Smalley Foundation Analytical Results

Report on Cooperative Cottonseed Meal Analyses Conducted by American Oil Chemists' Society, 1930-31

By A. W. PUTLAND, Chairman

HE tables attached to this report summarize the results of the cooperative analytical program of the Smalley Foundation for the past year. The program was concluded, as usual, with thirty samples. There were 99 collaborators participating, as compared to 96 for the season 1929-1930, and 102 for the season 1928-1929.

In Table No. 1 we show the standing of the 45 collaborators who reported oil determinations on all samples. In the two preceding years 45 and 46, respectively, reported oil determinations on all the samples.

Table No. 2 shows the standing of the 71 collaborators who reported ammonia results on all samples. This number compares with 75 and 74, respectively, for the two preceding seasons.

Table No. 3 gives the average for both oil and ammonia for the 45 collaborators who reported on both oil and ammonia on all samples. In the two preceding seasons 45 and 46 collaborators reported oil and ammonia on all samples.

The winning collaborators are as follows:—

The Battle Cup for the highest efficiency in the determination of both oil and ammonia on all samples is awarded to Analyst No. 19, Dr. W. F. Hand, State Chemist, Mississippi A. and M. College, whose average is 99.889 per cent. The average efficiency is slightly less than that of last year obtained by the Southwestern Laboratories with an average efficiency of 99.95½ per cent, but somewhat higher than that obtained by the winner the year previous. The certificate for second place goes to Analyst No. 49, The Southwestern Laboratories of Dallas, Texas, with an efficiency of 99.866. It is interesting to note that last year the Southwestern Laboratories was awarded the cup for an efficiency of 99.956½ per cent, while this year the same laboratory was awarded second prize with an efficiency of 99.866 per cent. It is also interesting to note that Dr. W. F. Hand, who was awarded second place last year with an efficiency of 99.926 per cent, has been awarded first place this year with an efficiency of 99.889 per cent. The efficiency of the work this year appears to be less than that of last year, a possible reason of which will be offered later. The winner of the cup this year, Dr. W. F. Hand, also won the cup in 1926-27.

The certificate for the highest efficiency in determination of the oil only is awarded to Dr. W. F. Hand, State Chemist, Mississippi A. & M. College, whose average is 99.866 per cent. The certificate for second place goes to Mr. D. B. McIsaac, International Vegetable Oil Company, Savannah, Ga., analyst No. 4, with an efficiency of 99.804 per cent. The percentage of the winner last year was 99.938 and for second place 99.918.

The certificate for the highest efficiency in the determination of ammonia is awarded to Analyst No. 14, Mr. Geo. K. Redding, The Larrowe Milling Company, Rossford, Ohio, with an average of 99.980 per cent and the certificate for second place goes to No. 49, The Southwestern Laboratories, Dallas, Texas. The foregoing comparisons show that the percentage efficiency for both oil and ammonia, as well as for the combined oil and ammonia work, is slightly less than for last year.

There have been comparatively few complaints from the collaborators regarding the samples this year. This in spite of the fact that some abnormal meal samples were sent out. These abnormal samples possibly explain the slightly less efficiency obtained by the collaborators this year than that obtained last year. The few complaints were registered against including the results of the sample which contained an unusually high oil content. The Committee felt that our official method should provide for high or low oil content samples. If it does not, then it is not a method. We, therefore, ruled that this and other samples

Analyst No.

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% Efficiency

99.842 99.837

99.829

99.821 99.817 99.813

99.805

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would be included in the final results. Smalley Foundation Cooperative analytical program is not a contest but a means of checking our official methods in the hands of numerous operators as well as checking our individual work.

In concluding this report your Committee feels that the Society owes Mr. Thos. C. Law a tremendous debt for his care and attention in preparing and mailing the samples.

Personnel of Committee:—N. C. Hamner, L. C. Haskell, H. C. Moore, L. B. Forbes, E. A. Butt, G. K. Witmer, A. W. Putland,

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