

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
AVOCADO INSPECTION COMMITTEE (AIC)
Teleconference
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Wedin, Handler, Chairman
Ross Wileman, Handler
Reuben Hofshi, Handler
Mark Wollam, Grower
Bob Bednar, Grower
Phil Gilligan, Grower (Absent)
Chris Varvel, Alternate Handler (Absent)
Ohannes Karaoghlanian, Alternate Grower (Absent)

AVOCADO INSPECTION PROGRAM

Donella Boreham (CDFA)
Rick Jensen (CDFA)

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Mr. Rob Wedin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL MARCH 12, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Reuben Hofshi moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Mark Wollam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the March 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes are attached as EXHIBIT A.

ITEM 3: NOMINATION /SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Wedin requested nominations to elect a new Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Nominations for officers were made as follows:

Mr. Ross Wileman, Chairman
Mr. Reuben Hofshi, Vice Chairman

MOTION: Mr. Bob Bednar moved to approve the nominations of Mr. Ross Wileman as Chairman and Mr. Reuben Hofshi as Vice Chairman. Mr. Hofshi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: LAMB HASS DRY MATTER/RELEASE DATES

On January 9, 2008, the Avocado Inspection Committee (AIC) added size 32 (05/08) and size 36 (5/22) to the Date/Size Maturity Releases for Lamb Hass, based upon a hedonic score of 6.0 (Liked Slightly) and 22.8 percent dry weight. Release dates were obtained from Dr. Mary Lu Apria's "Summary of Lamb Hass Results."

Concerns were voiced that sending early season Lamb Hass into the market where there is high quality Hass has the potential to disappoint customers. Mr. Wileman stated that Lamb Hass growers should be invited to the next AIC meeting to discuss this potential problem.

ITEM 5: AVOCADO SIZE 96

Mr. Ohannes Karaoghlanian requested a discussion on size 96. Since Mr. Karaoghlanian was absent, the discussion was tabled until the next AIC meeting.

ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the UCR-South Coast Field Station, 7601 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, CA.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Wileman moved to adjourn. Mr. Bednar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wedin adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donella Boreham, Program Supervisor
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