

Idaho State Department of Agriculture

02.02.02 Rules Governing Grading and Controlled Atmosphere Storage of Apples

September 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Laura Thomas, Facilitator

Present: Candi Fitch, Idaho Apple Commission; Katy DeVries, Office of Attorney General – ISDA; Cindy Stark, ISDA; Laura Thomas, ISDA; Brian Oakey, ISDA; Janis Perry, ISDA.

AGENDA ITEMS

WELCOME

Laura Thomas convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. She explained that this meeting is to review the combination of two rules – Apple Grades and Controlled Atmosphere Storage Rules of Apples. She indicated that Idaho grade standards are based on the federal standards. Brian Oakey stated that the agency, at the request of the governor’s office, has combined rules that regulate similar activities. He also indicated that the requirements are the same as before, but the rules were combined and updated.

Laura Thomas identified a couple of areas that could be updated at a future rulemaking, such as the variety names and the color requirements. Candi Fitch suggested that the agency may want to attend the Horticulture Society meeting to discuss the rule and possible changes. She indicated that she would suggest that such a presentation be placed on the agenda in November. Laura mentioned that Idaho No. Early and Idaho No. 1 Hail are standards unique to Idaho. She also thought that the Idaho Summer Grade might be a section that needed to be updated.

Brian Oakey explained that this rule must be approved by the legislature

Laura Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perry