



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 (OSCS) Handbook are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the standards for certified soybean.

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. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of soybean was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Soybeans must be planted in distinct rows. The Seed Certification Office prior to planting must approve exceptions.

Field Inspections: Includes one inspection for Certified class seed a flower inspection is required for Foundation and Registered class seed. Application for field inspection must be submitted by June 15 or 15 days after planting for fields planted after June 15.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum permitted Other Varieties ¹	Isolation Requirements
Foundation	1:1000 (0.1%)	Adequate to determine field boundaries and prevent mixtures
Registered	1:1000 (0.1%)	
Certified	1:500 (0.2%)	
Isolation between seed fields of different classes but of the same variety must be adequate to prevent mixtures.		

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	0.10%	0.10%	0.20%
Inert matter ² , maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
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 None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.