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Sharon,

Comments that you asked for about the blow point testing on tall fescue.

First is that because tall fescue is so deep rooted dry conditions right after pollination does not effect the yields as much as extreme heat say 10-14 days before swathing when the plant is trying to fill. Then it is a problem and can be a big one in that it does create a lot of light seed and heavy inert.

I wish that this proposal would just go away for ever, I do not set my cleaner the same each and every year so how can the labs set their testing equipment for a blow point the same. Each and every year is different because of the growing conditions. Please do what you can to not let this rule change take place. Also the feedback from the labs that I am doing my mill check correct in invaluable, so now to do a mill check how much more money am I going to have to spend on equipment to check the cleaning process regularly.

In closing, sales are hard enough right now to make in the US as well as around the world and sincerely feel and believe that this change could hurt the industry in the market place. There already is enough doubt at times because when you think about the fact that 5 grams of a 55,000 lb lot is examined for the purity, this change could and would create even more doubt about what is in the bag.

Sincerely,

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