



OREGON EXTENSION SEED CERTIFICATION
Alfalfa Hay Bloom Inspection Request

Purpose: To avoid an isolation requirement on a Certified generation alfalfa seed field having an adjacent alfalfa hay field.

Provisions: An inspection may be requested on an adjacent alfalfa hay field prior to the second cutting of the hay to determine the level of bloom formation. When bloom is less than 10% there would be no requirement for isolation of the seed field against the hay field, as long as the hay field bloom is not beyond 10% at the time of the alfalfa seed crop inspection. When the hay bloom is 10% or greater, then a requirement for isolation would be necessary, except if the hay field is the same variety and of the same, or higher generation, or the resulting isolation zone is less than 10% of the entire field. Although inspection is made prior to the second cutting of alfalfa hay, it would be expected that all hay cuttings would be made prior to 10% bloom.

Procedure (seed grower's responsibilities):

- 1) Apply before June 1 each year
- 2) Complete one application for each seed field
- 3) Pay a fee of \$25 per hay field to be inspected
- 4) Notify the County Extension Office at least three days prior to cutting the alfalfa hay

APPLICATION

County _____

Due by June 1

<i>Seed grower's name</i>	<i>Field No.</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Seed crop variety</i>
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Direction(s) to the hay field(s) from the seed field (consider any additional information, i.e. maps, GPS coordinates, etc.):

Has permission been obtained from the hay field(s) owner for this inspection? _____

<i>Check No.</i>	<i>Fee paid</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Grower's signature</i>
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INSPECTION RESULTS

Predicted cutting date per Extension Office notification: _____

Bloom formation: Less than 10% _____ ; 10% or greater _____

Inspector: _____ Date: _____

Instruction to County Office:

- 1) Give grower a copy when the "Application" portion is completed
- 2) Send Original to Oregon Seed Certification Service
- 3) Copy to grower's file in County office