



Oregon Seed Certification Service
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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
SOYBEAN
(Glycine max)
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Certification Standards: The general standards for seed certification found in the Oregon Seed Certification Service Handbook (OSCS) are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the certified Soybean standards.

Varieties Certified: Varieties and classes eligible for planting may be found in the OSCS Handbook.

Field History: Land must not have grown or been seeded to another variety of Soybean for one year, unless the previous crop was of the same variety and class, and certified. Soybeans must be planted in distinct rows. The Seed Certification Office prior to planting must approve exceptions.

Field Inspections: Include two inspections, at the bloom and late-pod stages. Application for field inspection must be submitted by June 15, or 15 days after planting whichever occurs last.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum other varieties permitted ¹	Isolation Requirements ²
Foundation	1:1000 (0.1%)	Mechanical Separation
Registered	1:1000 (0.1%)	
Certified	1:500 (0.2%)	

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/2 pound)

Factor	Foundation (White Tag)	Registered (Purple Tag)	Certified (Blue Tag)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other crops, maximum	None found	None found	1 per 2 lb
Other varieties ¹ , maximum	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Inert matter ³ , maximum	2%	2%	2%
Weed seed, maximum	None found	1 per lb	2 per lb
Germination	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants and seeds that can be differentiated from the variety being inspected.

² See Section IV, D.1 in the OSCS Handbook.

³ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook, nor any St. Johnswort allowed in any class of seed.