2007 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2007 and Action Plan for 2008

Committee Code and Name: E11 Weed Loss Committee

Committee Chair: Trey Koger

Board Coordinator: Joe Neal

Committee Members Rotating Off: Appropriate Replacements:

Mann, R (NC)

Spraque, Christy (NC)

Anita Dille (NC)

Wes Everman (NC)

All others committee members should remain.

Committee Goals for 2007:

Outline the framework for developing a weed loss report from several states within two of the WSSA regions, with the thought that once the issues that arise in the framework concept for those states were solved we could apply the tested framework to all states.

Summary of Progress for 2007:

The committee is refining the framework for developing a weed loss report for the states of MS, NC, and WA. This has been a tedious task and has been met with a lot of challenges. Several members of the committee including the chairman have been working on establishing the criteria we use to obtain the weed loss estimates that can be applied to every state.

Recommendations for Board Action:

None

Plan of Action for 2008:

We will finalize our criteria for developing weed losses for each crop within the states of MS, NC, and WA and apply them to develop a completed weed loss report for these respective states. Once we develop the criteria a draft of a weed loss estimate product for these three states we want to work with committee members from the other regions to develop the estimates from all other states.

Resources needed for 2008:

Several members of the committee (Burke, Richardson, and Koger) have considered asking the WSSA for funding to hire part time help that can aid in the researching component of developing the weed loss estimate for each crop within their respective states (WA, NC, and MS). We simply don't have the time and resources to pull this task off with our current staffs.