

North Central Crop Evaluation Committee
Minutes from the 2000 Annual Meeting
August 8-9, 2000
South Dakota State University
Brookings, SD 57007



Courtesy Bob Hall

Present: John Boyse (Michigan), Tim Dietz (Michigan), Keith Dysinger (Michigan), Ralph Esgar (Illinois), Robert Hall (South Dakota), Jesse Hall (South Dakota), Scott Harckcom (Pennsylvania), Dale Hicks, (Minnesota), Darin Joos (Illinois), Kevin Kirby (South Dakota), Joe Lauer (Wisconsin), Len Nelson (Nebraska), Kraig Roozeboom (Kansas), Lee Siler (Michigan), Ken Ziegler (Iowa).

After a brief introduction of members each state gave a brief update on their cropping season. Host, Bob Hall, then presented a short program on the South Dakota crop testing program and how topography affects the cropping areas for corn, soybean, and wheat.

The remaining educational program for the first day consisted of two presentations demonstrating and discussing the merits of data management software programs. The first program presented by Dr. Dieter Mulitze, Agronomix Software Inc. discussed their Agrobases software. Following lunch the second program, by Dr. Steve Gylling, Gylling Data Management Inc., highlighted their Agriculture Research Management software.

The professional activities for the day were then adjourned and the group traveled north to Watertown, South Dakota to visit the Terry Redlin Art Center. The group viewed videos that described the early life and artistic development of Terry Redlin and a large number of his paintings in the gallery. On returning to Brookings the group and invited guests enjoyed pork loin sandwiches and visiting with one another.

During the morning of the day two the committee visited the South Dakota Soybean Processors plant at Volga, South Dakota. The group visited briefly with the CEO and was later given a guided tour by John Prohaska. Following the tour the group stopped and inspected some of the field equipment used by the South Dakota testing program. Kevin Kirby discussed modifications he made to make the equipment more efficient or effective.

At 11:30 the group was called together by Bob Hall for a short business meeting. First, old business was discussed. Joe Lauer discussed the status of the NCCEC to develop its corn database from state yield trials. He indicated he was unable to get started on such a database because of other commitments. Ralph Esgar indicated he had contacted the Soybean Research Development Council (SRDC) in Illinois and Iowa. It appears there is little chance they would cooperative with NCCEC in developing a soybean database.

Bob Hall then directed the discussion to next year's meeting. Illinois volunteered to host the NCCEC meeting for 2001. Ken Ziegler indicated he would like the meeting to be held a week later in 2001. The committee consensus was the meeting would be held on August 14-15, 2001. Ralph Esgar agreed to chair the committee for 2001. Suggested activities or meeting topics include: statistical methods used in evaluating yield crop performance results, standardized measurements, inviting one or two people from industry to our annual meetings to discuss how we might better serve them and the public, and development of web information or interfacing with DTN. Possible educational tours mentioned included ADM plant, various local production plants, the Morrill plots, and National Soybean Laboratory.

Kraig Roozeboom indicated his technician; Bob Cochrane would make appropriate changes to the NCCEC web site. Len Nelson, then indicated Roozeboom and particularly Cochrane should be cited for their expertise and efforts in providing an excellent web site to the public. The committee would like to thank both of these people for a job well done.

Roozeboom reminded members the proposed standards are on the internet. Data presented in Excel spreadsheet format appears to be well accepted. Members indicated many states were reporting results in both the HTML and PDF format. Michigan indicated they had provided for the registering of test entries via the internet. However, no companies used the Internet based registration for their entries. Some states indicated they provided entry forms on the Internet but in most cases forms were either faxed or mailed.

Meeting adjourned at 12-noon Wednesday, August 9, 2000.

Respectively submitted,

Kevin Kirby, Acting Recording Secretary