

INMC Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

Attendees: David Hardy, Deanna Osmond, Jot Smyth, Josh Spencer, Colleen Hudak-Wise, Natalie Woolard, Christine Lawson

Approved Minutes

Minutes for May 14, 2015 were approved with minor corrections.

Committee Membership Vacancy Filled

Natalie Woolard reported that the vacant DSWC seat on the committee has been filled by Michael Shepherd.

High Pathogenic Avian Flu – Update

Christine Lawson discussed proposed legislation that would provide waive requirements of mandatory waste analysis for application of animal waste in cases of agronomic lab closure due to emergency disease outbreak.

Dr. Colleen Hudak-Wise reported that agronomist volunteered and are being trained to be case managers in response to an HPAI outbreak.

N. Woolard reported the DSWC ongoing effort to respond to requests for burial plans. The Compost verses burial fact sheet developed by NCDA was discussed. All were encouraged to reach out to staff and clients to ensure accurate and consistent information is made available to landowners.

Nutrient Recommendations for Litter

In the case of litter analysis for a period of time due to HPAI outbreak, the INMC recommends to use approved book value for litter. If litter is accidently sent to soils lab, the samples will automatically be sent to the Rollins lab for incineration.

Nutrient Recommendations for Compost

Once the compost process is complete then it can be analyzed for nutrient content. It may have to possibly go to Rollins Diagnostic Lab first to verify negative disease then go to Soils lab for analysis. Another option would be if there is an approval letter from USDA APHIS or NCDA&CS to verify negative test. It is recommended to use compost book values for planning purposes.

Corn Silage Yield and N Factor Changes - Postpone discussion until future meeting.

BCAP update

Josh Spencer provided an update on the biomass conservation assistance program for growing energy grasses. The same 11 counties as in 2012 are eligible now. In 2012, approximately 700 acres were enrolled. The program is only allowing for switchgrass with a cap of 2000 acres and all must be contracted by Sept 30, 2015. At this time no known acreage is enrolled.

Nutrient Management Software Update

N. Woolard is continuing to work with IT to finalize problems that have occurred through testing. She continues to work with Josh Spencer and USDA IT to obtain approval for installation on federal networked computers.

Set agenda items for next meeting scheduled for November 12, 2015