
IR-4/USDA Crop Grouping Symposium Results Summary

Summary: 28 crop groups with 19 established and 9 proposed

Results

I. Existing Crop Groups (40 CFR 180.41)

Results: Retain the existing Crop Groups with significant additions and modifications

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| 1. Veg, root and tuber | 11. Fruit, pome |
| 2. Veg, leaves of root and tuber | 12. Fruit, stone |
| 3. Veg, bulb | 13. Berry |
| 4. Veg, leafy except brassica | 14. Nut, tree |
| 5. Veg, brassica leafy | 15. Grain, cereal |
| 6. Veg, legume | 16. Grain, cereal forage, fodder and straw |
| 7. Veg, foliage of legume | 17. Grass, forage, fodder and hay |
| 8. Veg, fruiting | 18. Animal feed, nongrass |
| 9. Veg, cucurbit | 19. Herb and spice |
| 10. Fruit, citrus | |

(Ref: Food and Feed Crops of the United States (a.k.a. Greenbook), page 337)

II. Proposed Additional Crop Groups

Results: Nine (9) proposed crop groups need to be established as noted below.

- A (21)* Stalk & stem vegetables
- B (-) Edible fungi (crop definition only, no group)
- C (-) Small fruits (combined with CG13)
- D (22) Tropical/subtropical fruits - edible peel
- E (23) Tropical/subtropical fruits - inedible peel
- F (20) Oilseed (Crop Group 20)
- G (-) Dried edible plant tops (stimulants) (combined with CG 'H')
- H (24) Teas
- I (25) Tropical/subtropical trees with edible seeds for beverages and sweets
- J (26) Grasses for sugar or syrup
- K (-) Forestry which included sugar maple for syrup (combined with CG 'L')
- L (28) Ornamentals
- M (27) Cactus

(Ref: Food and Feed Crops of the United States, page 374, and other sources)

Note:

* Numbers in () are proposed Crop Group Numbers

CG = Crop Group

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IR-4/USDA Crop Grouping Symposium Proceedings

The first international Crop Grouping Symposium Proceedings, being finalized by Sandy Perry, will be issued before the end of February 2003. The two-day Workshop provided the necessary expertise (crop and regulatory) to issue an authoritative report (Proceedings). Once the printed version is available in book form, it will be distributed to all participants and to the food protection agencies in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Codex as published.

A cover letter will be included that will request the use of the Proceedings as the major reference to updating the regulatory Crop Grouping system, internationally.

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