

Seed Executive Council Meeting

December 21, 2015

Post-Harvest Test Report:

- All of the seed samples presented by growers were successfully planted in Homestead, Florida between the dates of November 3, 2015 and November 17, 2015. Samples from Maine, New York, New Brunswick and Quebec were planted in the Daigle and Quail Roost fields with a total acreage planted of 31.8; Maine seed grower's had a total acreage of 26.3 out of the 31.8 acres total or roughly 83%. Overall the quality of the seed samples appeared to be of good to excellent quality.
- First reports of rain were from Joe Borek farm manager on Sunday, Dec 6, the 2 fields in FL have received 9 inches of rain in the last couple of days. Both fields are approx. 85% under water
- Another report from Joe Borek indicated that by December 8, they had received additional rain with a total of 13 inches. Quail Roost field was still $\frac{1}{4}$ under water; Daigle field had standing water between the rows.
- On December 9, we received our weekly IPM report from Matt Bardin, Glades Crop Care it indicated that " Daigle: Soil moisture high, standing water in ~30% throughout block, over beds in some areas. 20% of seed inspected is completely rotten, much of the seed (over 50%) is becoming soft on the edges with firm centers.
Quail Roost: Soil moisture high, large area of standing water in SW corner. 10% of seed inspected starting to rot on the outside, ~50% has soft edges.
The full extent of the water damage remains to be seen once there is no standing water recedes and the soil dries up. The damage is likely higher in areas with standing water."
- On Monday December 14 Joe Borek sent up more photos from both seed fields indicating significant crop losses with pockets of plants growing in both fields.
- Wednesday December 16, second weekly scouting report from Matt Bardin, Glades Crop care indicated "Daigle and Quail Roost: <10% of field emerged. At least 5% mortality from flood damage or rhizoctonia infection. In un-emerged areas, 100% of seed pieces were rotting. Plants that did emerge were variable in size with chlorosis on new growth.
- Week of December 14 the decision was made based on all the reports we had to date to send inspector Peter Voisine down to Florida on Monday December 28th through the 30th to inspect the fields, document the crop loss, take more photographs to help the Department make a decision going forward regarding the Florida test.

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