



**Oregon Seed Certification Service**  
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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS  
**HARDINGGRASS** (*Phalaris stenoptera*)  
**KOLEAGRASS** (*Phalaris aquatica*)  
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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 standards for certified hardinggrass and koleagrass.

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

**Field History:** Land must not have grown or seed seeded to these grasses during previous two years to produce Registered or Certified seed. For Registered or Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of hardinggrass or koleagrass was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Hardinggrass and koleagrass 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 with 60 days of planting and a seed crop application must be submitted by April 15 each year seed is produced.

**Field Standards:**

Class of seed produced	Maximum permitted Other Varieties <sup>1</sup>	Isolation Requirements <sup>2</sup>	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Registered	0.5%	660 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	1.0%	330 ft.	165 ft.

**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	0.10%	0.10%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed <sup>3</sup> , maximum	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A <sup>4</sup> , singly or combined	None	15/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	75%	75%	75%

<sup>1</sup> Includes off-type plants.

<sup>2</sup> See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

<sup>3</sup> None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any *Galium* spp. allowed in any class of seed.

<sup>4</sup> GROUP A - buckhorn plantain, docks and sheep sorrel