

OREGON SMALL GRAINS IDENTITY PRESERVATION STANDARDS

The Oregon State University, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Seed Services Program, Oregon Seed Certification Service will conduct identity preservation inspections and documentation. Services are applicable to the production of a cereal grain commodity, not for seed production. General policies and procedures used in seed certification will be used in the identity preservation program. Grower communication shall be with the Oregon Seed Certification Service through applications, field inspection reports and identity preservation certificates, as appropriate.

- I. Eligible Varieties** - Any variety for which certified or higher generation seed is available.
- II. Field History** - Land must not have grown an indistinguishable variety for the past 12 months. If the previous crop was the same variety and passed field requirements for seed certification or met identity preservation requirements, then the 12 month interval is not required.
- III. Eligible Fields** - To be eligible for identity preservation, a field must meet field history requirements and have been planted with certified or higher generation seed. Seed tags, certification shipping certificates, or sales invoices may document the seed used for planting. Small grains must be planted in distinct rows; exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification office prior to planting.
- IV. Application** - Application for Identity Preservation of Small Grains crop inspection must be submitted by April 15 for small grains planted on or before January 31; for plantings after January 31, the deadline is June 1, or within 15 days of planting, whichever occurs last. Apply on an OSU Seed Certification "Small Grain Application and Inspection" form. Write "Identity Preserved" on the top of the form.
- V. Field Inspections and Standards** - Fields will be inspected after heading. Inspection for off-type grains of the same crop type and other small grains will be conducted. A field will be rejected for identity preservation if the aggregate level of off-type grains and other small grains are in excess of 5 percent unless the applicant has established other criteria. There are no isolation requirements for self-pollinated grains. Fields may border other varieties as long as the crop may be harvested with minimal mechanical mixture. A written report accepting or rejecting each field under inspection will be sent to the applicant.
- VI. Grain Inspections** - Grain inspections will not be routinely done. OSU Seed Certification or the Oregon Department of Agriculture may be contacted if an official grain lot sample is needed, but availability of sampling services is not guaranteed. An additional fee will be charged for sampling services if such service is provided. Grain quality assessments will need to be done in accordance with contractual agreements. The Federal Grain Inspection Service and other grain grading facilities routinely do grain quality assessments.
- VII. Fees** - Fees to be commensurate to cover costs of the program.