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Forum on Roundup Ready Alfalfa

Dear Doug and Janice:

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the Forage Industry Stakeholder forum in Saskatoon. My apologies for not being able to attend. I do, however want to give you a brief update on CSTA's activities and the commitment of our Board of Directors around Roundup Ready® Alfalfa.

CSTA has worked diligently to facilitate a dialogue around RR Alfalfa amongst our interested members for many years, since before the product was first commercialized in the United States and given food, feed and environmental release approval in Canada in 2005. Despite the fact that the developer and commercializing companies stated that they had no plans for commercialization in Canada at that time, CSTA's Forage and Turf Committee proactively supported the development of a seed stewardship plan as part of the work to reduce the potential for low level presence of the product in shipments of seed to Canada. CSTA has been requesting and circulating regular updates for our members from these companies on product status, stewardship efforts and plans, and we provide an opportunity for our members to interact with the developer and the commercializing company on a regular basis.

When the developer and commercializing company decided to conduct small trials of this approved product in Canada in 2008, CSTA facilitated a dialogue with all of our interested members in Winnipeg. A protocol for these trials, to as much as possible eliminate any unintended presence of the product in Canadian cultivated and feral alfalfa was developed and accepted by all parties at that time. Those trials were concluded two years ago, and the companies reported that the protocol was, in their opinions effective.

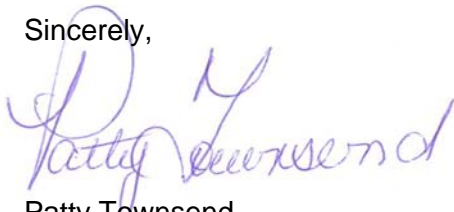
When the product was deregulated again in the United States, CSTA approached the developer and the commercializing company to ask for an update on the U.S. and Canadian situation. We also began a dialogue with the National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance (NAFA) to discuss the process that association used to develop coexistence and stewardship planning in the United States. Both the developer and the commercializing company have indicated that they are committed to develop plans that "balance the needs and opportunities of all forage industry players". (FGI Communication, March 22, 2011)

With all of that information in hand, the CSTA Board of Directors is now charging our association with a larger facilitating role. The CSTA Board has directed that CSTA facilitate the development and implementation of a coexistence plan for Roundup Ready® Alfalfa by the end of December, 2012. We are to ensure that a broad cross section of the value chain, the developer and the commercializing company are included in the process, and we are asking that these companies re-commit to developing a coexistence plan as a precursor to commercialization. The association has also been instructed to ensure that the regulators and government policy officials are kept fully informed of the process.

We are in the process of establishing a steering committee that will set up and oversee the coexistence plan development process. The steering committee is co-chaired by Kurt Shmon of Imperial Seed and Alexandre Mailloux of La Coop Fédérée. Two other seed company representatives have joined the committee, and one of the Steering Committee's first jobs will be to invite a few other value chain participants to help with the organization of this huge project.

It is our hope to have our first steering committee meeting by conference call in the very near future, and to begin the work to get the process started as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Co-Chairs, CSTA Coexistence Planning Steering Committee