



Oregon Seed Certification Service

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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
TEFF
(Eragrostis tef)
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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 Teff standards.

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

Field History: Land must not have grown or been seeded to Teff for five years to produce Foundation seed. To produce Registered or Certified seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to Teff in the previous crop year unless it was the same variety, equal or higher class, and certified. Teff must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

Field Inspections: Include two inspections, a seedling and seed crop inspection. The seedling and crop applications must be submitted by June 15, or within 10 days of planting, whichever occurs last.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum other varieties permitted ¹	Isolation requirements ²
Foundation	None	Adequate to prevent pollination from contaminating sources with a minimum distance of 15 feet
Registered	0.5%	
Certified	1.0%	

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/4 Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ³ , maximum	0.15%	0.30%	0.50%
Weeds, Group A ⁴ , singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	80%	80%	80%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV D, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook.

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

⁴ Group A – Buckhorn plantain, Sheep sorrel, Docks, Bedstraw.