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Effectiveness of sanitizing seed consistent in trials using Caudill Sprouting Seed Washer Sanitizing Unit

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LOUISVILLE, Ky./EWorldWire/July 2, 2009 --- The introduction of the Caudill Spouting's improved Seed Washer Sanitizing Unit at the 2009 ISGA meeting is followed by the release of a paper produced jointly by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and Caudill Seed. This cooperative effort between an industry leader and the regulatory agency reveals some surprising results related to the removal of bacterial pathogens from seeds.

The conclusion indicated that the use of a system employing peroxyacetic acid in combination with a commercial seed washing apparatus achieved a consistent reduction of pathogens on artificially contaminated alfalfa seeds. The washing/sanitizing apparatus used in the trials was a version of the system Caudill Sprouting featured at ISGA.

During a two-year period of the system's employment, sprout growers did not report any positives for Salmonella or E. coli O157:H7.

Results were determined by Commercial I laboratories that tested the water in which the sprouts had been cleansed.

The report titled, "Use of 1% Peroxyacetic Acid Sanitizer in an Air-Mixing Wash basin to Remove Bacterial Pathogens from Seeds," can be viewed or downloaded at [URL].

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