



Oregon Seed Certification Service

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Extension Service

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
TURFGRASS SOD
(*Phleum pratense*)
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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 Turfgrass Sod standards.

Varieties Certified: Any commonly recognized turf variety or mixture of varieties.

Seed Planted: Must be seed or vegetative material of certified or higher generation.

Field History: The land on which certified sod is to be established must have been in the production or cultivated crops or clean fallow for at least two growing seasons preceding the seeding of the turfgrass for certification, unless the previous crop was of the same variety grown for certified sod, and the soil must be treated with a recommended soil fumigant or herbicide program.

Field Inspections: Include an inspection made after soil fumigation to determine if soil is free of all perennial grasses. After establishment, two field inspections per year will be made. Applications for inspection must be made by January 1 and June 1.

Field Standards:

General:

1. Unit of certification. A field or a marked block within a field shall be considered a unit for certification.
2. Isolation between other varieties, species, and mixtures at planting time shall be at least five feet.
3. Management: A sod field for lifting should show evidence of good management. Field conditions which make it difficult to perform satisfactory field inspections may be rejected from certification.

Specific Requirements:

Factors	Maximum for certified sod
Other turfgrass species not included below:	3 plants per 1000 square feet
Other crop plants	0 plants per 1000 square feet
Noxious weeds	0 plants per 1000 square feet
Objectionable weeds ¹	3 plants per 1000 square feet

Pests:

1. Every field within the certifying program must be maintained reasonably free of disease.
2. Fields to qualify for certification must show evidence of proper chemical treatment for injurious turfgrass insects in accordance with current recommended practices.

Certification shall not be concerned with exact percentages of species in mixtures, except that sod must be of uniform density, color, and texture.

¹ Objectionable weeds: Annual bluegrass, Bedstraw, Black medic, Chickweed, Clover, Dandelion, Henbit, Holcus sp., Knotweed, Pearlwort, plantain, Rumex sp., Thistle, Veronica sp., and Yarrow.