (Iowa)

**1.** After a brief introduction by Keith Dysinger and overview of the history of agriculture in Michigan by Kurt Thelen, discussion moved to GMO's in the variety trials, how the different testing programs deal with late arrival of seed for trials, and if any states set limits on number of entries per company per site. No decisions were made.

**2.** Most of Tuesday was taken up with presentations and field demonstrations of equipment. The following companies participated in the presentations:

Almaco, Carter Manufacturing Co., HarvestMaster, Hege, Kincaid and Wintersteiger.

**3.** Rick Mason, from SeedSmart.com, is developing a web site that would include a database of all hybrids entered in variety trials across the Midwest United States. With this database, farmers could access his web site, select a hybrid and see its yield results across various states' trials. Eventually, farmers would purchase their seed through him

using this web site. He is asking the North Central Crop Evaluation committee to support him by each state sending him the data from their yield trials.

4. Most of Wednesday morning was spent touring Michigan State University's Hancock Turfgrass Facility, Livestock Pavilion, south campus research farms, and viewing MSU's research equipment.

5. South Dakota State University offered to host next year's annual meeting. The dates will be August 8 and 9, 2000. Possible topic for next year is to have representatives from data analysis software companies (i.e. Agronomix) come and give training sessions on their software. Members are to contact Robert Hall ([hallr@mg.sdstate.edu](mailto:hallr@mg.sdstate.edu)) with suggestions regarding potential software companies.

6. The committee acknowledged Kraig Roozeboom and his technician, Bob Cochrane, on the great job they did in setting up the North Central Crop Evaluation Committee's website.

7. There was discussion regarding the NCCEC supporting Rick Mason (SeedSmart.com) in developing and managing a database of results from State yield trials - The committee decided against supporting SeedSmart.com, however individual states can send him their data if they so desire. Joe Lauer suggested that the NCCEC try to develop its own database. After much discussion, it was decided that Joe Lauer would try to establish a database for corn using data from six states. Ralph Esgar will contact the Soybean Research Development Council (SRDC) to see if they might be able to help us in setting up a database for soybeans. This group is already working on establishing a database for yield and quality traits in soybean varieties with funding from the Iowa and Illinois Soybean Boards.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 1999

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