SUPPLEMENTAL POLICY FOR FOUNDATION RICE SEED PRODUCTION IN MISSISSIPPI

The intended purpose of this policy is to provide procedural guidance to those individuals associated with safeguarding rice seed purity throughout development, maintenance, and multiplication of existing and new rice varieties.

This Policy is entered into among the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station Foundation Seed Stocks (MAFES-FFS), the MAFES Administration, and the Mississippi Crop Improvement Association (MCIA). By signature of this policy, each party agrees to follow the guidelines contained within this policy.

FOUNDATION SEED EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

An MCIA Inspector shall inspect all equipment used in Foundation seed production. Foundation seed is responsible for cleaning all planting, harvesting, thrashing, cleaning, drying or treating equipment prior to the inspection. Foundation Seed will contact MCIA at least two days prior to each needed inspection.

FOUNDATION SEED SAMPLING:

All seed samples of Foundation seed will be collected by MCIA, using AOSA rules for collecting samples.

A five pound bin sample will be collected by MCIA from each variety for Liberty Link testing at a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved laboratory.

In addition, a five pound sample will be collected by MCIA for each lot of foundation seed for Liberty Link testing at a USDA approved laboratory.

SEED SAMPLE STORAGE:

MCIA will collect a representative 30 pound sample from each lot of foundation seed of each variety, for each year a variety is maintained within the MAFES-FSS program. These samples will be stored by MAFES-FFS and kept in cold storage for a period of 5 years.

POLICY DEVIATION:

In the event of deviation from this policy the Foundation Rice Seed Advisory Committee shall be consulted to develop and approve corrective action.

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