



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 perennial ryegrass.

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

Field History: Land must not have grown nor been seeded to these listed species and for the periods of time, as follows:

Previous crop	Time out required, in years		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Annual Ryegrass	0	0	0
Perennial Ryegrass	5	5	2
Intermediate Ryegrass	5	5	2
Festulolium 2x/4x	5	5	2
Festulolium 6x	0	0	0
Tall Fescue	0	0	0
Meadow Fescue	0	0	0

For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of perennial ryegrass was of the same variety, same or higher class and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Perennial ryegrass 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 Permitted Other Varieties ¹	Isolation Requirements ^{2,3}	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	900 ft.	900 ft.
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)
Total ryegrass, minimum	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
Total ryegrass, min: Friend, Linn	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Crops other than ryegrass, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Annual Ryegrass ⁴ , maximum	0.32%	1.00%	3.00%
Total other crops incl. annual ryegrass, maximum	0.42%	1.25%	3.50%
Inert matter, maximum	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Total inert matter, max: Friend, Linn	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed ⁵ , maximum	0.15%	0.30%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁶ singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%
Ploidy test, minimum ⁷	100%	99%	95%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² This distance must be maintained from all ryegrass, meadow fescue and festulolium of the same ploidy. Isolation between diploids and tetraploids shall be no less than 15 feet. See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ Foundation and Registered fields of perennial ryegrass must be isolated 300 ft. from tall fescue and festulolium 6x. Border removal is allowed for fields over five acres. See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

⁴ See Section IX, D8 in the OSCS Handbook. A list of variety fluorescence level descriptions is maintained by AOSCA (aosca.org).

⁵ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.

⁶ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.

⁷ See Section IX, D5 in the OSCS Handbook. Varieties described as tetraploid must be tested. A ploidy test should be requested at the time of sampling.