The Wyoming Bean Commission (WBC) is scheduled to meet in Powell and Lingle, WY and via teleconference on March 17, 2022.

On Thursday, March 17, 2022, the Commission will begin their meeting at 2:00 p.m. and will hear a budget update, discuss assessment rate changes, the RMBDA annual meeting, BeanCon22, and the Dry Bean Consortium. Along with this, they will discuss the US Dry Bean Convention, 2023 Colorado Dry Bean Summit, 2022 research project funding, USDA/RMA dry bean insurance review/input/questions/issues and cover any other business as needed.

The members of the Wyoming Bean Commission are Beau Fulton (grower) of Park County, Jeffery Chapman (handler), Jerrod Lind (grower) of Platte County, Pascual Aguilar (grower) of Big Horn County, Wayne Hort (grower) of Goshen County, Cortney Allen (handler), and Dale Heggem (ex-officio member from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture).

The Bean Commission is comprised of six members initially appointed by the Governor. Four members are growers, and two members are handlers with facilities located in Wyoming. One member must reside in Laramie, Platte or Goshen County, Wyoming. The Bean Commission is funded through assessments collected on dry bean sales and is housed within the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. The commission will meet no less than two times each year and will keep a permanent record of its proceedings and report its activities to the Governor and Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands, and Water Resources interim committee. Along with this, the commission may conduct or contract scientific research, disseminate information on dry edible beans based on research, study state and federal legislation with respect to matters concerning the dry edible bean industry, appoint advisory groups, make grants to research agencies for financing special or emergency studies, and a variety of other activates.

For an agenda and more information on the Wyoming Bean Council, visit http://agriculture.wy.gov/divisions/ts/wyoming-bean-commission or contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-7321.

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