



## Farm and Lawn Seed Conference Sunday, November 3, 2019

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am ----- Noxious Weed Seed Working Group\*  
Denise Thiede, Supervisor, Seed Weed & Biotechnology Unit - Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Pat Miller, Director of State Affairs - ASTA
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am ----- Cover Crop Working Group\*  
Jason Goltz, Manager of the North Dakota Seed Department and President of Association of American  
Seed Control Officials  
Ernest Allen, Director, USDA-AMS-Seed Regulatory & Testing Division
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am ----- Environmental & Conservation Seed Committee Meeting\*  
Patricia Roller, National Seed Coordinator – Bureau of Land Management (via phone) Gil  
Waibel, Native Seed Program Director – Indiana Crop Improvement Association Pat Miller,  
Director of State Affairs – ASTA  
Virginia Houston, Director of Government Relations - ASTA

*\*Please note the morning working group and committee meetings are closed to ASTA members only\**

### BREAK FOR LUNCH

### ASTA Programming

- 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm -----
- NRCS Update **(1:35 p.m.)**
    - Kevin Norton, Acting Associate Chief – Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Sorghum **(2:20 p.m.)**
    - Sustainability and Sorghum – John Duff, Strategic Business Director, National Sorghum Producers
  - Break **(3:00 p.m.)**
  - Hemp **(3:10 p.m.)**
    - Challenges/Opportunities in the hemp industry” – Frank Curtis, Director of Operations - New West Genetics
    - Update on state hemp plans – Pat Miller, Director of State Affairs - ASTA
  - Grass Seed: Issues Update **(3:40 p.m.)**
    - Kentucky 31
    - International trade
    - Oregon Import Quarantine Program
  - International Trade & State Issues Update **(4:05 p.m.)**
    - Virginia Houston, Director of Government Relations – ASTA
    - Pat Miller, Director of State Affairs - ASTA

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