Risk Assessments and Sustainability Audits

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Viterra

- Headquartered in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
- Viterra is a leading grain and oilseeds marketer and handler.
- Buy, market and handle the leading share of western Canadian grain.
- Operate a network of 75 grain elevators, 5 port terminals, and 3 oil processing facilities.
Viterra Facilities
New Markets

- 2010 / 2011 interest in Canadian Canola for EU bio-fuel markets lead to program implementation.
- Initial ISCC certification in 2012.
- Initial pool of 420 producers in southwestern Manitoba and central Saskatchewan.
- Focus on eastern Canadian facilities and export port terminals.
2012 Sustainable Producers

Sustainable producer growing area of roughly 65,000 km² or 25,000 mi²
2016

- Expanded ISCC certification to ISCC Plus in key locations
- Over 1000 producers certified in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and eastern Alberta.
- Certified western Canadian port facilities.
2016 Sustainable Producers

Sustainable producer growing area of roughly 241,000 km$^2$ or 93,000 mi$^2$
Program Challenges

- Current producer growing area now equal to many European countries.
  - Auditing time / expense
- New commodities
  - Mustard
  - Oats
  - Spring Wheat
  - Flax
- Cross-compliance acceptance
- 2008 land conversion deadline
Next Steps

- Remote auditing – GRAS to reduce or eliminate ground auditing.
- Promote the ISCC Plus certification. Work with end users to accept ISCC Plus as cross-compliant to proprietary or smaller scale schemes.
- Options for the January 1st, 2008 land conversion date.
  - What if the producer didn’t own the land in 2008? How do they know they’re purchasing/leasing land that is ineligible?
  - Ways of reintroducing unapproved land conversions? Tree planting, wetlands programs, etc.
- Future of square root selection?
  - Transition from handling companies arranging ISCC certification to farmer groups.
  - Need to avoid multiple audits for the same program.
Questions?