

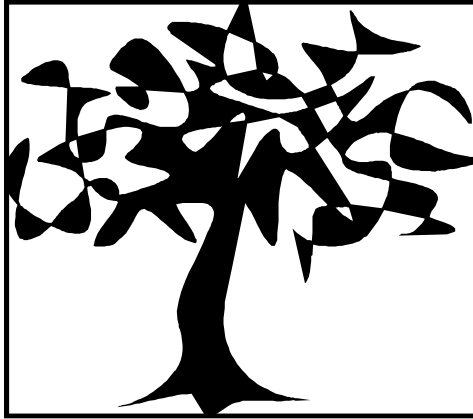
## President's Column

### To: Members & Friends

Agriculture in Florida is an ever-changing business for all of us involved. With the weather changes and markets in constant reaction to world trade maneuvers, puts all of us now in a completely different situation than we've faced in the past. Communication and trying to keep abreast of legislation, industry and trade news, as well as trying to be aware of our own customers needs is now a major challenge. As usual, trying to do business and remain profitable demands our constant attention to details and the activity within our scope. We in the seed business are trying to introduce methods

*Now more than ever it's very necessary... for us to work together.*

and products that will help to promote the best management practices. Hopefully, each of us can help each other to promote and contribute to Florida's business climate, so that everyone in the chain benefits and prospers. Now, more than



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very necessary and important for us to work together, we can no longer stay independent and survive. With this attitude of positive cooperation, we hope to respond to ideas and challenges in such a way that we all can attain our goals.

It is really an encouragement to me to see the enthusiasm and activity that is coming forth from among the membership to take on the tasks and meet the challenges of this industry. I've had calls and memos from folks who want to join-up, serve on committees and support the efforts and goals of this organization. That's what it takes to make any association worthwhile and thus a benefit to

Jack Oswald has really been busy, too and I'd like to formally acknowledge his enthusiasm and hard effort to help us all. A BIG "Thank You" Jack, for your work to get the records and other paperwork on track!!

I really see this as a "Banner Year" for the Florida Seed Association. Thank all of You!

Dick Ellis  
President

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## 1995/96 Standing Committees

Membership - Richard See

Legislative - Paul Sawyer

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Seed Industry - Rick Anderson

# Seed Regulatory Update

*Van Madden*

A total of 328 official seed samples were received and analyzed by our State Seed Laboratory during the month of July 1995. A total of 1,640 official determinations were reported on these 328 official samples. Other samples received and analyzed by our Laboratory were 17 certified, 19 commercial and 8 special.

The State Seed Laboratory has submitted samples of vegetable seeds for planting in the USDA varietal trials this fall. The location for this grow out is in Gainesville, Florida.

The following rules were either repealed or amended:

**5E-4.002(10)** Labels. Amended  
**5E-4.005** Disposition of Worthless Seed. Repealed

**5E-4.006** Seed Standards. Amended

**5E-4.008** Dealers Notice To Farmers. Repealed

**5E-4.009** Poison Treated Seed. Repealed

**5E-4.010** Forest Tree Seed Collection Zones. Repealed

**5E-4.012** Forest Tree Seed. Repealed

**For further information please contact Mr. Van Madden at**

## Small Grain Report

*Tom Stadsklev*

Here in the Tri-states area, small grain acreage continued its downward trend. The 1994 fall planting season began in normal fashion with good stands and growth stages. Then coming into the late spring, the warm, humid weather started taking its toll.

**Oats:** Some of the new varieties and older varieties fell before the grim reaper - crown rust, glume blotch, and rust. Some growers lost their entire 1994/95 crops to diseases. Florida 502 came through with some very respectable yields. The new 'Harrison' did very well also.

**Wheat:** Wheat fared about the same as oats; varieties that did well the past few years took some heavy losses from diseases.

The bottom line is - oats, wheat, and rye seed are in short supply and the price is up....is there really ever a "normal" year?

# A Seed Certification Prospectus

Dale Dubberly, Bureau Chief with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, announced at the Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc. annual membership meeting that FDACS would discontinue the certified seed program after the current season. This action was necessary because the 1995-96 Legislature reduced funding for the service oriented program. The cost of the program far exceeded the projected revenue to FDACS.

This raised the issue of privatization and was discussed at a meeting held on July 26, 1995, at the Florida Foundation Seed office in Greenwood. Attending the meeting were growers and industry representatives from Florida, Alabama and Georgia. The group spent considerable time and effort exploring various options and it appeared the most feasible approach would be to create an agency to conduct seed certification in the South, and especially for Alabama and Florida.

Proposed articles of incorporation and by-laws for the Southern Seed Certification Association, Inc. prepared by Jack Oswald and Bob Burdett in consultation with many individuals in Alabama and Florida was presented. Without exception, everyone expressed concern for the necessity to maintain a strong effective seed certification program and supported the proposal as presented. It was suggested that action be taken to initiate the organization and that Jack Oswald and Bob Burdett serve as a

nominating committee to present a slate for an interim Board of Directors.

The nominating committee met and placed the following names in nomination for the Interim Board:

Jim Kelly  
 Sammy Brown  
 Glen Barber  
 Glenn Forrester  
 Raymond Robinson  
 Rex Wilson

There being no nominations from the floor, this slate was unanimously approved by acclamation. The Board then convened and elected Jim Kelly for President and Bob Burdett for Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bob Burdett has been instructed by the Southern Seed Certification Association, Inc. Board of Directors to proceed with obtaining incorporation approval from the State of Alabama. When this action is complete, the Southern Seed Certification Association, Inc. will be in position to assume full responsibility for the seed certification program authorization in Florida and Alabama.

The Southern Seed Certification Association, Inc. will have its principal office in Auburn, Alabama with substations in Headland, Alabama and Greenwood, Florida. Bob Burdett is proceeding with developing symbols and logos for the Association to use on tags, and with its network of approved processing plants and testing laboratories. He

## From the Archives Of Edgar Martin

Remember old Tom Linder, Georgia's salty Commissioner of Agriculture for many years? We seem to be headed down this path, with city lawyers replacing men of the soil, as our law-givers.

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"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,  
 Where Wealth Accumulates, and men decay;  
 Princes and lords may flourish or may fade,  
 A breath can make them, as a breath has made;  
 But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,  
 When once destroy'd, can never be supplied."

### *Edgar A. Martin Scholarship Awarded*

*We are pleased to announce that Lawrence Fossitt has been awarded the Edgar A. Martin Scholarship at the University of Florida. Lawrence is from Sanford, FL majoring in Environmental Horticulture.*

*Congratulations Lawrence*

# Calendar of Events

## 1995

- September 15-17 FNATS - Orange County Convention Ctr. Orlando, FL
- October 24-25 FACT - Orange County Convention Ctr. Orlando, FL

## 1996

- January 6-9 Southern Seedsmen's Assn. 77th Convention and Trade Show Stouffer Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, GA
- June 4-6 Florida Seed Association Convention The Historic Lakeside Inn, Mt. Dora, FL

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The Kernel needs your help on a regular basis to update our Calendar of Events with items of interest to our Florida clientele. Everyone wants to know what is going on in Florida Agriculture. We need hurricane damage reports, weather conditions as they affect crop and seed production, merger and buy-out updates or anything you feel is important or of interest about Florida Agriculture and those items that affect our seed industry. We especially solicit short, human interest or historical anecdotes involving events or people in the



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