



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
VETCH
(Vicia spp.)
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Certification Standards: The general standards for seed certification found in the Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) Handbook are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the certified Vetch 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 vetch during the previous five years to be eligible to produce Foundation seed; three years to produce Registered seed; or two years to produce Certified seed, unless the crop was of the same variety and certified. Vetch must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification office prior to planting.

Field Inspections: Include a seedling and a seed crop inspection. The seedling application must be submitted within 60 days of planting and a seed crop application must be submitted by April 15 of each year in which seed is produced.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum other varieties permitted ¹	Isolation Requirements ²	
		Common vetch ³	Hairy vetch, Bigflower vetch and Cross-pollinating species
Foundation	None	10 ft.	400 ft.
Registered	0.1%	10 ft.	400 ft.
Certified	0.5%	10 ft.	400 ft.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size - 2 Pounds)

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%	1.00%
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.25%
Weed Seed, Group A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	18/LB.	27/LB.
Germination (includes hard seed)	90%	90%	90%
Germination (Woodford Bigflower Vetch)	75%	--	75%

¹Includes off-type plants

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

³ Isolation must be adequate to determine field boundaries and prevent mixture.

⁴None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook, nor any Buckhorn plantain, Docks, Sheep sorrel, or St. Johnswort allowed in any class of seed.

⁵Group A - Bedstraw.