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Canadian Seed
Growers
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- Motion passed January 2007 to explore ACES
- We have acquired funding from ACAAF for opportunity assessment and feasibility for ACES
- Funds allocated for
 - a) industry partnering
 - b) revenue generation
 - c) capital formation



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- Producers need better genetics if we are to stay competitive in the world
- We haven't kept pace with world technology
- GRDC primary objective is to support effective competition for Australian grain growers
- To be competitive, we need the right tools



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- SIP – we just signed a three year agreement
- Two partners – the Alberta Branch, Canadian Seed Growers Association and the Association of Alberta Coop Seed Plants
- Job is to promote processing and seed industry.



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- Together we have
 - a) seed.ab.ca magazine and web site
 - b) RVPT
 - c) General Manager
 - d) Fusarium
 - e) ACES



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- RVPT
 - a) test varieties in different climatic zones
 - b) we're on the chopping block
 - c) Minister Groeneveld and Premier Stelmach reconsider funding
 - d) definition of "in kind" support
 - e) bottom line – we have support for 2008 but 2009 ????



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- Farm Tech
 - a) co-host for 2008
 - b) this allows us to participate in the Farm Tech planning committee
 - c) we will have a booth at Farm Tech.
Contact Larry Kitz to help



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- Panel Discussion
 - a) Over regulated
 - b) Work together
 - c) Priority list has changed and agriculture is not on the top
 - d) Consumer tax



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- Club Root
 - a) this is a serious soil borne disease affecting canola
 - b) cannot be chemically controlled and there are no resistant varieties
 - c) the BOD is committed to supporting research of Club Root in canola in areas related to seed production



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- Midge Resistance in Wheat
 - a) Midge resistant wheat developed
 - b) Midge resistance and Midge susceptible
 - c) Proposed that Certified Seed of Midge Resistant varieties be sold as a blend
 - d) growing Certified Seed as a varietal blend will require regulatory changes to the CSGA Circular 6



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- More business at National Meeting
- Send in videos and pictures for our Trade Booth display
- Interprovincial



- SUCCESS -

SOME FARMERS PLANT IT.

Question: Are the successful farmers the ones who use Certified seed or do the farmers who use Certified seed become successful? Either way you look at it, Certified seed opens the doors to new opportunities for success. Efficient use of inputs, quality assurance, new markets – it all starts with Certified seed. Why settle for less?



This message brought to you by Canada's seed industry including growers, breeders and seed trade.



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