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To: Negotiated Rulemaking Record

From: Dan Safford, ISDA Noxious Weed Program Specialist

Re: Negotiated Rulemaking Summary for 02.06.31 Rules Governing Noxious Weed Free Forage and Straw Certification

Noxious Weed Free Forage and Straw (NWFFS) Inspectors (one or more in each county) are required to attend annual training each spring to maintain their certification. Most inspectors are County Weed Superintendents and/or their employees. Dan Safford administers this training. NWFFS Producers are invited to these trainings and two to three attend per year. For the past two years during these trainings, ideas have been exchanged on how the NWFFS rule can be improved. The primary rule change that would affect Producers is the addition of a date on the bale tags. Inspectors were encouraged to discuss this proposed change with NWFFS Producers and report these comments to ISDA. ISDA did not receive any comments as a result of this outreach effort.

A negotiated rulemaking meeting was held at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture on July 19, 2012 at 10:00 AM. There were no comments submitted for consideration at this meeting and no stakeholders attended. There were no unresolved issues or conclusions reached as a result of this meeting.

Summary of written comments received:

7-24-12, The Idaho Association of Weed Control Superintendent discussed proposed rules at their Executive Board meeting on 7-22-12. No members expressed concerns or issues. This association supports the proposed changes without additional comments or recommendations. They expressed interest in progress updates.

7-24-12, Lemhi County Weed Control Superintendent, Daniel Bertram stated that he has reviewed the proposed changes and supports the changes and offers no additional comments or recommendations. He expressed interest in progress updates.

7-24-12, Latah County Weed Control Superintendent, Alan Martinson stated that he has reviewed the proposed changes, has no issues with the rules, and supports them. He expressed interest in progress updates.