

Transgenic Crop and Research Policy at the Purdue Agricultural Centers. (A07-young143223-Oral)

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Abstract:

In recent years the agricultural centers or research farms at Purdue University have undertaken field studies utilizing transgenic crops or plant material. Issues associated with transgenic work at the field level have arisen and center staff have expressed concern with organizing, assisting with, and maintaining such studies. In addition, superintendents at several centers have had to segregate transgenic commodities at harvest in order to preserve existing grain markets. Issues such as determining proper research protocol, communications with faculty and staff, personnel in industry, and neighboring farmers, and documentation of such field studies has led the Office of Agricultural Research Programs (formerly the Agricultural Experiment Station) to assemble a committee of research faculty and staff, administration, and center personnel to address such issues. Committee discussion and input has led to a draft of a grain quality/research management policy for the Purdue Agricultural Centers. Guidelines that have been proposed and protocol for undertaking transgenic field studies at the centers will be discussed.

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