



AMERICAN PECAN COUNCIL
GRADES & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 20, 2019
1:30 p.m. Central Time

<https://zoom.us/j/310771124>

CONFERENCE CALL
ZOOM DIAL IN:

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Meeting ID: 310 771 124

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

American Pecan Council called the conference call/meeting of the Grades and Standards Committee to order at 1:50 p.m. The following **Committee members** were in attendance:

Mike ADAMS
GL STRALEY
Trent MASON
Randy HUDSON
John HEULER
Larry WILLSON
Bruce CARRIS

STAFF:

Alex OTT American Pecan Council
Jeff SMUTNY American Pecan Council

OVERSIGHT:

Abby CAMPOS USDA

GUEST:

Matthew BAILEY
Lenny WELLS
Johnny MARTINEZ
Robin CHILTON

Nate TICKNER
Tony SOUZA

B. Having received a sufficient number of committee members a quorum was established.

C. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

MOVED by Mike ADAMS, duly seconded by Trent MASON THAT Randy HUDSON be nominated as CHAIRMAN of the Grades and Standards Committee. Motion carried on a vote of 6-1. Randy HUDSON voted no and wanted to note in the record. **(MOTION 3-20-19 #1)**

II. GRADES & STANDARDS 101

The pecan industry has USDA Grades and Standards in place for both inshell and shelled pecans. The revised shelled pecan standard has been submitted to USDA for approval. The inshell standard is attached for your review and revision. Neither set of grades and standards are currently enforced through third party inspection. The USDA Inspection manual for pecans is also attached for your review and possible revisions.

Through the Federal marketing order (FMO), industry can also choose to establish Quality Standards that would be codified within the FMO. The Quality Standard is utilized to determine what is acceptable for current market conditions. This standard can also be adjusted based on the Council's needs. The Quality Standard would apply to domestically produced pecans, as well as foreign produced pecans entering the United States. Possible uses and/or variations of the Quality Standard could apply to pesticide maximum residue levels or other compounds that have no maximum residue level and are banned for use in the United States.

To enforce such Quality Standards, or the Pecan Grades and Standards in general, third party enforcement through inspection would be required.

III. INSPECTIONS

The committee discussed our different types of state and federal inspections that other commodity programs utilize.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed the next steps that included:

- a. Potential studies for MRLS
- b. Enforcement
- c. Try and set a standard approved or adopted
- d. Evaluation quality standard

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman adjourned the committee meeting at 3:03 p.m.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FOR MARCH 20, 2019

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