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OREGON SEED CERTIFICATION HANDBOOK



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2026 Oregon Certified Seed Handbook and Crop Standards Changes

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Grass and Legumes

1. Update soybean seed standards.
2. Update velvet bentgrass standards to add Registered class, as well as align with other bentgrass and meet AOSCA minimums.
3. Update bermudagrass and mustard standards to add Registered classes.
4. Update isolation requirements on camelina.
5. Update chickpea standards for clarity.
6. Update ryegrass standards to all varieties minimum germination of 85%.
7. Update alfalfa standards for field history.

Cereals

1. Update seed standards to allow re-testing, increase the sample size to accommodate re-testing.
2. Update by-laws regarding member affiliations.

Applications not received within one year (365 days) from planting will not be accepted.

Common and scientific name changes:

Indian ricegrass: Update standards from *Oryzopsis hymenoides* to *Eriocoma hymenoides*
Hybrid Annual Rape / Type Canola: Update to Hybrid Annual Rape
Oil Rape: Update to Annual Rape

The following species were updated to meet minimums set by AOSCA:

Altai/basin wildrye; crested hairgrass; field bean; all clovers; chewings, slender and blue tufted fescue; strong creeping red fescue; lupine; field pea; Utah sweetvetch; camelina; flax; Lewis, prairie and blue flax; Rocky Mountain penstemon; radish; turnip; canola; safflower; buckwheat; weeping alkaligrass; little burnet; kale; swede and trefoil.

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Additional Crop Standards can be found on the website: <http://seedcert.oregonstate.edu>. For information about requirements not listed in this handbook, please contact the Seed Certification Office at 541-737-4513 or seedcertrequests@oregonstate.edu.

Sign-Up Deadlines¹

Seedling Inspections:

Seedling Inspection: Within 60 days of planting, unless otherwise noted below.

- By April 15 or within 15 days if planted after April 15 for field pea.
- Within 10 days for teff if planted after June 15.
- Within 15 days for alfalfa planted between January 1 and July 1.
- Within 15 days for red clover planted between April 1 and July 1.
- Within 15 days for spring planted camelina, flax, Rocky Mountain penstemon & Utah sweetvetch.
- Within 15 days for sorghum and hybrid sorghum planted after June 1.
- Within 30 days for bermudagrass & seashore paspalum.
- Within 30 days for mustard (includes Ethiopian cabbage) planted after April 1.
- Within 30 days for annual rape and hybrid annual rape planted after June 1.
- Within 30 days for radish if planted after April 15.
- Within 45 days for small grains (earlier if row closure is expected to occur rapidly).

Modified Land History and Pre-Plant Inspections:

Within 60 days of planned working of ground (see procedures <http://seedcert.oregonstate.edu>)

Crop Inspections:

- March 15: Turnip
- April 15: Camelina², chicory, flax, grasses (except bermudagrass, seashore paspalum, sudangrass & teff), buckhorn plantain, kale, little burnet, meadowfoam, mustard (except hybrid brown mustard), radish², Rocky Mountain penstemon², sugar beet, swede, legumes (except alfalfa, field bean, lentil, red clover, soybean² & trefoil)
- June 1: Corn, potato
- June 15: Alfalfa, bermudagrass, buckwheat², chickpea², hybrid annual rape, lentils², hybrid brown mustard, hybrid sunflower, hybrid sorghum², mint, annual rape, red clover, safflower, seashore paspalum, small grains, sorghum², soybean², sudangrass², sunflower, trefoil, field bean², teff².

¹ Field must be ready for inspection, including isolation stakes, at final sign-up deadlines

² Buckwheat, camelina, field bean, field pea, lentil, soybean and sudangrass planted after crop sign-up deadline must be signed up within 15 days after planting. Teff must be signed up within 10 days of planting. Radish and chickpea must be signed up within 30 days of planting. Rocky Mountain penstemon & Utah sweetvetch must be signed up within 30 days of planting when spring planted. Sorghum and hybrid sorghum must be signed up within 15 days of planting if planted after June 1st.



Extension Office Phone Numbers by County

<u>County</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Benton (Contact the OSCS Office)	541-737-4513
Clackamas	503-655-8631
Crook	541-447-6228
Douglas	541-672-4461
Gilliam	541-384-2271
Harney	541-573-2506
Jackson	541-776-7371
Jefferson	541-475-7107
Klamath	541-883-7131
Lane (Contact the OSCS Office)	541-737-4513
Linn	541-967-3871
Malheur	541-881-1417
Marion	503-588-5301
Morrow	541-676-9642
Polk	503-623-8395
Sherman	541-565-3230
Umatilla	541-567-8321
Union	541-963-1010
Wallowa	541-426-3143
Wasco	541-296-5494
Washington	503-821-1150
Yamhill	541-434-7517

2026 Oregon Seed Certification Service Fees

(See General Standards: Section VIII)

Fees listed are accurate at time of printing and can change at any time. Visit seedcert.oregonstate.edu for the most updated fees as well as fees for specialty crops including potato, corn, mint and hemp.

All Fees: Credit cards are accepted for certain online payments; all other fees are to be paid by check or ACH. Checks may be made payable to "Oregon Seed Certification Service" and sent directly to:

Oregon Seed Certification Service, Oregon State University, 31 Crop Science Bldg, Corvallis, OR 97331-3003

Seedling Inspections¹

	<u>Fee</u>
Application submitted within the deadline for the crop planted	\$75.00/field
Late sign-up fee in addition to application fee	\$50.00/field
Re-inspection of seedling	\$50.00/field
Pre-plant inspection	\$75.00/field
Establishment of Crop History (ECH) – Perennial Ryegrass only	\$75.00/field
Modified Land History (includes preplant inspection)	\$75.00/field
(Late requests requiring added inspections will be assessed an additional fee of \$50.00)	

Seed Crop Inspections¹

	<u>Fee</u>
Grasses, most legumes, cereals & misc. crops	\$ 4.50/ac (Min \$55.00)
Beans, chickpea, sunflower, hybrid rape/canola, safflower & hybrid brown mustard	\$ 5.60/ac (Min \$55.00)
Pre-Variety Germplasm	\$ 5.20/ac (Min \$55.00)
Late sign-up fees in addition to crop inspection fees	\$ 1.00/ac (Min \$55.00)
Seed Stock Fields of grasses, legumes & misc. crops in addition to per acre fee (Min 55.00)	
0-15 acres (Foundation/Pre-Basic, Registered/Basic)	\$ 75.00/field
16-30 acres (Foundation/Pre-Basic, Registered/Basic)	\$ 150.00/field
Over 30 acres (Foundation/Pre-Basic, Registered/Basic)	\$ 225.00/field
Limited re-inspection of crop (e.g. isolation)	\$ 50.00/field
Additional fee if signed up after deadline	\$ 25.00/field
Detailed re-inspections of crop (e.g. walking field)	\$ 4.50/ac (Min \$50.00)

Refund: To be eligible for refunds, seedling and/or seed crop applications must be withdrawn prior to field inspection. To initiate a refund, seed growers must submit a written request to Seed Certification (a special request charge may be withheld for processing). No refunds on rejected fields that have been inspected, either seedling or seed crop.

Additional & Special Sampling, Tagging and Certificates Fees:

Sampling for all crops except cereals (Min \$45.00/lot)	\$0.32/cwt-sampled
Resamples for all crops except cereals (Min \$25.00/lot)	\$0.08/cwt-sampled
Sampling cereals (Min \$45.00/lot)	\$0.22/cwt-sampled
OECD Certificates 5,000 pounds or less ²	\$40.00/each
OECD Certificates 5,001 pounds or more ²	\$70.00/each
Revising OECD Certificates	\$35.00
Reissuance of tags	\$0.07/tag (Min. \$35.00)
Low quantity tagging fee for printing less than 30% of tags	\$35.00
Additional charge for adhesive tags	\$0.11/tag
Additional charge for lots tagged in containers sized 25 pounds or less	\$0.08/tag
PNW Sod Quality seed tags	\$0.21/tag
Special inspections or audits in addition to standard OSU mileage rate and per diem	\$80.00/hr
Special requests – process review of reissuance/blends/mixtures/coated seed & other manual reviews or entries	\$45.00 each
Minimum charge for sampling/verification when lot is not accessible or prepared	\$55.00/visit
Rush fee for delivery of tags, tag printing, tag verification, or sampling	\$105.00/each

¹ Check specific crop standards for special requirements

² An additional OECD assessment will be billed on each OECD seed lot, as assessed by USDA-OECD authorities. Current assessment is: \$0.32/cwt for Grasses, Legumes, Brassicas, Beets, and Mixtures; \$0.34/cwt for Soybean, Cereal, Cotton and Sunflower; \$0.42/cwt for Corn. These charges to be billed in addition to other listed fees.

Varieties and Classes Eligible for Planting in Oregon

This is a list of the varieties that have been Certified in the last 10 years.
For a complete list of eligible varieties as well as length of stand information go to:
seedcert.oregonstate.edu

Legumes

Alfalfa

Breeder or Foundation

54HVX42, 54Q16, 54Q25, 54Q29, 55V50, 6401N, 6585Q, AFX 457, AFX670, Camas, DKA40-16, DS 1168, FSG 430ST, HybriForce-2400, HybriForce-2600, LegenDairy XHD, Magna 715, Magnum 7, Magnum 7-Wet, Magnum 8-Wet, Mariner V, NuMex 501, NuMex 801, NuMex 802, PGI 529, SW5615, SW5637S, Triple Trust 500, Weststar, WL 319HQ, WL 358LH, WL 372HQ.RR, X-Force 5400

Breeder

HyriForce-3600, Ranger

Chickpea

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

CDC Frontier, CDC Orion, HB-14, Nash, Sierra

Clover – Arrowleaf

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Blackhawk

Clover – Balansa

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

FIXatioN

Clover – Berseem

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Frosty, Lightning

Clover – Crimson

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

AU Sunrise, Contea, Dixie II, KY Pride, Majestic, White Cloud

Clover – Red

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

AberClaret, Barduro, Blaze, Bobcat, Emarwan, Medallion, Raptor, Redmoon, Renegade, Resilience, WildCat

Breeder or Foundation

Bearcat, CW 9901, CW1002, Evolve, FF 9615, Freedom!, FreedomMR, FSG 401RC, FSG 402, GA-9908, Gallant, Kenland, LS 9703, Raven, Redkin, Southern Belle, StarFire II, TP 12

Breeder

Rustler

Clover – White

*classified as Ladino Clover

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Campanion*, Cashmere, Durana, Heslop, Osceola*, Pipolina, Rampart*, Renovation, Stamina, Will*

Breeder or Foundation

Neches, Pinnacle*, RegalGraze*

Field Bean

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Black Beard, Black Tails, Blizzard Navy, California Early Light Red Kidney, Eclipse Black, Etna Cranberry, HMS Medalist Navy, Indi Navy, Montcalm Kidney, Monterrey Pinto, Montrose Pinto, ND Whitetail White Kidney, Pink Panther Light Red Kidney, Red Rover Dark Red Kidney, Vibrant Pinto

Breeder, Foundation

Merlot Small Red, Zorro Black

Breeder

Red Hawk Dark Red Kidney

Lentil

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Avondale, Brewer, Merrit, Morena

Lupine

Breeder or Foundation

Hederma (Riverbank)

Peas

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Granger (Austrian Winter)

Breeder or Foundation

Hampton (Field)

Soybean

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Owyhee1

Utah Sweetvetch

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Timp

Vetch

Breeder or Foundation

AU EarlyCover (Hairy), AU Merit (Hairy)

Grasses

Alkaligrass

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

SeaSalt (Weeping)

Bentgrass – Colonial

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Heritage, Highland, Musket, Puritan, Vision

Bentgrass – Creeping

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

007, 007XL, 13M, 777, 962, Alpha, Armor, AU Victory, Barracuda, Bengal, Chinook, Cobra 2, Coho, CY-2, Declaration, Diplomacy, Flagstick, Focus, Independence, Kingdom, Kingpin, L-93 XD, Lofts L-93, Luminary, MacDonald, MacKenzie, Mariner, Match Play, Memorial, Nightlife, Oakley, PC2.0, Piper, Piranha, Proclamation, Prodigy, Pure Distinction, Pure Eclipse, Pure Select, S1, Samurai, Spectrum, SR 1119, SR 1150, T-1, Tillinghast, TourPro, Trueline, Tyee, V8, Valderrama

Breeder or Foundation

Crystal BlueLinks, Penneagle II, PennLinks II

Breeder

Authority, Penn A-1, Penncross, Princeville, Seaside, Shark

Bentgrass – Redtop

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Streaker

Bentgrass – Velvet

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Legendary, Villa, Vitagreen

Bermudagrass

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Copperhead, Heritage, Mirage 2

Breeder or Foundation

Yukon

Bluegrass – Big

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Sherman

Bluegrass – Creeping

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Two Putt

Bluegrass – Kentucky

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Abbey, Acoustic, After Midnight, Arc II, Arcadia, Aries, Armada, Astral, Avalanche, Aviator II, Award, Barduke, Bariris, Baron, Barrari, Barrister, Barserati, Barvette, Bedazzled, Belmont Stakes, Bewitched, Beyond, Blackjack, Blue Coat, Blue Devil, Blue Gem, Blue Ghost, Blue Magic, Blue Note, Blue Star, Bluebank, BlueChip, BlueChip Plus, Bolt, Bombay, Bonaire, Bordeaux, Brooklawn, Champagne, Concerto, Corsair, Courtyard, Crest, Cutting Edge, Dauntless, Denali II, Desert Dream, Desert Moon, Diva, Dublin, Electric, Endurance, Estrella, Everest, Fahrenheit 90, Fielder, Finish Line, Full Moon, Gaelic, Geisha, Geronimo, Gladstone, Green Star, Hampton, Harvest Moon, Heidi, Impact, Ironblade, Isabel, Jackpot, Jackrabbit, Jersey, Jump Start, Keeneland, Kelly, Kickstart, Krypton, Legend, Liberator, Lunar, Mallard, Martha, Matchless, Mazama, Mercury, Merit, Midnight, Midnight II, Milagro, Mongoose, Monte Carlo, Moonlight SLT, Moonshine, New Moon, Northern Exposure, Nu Destiny, NuBlue Plus, Nuglade, Oasis, Pivot, Princeton P-105, Prosperity, Quantum Leap, Rhythm, Ridgeline, Right, River Run, RockStar, Rubix, Rugby II, Saona, Shadow Hawk, Shamrock, Shannon, Skye, Solar, Sombrero, SPF-30, Spitfire, Squire, SR 2100, SR 2150, SR 2284, SR 2286, SR 2758, Starr, Sun Storm, Super Moon, Thermal Blue, Tirem, Touche, Twilight, United, Volt, Wild Horse, Yellowstone, Zinfandel, Zip

Breeder or Foundation

Aramintha

Bluegrass – Rough

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Cypress 2, Darkhorse, Havana, Laser, ProAm, Quasar, Racehorse, RAM100, Sabre III, Sabre 4, Startdust 2, Starlite, Starlite II, Sun-Up, Winterlinks, Winterplay

Breeder or Foundation

Winterway

Brome

Breeder, Foundation or Registered

Arid (Smooth), Bromar (Meadow), Champaign (Meadow)

Breeder or Foundation

AAC Torque (Hybrid)

Fescue – Annual

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Zorro

Fescue – Blue

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
SR 3210

Fescue – Chewings

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Ambassador, Ambrose, Bridgeport, Bridgeport II, Brittany 2, Cara, Cascade, Castle, Chancellor, Compass, Compass II, Conductor, Enchantment, Heathland, Hixson, Intrigue, J-5, Jamestown IV, Jamestown VII, LaCrosse, Leeward, Longfellow 3, LS3000, Musica, Radar, Radar II, Resonance, Rushmore, Seducer, Shadow II, Shadow III, Shadow IV, Silhouette, Sonar, Spindrift, SR 5130, Survivor, Teide, Treasure II, Windward, Woodall, Wrigley 2, Zodiac

Fescue – Hard

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Accentuate, Aurora Gold, Beacon, Beacon II, Berkshire, Bighorn GT, BLUERAY, Chariot, Clarinet, EcoStar Plus, Eureka II, Formentera, Gladiator, Gotham, Hardtop, Harpoon, Heron, Jetty, Leonidas, Minimus, Nanook, Reliant IV, Resolute, Rhino, Soil Guard, Spartan II, SR 3150, SR 3175, Stonehenge, Stonehenge II, Sturgeon, Sword, Sword II, Tenacious, Viking H2O

Fescue – Meadow

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Driftless

Breeder
Pradel

Fescue – Red

*Classified as Slender Red Fescue

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Audubon, Barcrown II*, Cardinal, Cardinal II, Celestial, Chantilly, Chorus, Cindy Lou, Class One, Contender, Fenway, Foxfire, Foxfire 2, Garnet, Gibraltar Gold, Harbor MR, Indie, Jasper II, JF-209, Kent, Kevin, Lighthouse*, Lustrous, Mallorca, Marvel, Montjeu, Navigator II, Navigator III, Orbit, Park Bench, Pathfinder, Pennington ASC295, Portland, Razor, Rev, Rosecity, Ruddy, Seabreeze*, Seabreeze GT*, SeaLink*, SeaMist*, Shademaster III, Shoreline*, Silverlawn, Simmons, Sockeye*, SR 5250, Valeria, Wendy Jean, Wonder, Xeric

Fescue – Sheep

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Azure, Blue Hornet, Blue Mesa, Dall, Marco Polo, Quatro, Sierra Vista

Fescue - Tall

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
2nd Millennium, 3rd Millennium SRP, 4th Millennium SRP, Adventure II, Amity, Annapolis, Annihilator, Annihilator II, Aquaduct, Aquavita, Arabia, Ares, Arid 3, Armory, AST1001, AST5112, AST5118, AST7001, AST7002, AST7003, AST8118LM, AST8218LM, AST9001, AST9002, AST9003, Atlas, ATV, Avenger, Avenger II, Avenger III, Aztec II, Bachelor, Bandit, Banshee, Barbarian, Barbwire, Barlexas, Barlexas II, Barolex, BarOptima, BarRepair, Barrington, Barrington II, BarRobusto, Barvado, Battle Hawk, Beefsteak, Bentley, Bingo, Birmingham, Black Tail, Black Tie, Blackwatch, Blackwatch 2, BladeRunner II, Bladerunner 3, Bloodhound, Bonfire, Bonsai 2X, Bravo 2, Brockton, Brute, Bullseye, Bullseye LTZ, Caesar, Cajun 2, Cannavaro, Capitan, Catalyst, Cayenne, Cezanne Rz, Chenelle, Cheyenne, Chisholm, Clash GLS, Cochise IV, Compacta, Compacta II, Compete, Copious, Corbett, Corona, Coronado TDH, Cortez II, Covenant II, Cowgirl, Crewcut II, Crossfire 3, Crossfire 4, Cumberland, Dakota, Dallas, Darlington, DaVinci, Daybreak, Daytona, Degas, Deputy, Desire, Diablo, Dorado, Doubletake, Dragster, Drover, DTT-20, DTT-43, Dundee, Duramax, Duration, Dynamic II, Dynamite G-LS, Dynamite LS, Easy Green, El Camino, Embrace, Endeavor II, Endgame, Escalade, Essential, Essential 2, Estrena, Ethos, Expanse, Extravaganza, Fairfield, Faith, Falcon IV, Falcon V, Falcon Supreme, Fantasia, Fastlane, Fat Cat, Fayette, Fesnova, Festival, Fidelity, Fierce, Fillmore, Finelawn H2O, Finelawn Supreme, Firebird, Firebird 2, Firecracker G-LS, Firecracker LS, Firecracker SLS, Firehawk SLT, Firezza, Firezza II, Firewall, Flame, Forrest Green, Forrest Green II, Forte, Foxhound, Frontline, Fury, Future, Gabrina Platinum, Galactic, Gallardo, Garrison, Gazelle II, Genius, GLX Aced, GLX Revive, GLX Star, Golconda, Gold Medallion, Grande II, Grande 3, Grasslands Flecha, Green Hornet, Greendale, Greenkeeper – WAF, Greenspan, Greystone, Greystone II, Gridiron, Gro-Pro, GTO, Guardian 21, Guardian 41, Heatwave, Hellcat GLR, Hellion, Hemi, Honeymoon, HonkyTonk, HonkyTonk II, Horizon, Hot Rod, Houndog 5, Houndog 6, Houndog 8, Houndog Nine, Hudson, Hymark, Inferno, Innovator, Inspiration,

Integrity, Jaguar 4G, Jamboree, Jesup, JT-783, Justice, Kentucky 31, Kentucky 32, Kingdom, Knox, Kora, KY-41, Lacefield, Leonardo, Lexington, Lifeguard, LS 1010, LS 1110, LS 1200, Maestro, Magellan, Mammoth, Manzanita, Marauder, Marauder II, Martin 2, Mason, Mason II, Masterpiece, Memphis, Meridian, Michelangelo, Millennium, Monet, Montana, Monument, Moondance GLX, Motif, Mustang 4, Naturally Green, Next M, Nightcrawler, Ninja III, O'Keeffe, Olympus, Oriole, Padre, Padre 2, Palatine, Palomar, Paraiso, Paramount, Patagonia, Payload, Pedigree, Penn RK4, PENN1901, Pennington ATF1254, Pennington ATF1258, Pennington ATF1376, Persuasion, Picasso, Pro Gold, Providence, PST-5BGR, PST-5V4, Quest, R&R Gold, Raceway, RainDance, Rancho, Raptor II, Raptor III, Raptor LS, Rebel IV, Rebel V, Rebel Advance, Rebel S7, Rebel XLR, Rebel Xpedition, Rebel Xtreme, Rebounder, Reflection, Regenerate, Regiment II, Relentless, Rembrandt, Rendition, Rendition Rx, Renegade DT, Renegade H2O, Renovate, Restore, Reunion, Reward, Rhambler, Rhambler 2 SRP, Rhizing Moon, Rhizing Star, Rhyzo, Rockwell, Roman, Rover, Rowdier, Rowdy, Rundle, Saltillo, Savory, Scorpion II, Screamer LS, Sequester, Serenade, Shenandoah III, Shenandoah Elite, Shenandoah Sport, Shortstop 3, Showdown, Sidewinder, Siesta, Silver Hawk, Silverado II, Sitka, Soft Blade, Soft Touch, Southern Cross, Southside, Speedway, Spyder LS, Spyder 2LS, SR 8650, SR 8700, Standout, Starfire, Starfire II, Stealth, Stetson II, StingRay, Storm Chaser, Suede, Summer, Sun Fire, SunDevil, SunDial, Sungazer, Sunset Gold, Supernova II, SuperSonic, Swagger, Symphony, Tahoe II, Tall Boy, Talladega, Talladega II, Tango, Tank, Tanzania, Tar Heel II, Tar Heel III, Tara, Tarnation GT, Teacher, Technique, Temple, Temptation, Tenacious, Teton, Teton II, Texoma MaxQ II, Thor, Thunderbolt, Thunderbolt II, Thunderstruck, Titan GLX, Titan Ltd., Titan Max, Titan Rx, Titan Ultra, Titanium, Titanium G-LS, Titanium LS, Titanium 2LS, Toccoa, Toltec, Tonto, Top Shelf, Torrero, Tough, Tower, Traverse, Traverse 2 SRP, Trending, Triad, Tribute II, Trinity, Trio, Triumphant, Turbo, Turbo RZ, Turfway, Tuscany II, Tycoon, Ultimate, Unitus, Valkyrie LS, Valsetz, Van Gogh, Venture, Vert, Virtue II, Virtuoso, Warhawk II, Warrior, Wichita, Wolfpack II, Wolfpack III, Xanadu, Xtender, XtremeGreen, ZigZag, Zion

Breeder or Foundation

Arido, AST5119, AST5120, Brutus, Darlington II, Fawn, FSG 402TF, Grace, Hummer, Johnstone, Primo, Rejuvenate, Select, SS-0705TFSL, Stockman, Tectonic

Breeder

Swaj

Festulolium

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Becva, Hostyn, Lofa, Mahulena, Meadow Green, Minuteman, Perseus, Perun, Spring Green, SugarCrest

Orchardgrass

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Alpine II, Ambassador, Ammo, Bacchus, Baridana, Bighorn, Crown Royale, Devour, Dividend VL, Echelon, Elsie, Endurance, Excellate SA, Harvestar, Kayak, Latar, Mammoth, Olathe, Olympia, Paiute, Persist, Persist II, Potomac II, Pro-File, Prodigy, Profit, Rushmore II, Strata, Summer Green, Tucker

Breeder or Foundation

Benchmark Plus, Blizzard, Bounty, Bounty II, Century, Everlast, FSG 506OG, Icon, Orca, Pawnee, Potomac, SS-0708OGDT, Trailburst

Ryegrass – Annual

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Ace, Andes, Angusta, Approach, Assist, Attain, Attitude, Barextra, Barterra, Big Boss, Bill Max, Billiken, Breakout, Breakout II, Candidame, Credence, Dexter, Diamond T, Dipper, Dixie Gold, Double Diamond, Dryann, Ed, Epheremis, Fade, Fantastic, Firkin, Florida 4N, Florida 80, Flying A, Fox, Frostproof, GameChanger, Grazekeeper, Grazer, Green Farm, Green Farm 2ho, Greenlinks, Gulf, Jumbo, Kodiak, KoSpeed, KoWinearly, Lowboy, Madrone, Mantis, Marshall, Max, Maximus, McKinley, Nelson, New Dawn, Nioudachi, NuSprint, Ocala, Palmetto, Panterra, Panterra V, Passerel Plus, Passerel Plus ER7, PPERC2, Quickdraw, Quickston, Ration, Ribeye, Rockin' R, Striker, SweetMaryna, Tachimasari, Tachimusha, Tachiwase, TAM 90, TAMTBO, TetraGrande, TetraPrime, Tetraprime II, Triangle T, True, Verdure, Waseaoba, Winter Hawk, Yangzi River 2

Breeder or Foundation

Crusader, FSTII

Breeder

Raizin

Ryegrass – Intermediate

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Bison 2, Boost, Halsey, Maximo, Outlaw, Remedy, Rogue, Solstice II, Solstice III, Tetrete II, Transaction, TransAm, TransFix, Transist 2600

Ryegrass – Perennial

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

1G2, 1GSquared, Accent, Accent II, Align, Align II, Allante, Allante II, Allsport 4, Allsport 5, AllStar 3, Allstar Fore, Alpha Centauri, Amazing A+, Amazing GS, Amazon, Applaud II, Apple GL, Apple 3GL, Apple 4SGL, Apple SGL, Aquarius 4, ASP0112, ASP0113, ASP0116EXT, ASP0117, ASP0118GL, ASP0218, ASP1001 GL, ASP3216HS, ASP3316HS, ASP6001, ASP6002, ASP6004, Aspiration, Aspire, Authentic, Bandalore, Banfield, Barbata, Bargamma, Barlennium, Benchmark, BigLeague, Black Cat II, Black Pearl, Black Sparrow, Black Stallion, Blackstone, Blazer 4, Bonneville, Brea, Brightstar SLT, Buena Vista, Caddieshack II, Calibra, Carly, Cascadia, Ceretec Centurion, Chaparral, Charger II, Charismatic II GLSR, Citation III, Citation Fore, Coachella, Coda, Commander ST, Confetti III, Continental, Covet, Covet II, CT7, Cutter II, Darklink, Dasher 3, Defender, Derby Nova, Derby Xtreme, Deschutes, Dinella Gold, Divine, Dominator, Double Time GLS, Driver, Ecologic, Edge II, Elektra, Elevate, Entourage, Envy, Esquire, Estelle, Evening Shade, Evening Star, Evolution, Evolve, Exacta II GLSR, Expedite, Fastball 3GL, Fastball 4GL, Fastball RGL, Fiesta 3, Fiesta 4, Fiesta Cinco, Fiji 2, Fireball, Flash II, Flightline, Frontier, Frontier II, Furlong, Fusion, Gallop, Gator 3, Gator Cinco, Gator Fore, Goalkeeper, GoalKeeper II, GrandSlam G-LS, GrandSlam GLD, Gray Eagle SLT, Gray Fox, Gray Hawk, Gray Wolf, Green Supreme, Greenville 4, Greenville 5, GT24, Hancock, Harrier, Haven, Hawkeye 2, Helios, High Life, High Octane, Home Run, Homerun G-LS, Homerun LS, Indy D, Infusion, Insight, Insight II, Integra, Integra II, Intense, IQ, Ivy, JS501, Justify, Karma, Kentaur, Legacy III, Legato, Lightspeed, Line Drive II, Line Drive Supreme, Linn, LS 2020, LS 2100, LS 2300, LS2200, Mach Two, Majesty II, Man O'War, Manhattan 5 GLR, Manhattan 7 GLR, Mara, Mensa, Mensa II, Metolius, Mightier, Mighty, Millennial, Molalla, Monsieur, Mystique, New Arrival GLR, New Sealand, Newgreen, Nexus GT, Nexus XD, Nexus XR, Nobility, Notable, Notable 2, Notable III, Oahu, Octane, Overdrive 5G, Pacific Gem, Pacifico, Palace II, Palmer III, Palmer Supreme, Pangea GLR, Panther GLS, Paradox GLR, Paragon GLR, Paragon 2 GLR, Parkside, Passport, Patriarch, Patriot 4, Pavilion, PayDay, Penguin 2, Pennington APR2105, Pennington APR2154, Pennington APR2190, Pennington APR2237, Pepper, Pepper II, Performance, Peridot, Phaeton, Pharaoh, Pillar, Pillar II, Pinball, Pinnacle II, Pinnacle III, Pinstripe II, Pirouette II, Pisces, Pistol, Piston, Plateau, Playfast, PNW, Portfolio, Preeminent, Prelude Supreme, Premier II, Premium, Presidio, Presidio II, Primary, Primary II, Principal II, Process, Proline ST, Prominent, Prosport 4, Provocative, Provost, Quartermaster, Quasar, Quicken, Rainwater, Rampage, Reatta, Reatta II, Recover, Red Hawk, Remington, Replay, Replicator, Reservoir, Revenge GLX, Revenge 2GLX, Rinovo, Rio Vista, Saguaro, Salinas, Salinas II, Santiam, Savant, Savant II, SD Plus, Seabiscuit, Secretariat II GLSR, Serenity, Shield, Shining Star, Sideways, Sienna, Sienna II, Sierra, Signet, Siletz, Silver Dollar, Silver Sport, Silver Sun, Singular, Slider LS, Slider SG, Slugger II, Slugger 3GL, Soprano, Sox Fan, Spark, Spike GLS, Spirit, Spyglass, SR 4650, SR 4660ST, SR 4700, SR 4750, Starbright GLX, Stardust, Stellar GL, Stellar 3GL, Stellar 4GL, Stinger, Strike, Sun Hawk, Sunburst, Sundown, Sunrise, Sunstreaker, Superstar GL, Swift, T3, Tailgater, Tee-Lee, Tee-Me-Up, Tetradark, TetraGain, TetraGain SLT, Tetrasport, Tetrasweet, Thrive, Tier 4, Top Gun, Top Gun II, Top Hat 2, Torsion, Turbo Jet 4X, Ultra Sport, Umatilla, Umqua, Uno, Virte, Vision, Vortex SRT, Wayfarer, Whiskey, Wicked, Wicked Cool, Xcelerator, Zoom, Zoom 2

Breeder or Registered

Ceres One50

Breeder or Foundation

Angler, ASP3120HS, Black Star, Confluence, Dark Matter, Friend, Greenback, Nexus DK, Ominous, Prominent II, Wayfarer 2

Breeder

Colosseum

Seashore Paspalum

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Trident

Breeder or Foundation

Neptune, Sea Spray

Sudangrass

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Piper

Teff

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

CW0604, Tiffany

Breeder or Foundation

Bonus

Timothy

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Valor, Zenyatta

Wheatgrass

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Arriba (Western), Bannock II (Thickspike), Luna (Pubescent), Manska (Pubescent), Rosana (Western), San Luis (Slender), Secar (Snake River), Vavilov II (Siberian),

Breeder or Registered

Stabilizer (Siberian)

Breeder or Foundation

Critana (Thickspike), Reliant (Intermediate)

Breeder

Pryor (Slender)

Wildrye

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Arlington (Blue), Elkton (Blue)

Small Grains

Barley – Spring

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

2 Row: AAC Synergy, Altorado, Champion, Chowford, Explorer, Full Pint, Havener, Haybet, Hays, Kardia, Lavina, Lenetah, Muir, Oreana, Oregon Promise, Salute, Stockford, Survivor, Vaquero **6 Row:** Belford

Breeder or Foundation

Tamalpais

Barley – Winter

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

2 Row: Clementine, GO-vivar, Lightning, Thunder **6 Row:** Alba, Buck, Hoody

Cereal Rye

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

AGS 104, Elbon, Goku, Oklon

Oat – Spring

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Red: Kanota, Montezuma, **White:** 114, 126, AC Morgan, Cayuse, Kona, Monico, Monida, Otana, Swan, UC 113, UC 132, UC 148

Oat – Winter

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Red: California; **White:** Okay, TAMO 411

Triticale

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

102, 103BB, 141, 815, 618491724, 641512175, 841446398, 934271498, Camelot, Forerunner, HyOctane, Lance, Merlin

Breeder or Registered

Pacheco

Wheat – Hard Red Spring

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Alum, AP Renegade, AP Venom, Buck Pronto, Bullseye, Espresso, FV2808, Glee, Hale, Kelse, Net CL+, Solano, SY Clearstone 2CL, SY Coho, SY Gunsight, SY Selway, SY Steelhead, WB-Gunnison, WB-Patron, WB-Rockland, WB9200, WB9303, WB9350, WB9411, WB9518, WB9623, WB9662, WB9668, WB9717, WB9904, WB9990, Yecora Rojo

Breeder or Registered

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Wheat – Hard Red Winter

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Keldin, LCS Aymeric, LCS Colonia, LCS Evina, LCS Fusion AX, LCS Helix AX, LCS Jet, LCS Missile, LCS Rocket, LCS Silo, Norwest 553, Scorpio, SY Touchstone, WB4303, WB4311, Whetstone

Breeder or Registered

LCS Blackbird, LCS Eclipse AX

Wheat – Soft White Spring

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

Alpowa, Alturas, Babe, Butch CL+, Diva, JD (Club), Kaseberg, LCS Biancor, Louise, Melba (Club), New Dirkwin, Roger (Club), Ryan, Seahawk, SY Saltese, Tekoa, TMC Lockhaven, Twin, UI Cookie, UI Stone, WB-1035CL+, WB-Hartline (Hard), WB6121, WB6341, WB6430, Whit

Wheat – Soft White Winter

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered

AP Coachman, AP Dynamic, AP Exceed, AP Iliad, AP Legacy, AP Mondovi CL2, AP Olympia, Appleby CL+, Bobtail, Bruehl (Club), Bruneau, Cameo (Club), Cara (Club), Coda (Club), Concept, Curiosity CL+, Gale, Goetze, LCS Artdeco, LCS BlackJack, LCS Dagger AX, LCS Drive, LCS Ghost, LCS Hulk, LCS Jefe, LCS Mani AX, LCS Medusa AX, LCS Shark, LCS Shine, LCS Sonic, Legion, M-IDAS, Madsen, Mary, Mpress, Norwest Duet, Norwest Tandem, Nova AX, ORCF-101, ORCF-102, Piranha CL+, Puma, Resilience CL+, Rosalyn, Salute, Sockeye CL+, Stephens, Stingray CL+, SY 107, SY Assure, SY Dayton, SY Ovation, TMC M-Pire, UI Castle, UI Magic, UI Sparrow, UI-WSU Huffman, UICF-Brundage, VI Presto CL+, VI Shock, VI Voodoo CL+, WB 523, WB-528, WB-Junction, WB1376CLP, WB1529, WB1604, WB1783, WB6211CLP, WestBred 456, Yamhill

Breeder or Registered

LCS Hydra AX, LCS Kamiak, LCS Reaper II AX, LCS Scorpion AX, Pritchett (Club)

Breeder or Foundation

PNW Hailey

Miscellaneous Crops

Brown Mustard

Breeder or Foundation
Kodiak

Breeder
AAC Brown Elite (Hybrid)

Burnet – Little

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Delar, Persist

Camelina

Breeder or Foundation, or Registered
SO-40, SO-70, SO-90, SO-100, SO-110, SO-120

Breeder or Foundation
CCE-44, SO-50

Chicory

Breeder or Foundation
Endure, TFI200

Breeder
Choice

Ethiopian Mustard

Breeder or Foundation
PG584

Flax

Breeder, Foundation or Registered
Linore

Blue Flax

Breeder, Foundation or Registered
Appar

Hemp

Breeder
Auto Blues, Auto Blunami, Matterhorn CBG, Rogue, Santiam, Umpqua, Velox

Oriental Mustard

Other Species with Accepted Standards

Grasses

Altai Wildrye, Blue Tufted Fescue, Crested Dogtail, Crested Hairgrass, Hardinggrass, Idaho Bentgrass, Idaho Fescue, Koleagrass, Meadow Foxtail, Oatgrass, Reed Canarygrass, Tufted Hairgrass, Wood Bluegrass

Legumes

Crownvetch, Rose Clover, Sickle-Keeled Lupine, Subterranean Clover, Trefoil

Misc. Crops

Corn, Kale, Lewis Flax, Mint, Plantain, Potatoes, Prairie Flax, Safflower, Sorghum, Sugar Beet, Sunflower, Swede

Breeder or Foundation
IndiGold, Pacific Gold

Meadowfoam

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Crane, Ross

Radish

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Aerifi, Angus, CCS 779, Concorde, FragiBlaster, KZ5, Nitro, Tapper,

Breeder or Foundation
Ceres Graza

Breeder
Control

Rape/Canola

Breeder or Registered
Winfred (Winter)

Breeder
DK900TF (Hybrid), L258HPC (Hybrid), L330PC (Hybrid), L333PC (Hybrid), L340PC (Hybrid), L343PC (Hybrid), L356PC (Hybrid), LR344PC (Hybrid), V25-3T (Hybrid), V25-6T (Hybrid)

Rocky Mountain Penstemon

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Bandera

Turnip

Breeder, Foundation, or Registered
Barkant

Breeder or Foundation
Ceres Hunter

Breeder or Registered
New York

White Mustard

Breeder or Foundation
IdaGold, White Gold

Breeder
Master, Verdi

Oregon Seed Certification Service General Standards

The following standards are applicable to eligible crops and, with the individual crop standards within and online, constitute the Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) Handbook. Procedures are subject to change, refer to seedcert.oregonstate.edu for the most up to date OSCS Handbook, procedural documents and crop standards.

I. Certification in Oregon

Certification in Oregon is authorized by Revised Statutes 633.620 and 633.630. It is administered by the Dean of the College of Agriculture Sciences, Oregon State University and his/her appointed representatives. A certification board, appointed by the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, develops and determines policy; accepts, rejects, and deletes varieties from the certification program; evolves, modifies, and alters standards for certification subject to the approval of the dean. The Certification Program is a service of the College of Agricultural Sciences administered through the Oregon State University Extension Services. Certification is divided into two projects. The Foundation Seed and Plant Materials Project is responsible for making available sufficient improved planting stock to ensure a continuous supply of early generation material for later increase by Oregon growers engaged in the certification program. The Certification Project is responsible for maintaining the pedigree of superior varieties under a generation system by appropriate inspection and records to ensure that genetically pure varieties are produced under the Oregon Certification program. County agricultural extension agents are the certification representatives within counties. Assistance with online sign-ups, lists of eligible varieties, and the Oregon standards for seed certification can be obtained at most county offices or accessed online at seedcert.oregonstate.edu.

II. Purpose of Certification

The purpose shall be to provide a service to the public for the maintenance and increase of quality seed and propagating material of varieties grown and distributed in such a manner as to ensure varietal purity through the appropriate application of these rules.

III. Varietal Eligibility and Acceptance Requirements for Certification

Seed stock and propagating material must be approved by the Oregon State University Seed Certification Board to be eligible for certification. Crop species not previously certified in Oregon must have Oregon Certification Crop Standards established and approved, by the Board, prior to review or acceptance of a new variety through the Oregon Experimental or Oregon Certification Variety Review Committee. Eligibility requirements for certification of publicly and privately developed varieties are the same. In Oregon, certification does not imply recommendation. Variety recommendations for the state of Oregon are the responsibility of staff members within the College of Agricultural Sciences working in the area of the crops involved. Recommendations are based on research data and knowledge of the variety under consideration.

A list of crops approved for certification in Oregon is prepared each year. Varieties to be considered for certification may be submitted from the following sources:

1. The Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, after being approved by the New Crops Variety Committee of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station.
2. The Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with other public agencies.
3. Developments of other state or governmental agricultural experiment stations.
4. Private or commercial plant breeding programs.

A grower, breeder or originator shall submit the appropriate form (obtained from the Oregon Seed Certification Service, 31 Crop Science Building, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-3003 or online at seedcert.oregonstate.edu) to OSCS to have a crop variety considered for entry in the certification program. For newly developed varieties, this request must be submitted one year prior to the time certification is desired. For varieties previously accepted by other certification or regulatory agencies, this request must be submitted prior to the time of planting. At the time the request is initiated, a two-cup sample of stock seed must be submitted to Oregon Seed Certification Service, 31 Crop Science Building, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-3003.

Acceptance of a variety, developed through traditional or biotechnological means, for certification by the Certification Board shall be based on the following information (this information shall be considered confidential):

- A. A statement by the person or firm requesting certification that the variety has been adequately tested to determine its value and probable area of adaptation, that it merits certification, and that it is distinguishable from other varieties as set forth in Article V of the International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants, which reads as follows: "The term cultivar (variety) denotes an assemblage of cultivated individuals that is distinguished by any characters (morphological, physiological, cytological, chemical, or others) significant for purposes of agriculture, forestry, or horticulture, and which when reproduced (sexually or asexually) retain their distinguishing features."

When any stock being presented for certification has been previously released under a different designation, the Certification Board reserves the right to refuse further consideration until the sponsoring breeder or originator files documentary evidence from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Seed Branch indicating that such a stock of seed is free to move in interstate commerce under the new designation being proposed.

- B. A statement on origin and breeding procedure.
- C. A description of the morphological characteristics (such as color, height, uniformity, leaf, head, or flower characteristics, etc.), physiological characteristics of value to field inspectors, and such other factors as the breeder or sponsor considers pertinent to show uniqueness.
- D. Evidence of performance including data on yield, insect or disease resistance, turf, and other factors supporting the value of the variety. These performance tests may be conducted by private seed firms or agricultural experiment stations and shall include appropriate check varieties that are used extensively in the area of intended usage.
- E. A statement giving the probable region of adaptation and purposes for which the variety will be used. This should include areas within states or countries where the breeder of the variety has tested the variety and in which the variety will be recommended and marketed.
- F. Procedure for maintenance of stock seed classes shall be described. At the time a variety is accepted for certification, a two-cup sample of stock seed (class-designated) or sample of propagating material, if requested, shall be presented to the certifying agency. The certifying agency can request a sample of the stock seed or propagating material, at any time while the variety is in the certification program.
- G. When varieties are reviewed for acceptance into the OSCS program, a favorable report from the appropriate national variety review boards and the Plant Variety Protection office will be considered.
- H. For the purpose of certification it will be assumed that all perennial ryegrass varieties are 100 percent non-fluorescing and all annual ryegrass varieties are 100 percent fluorescing. If contrary evidence is available; it may be presented to the National Grass Variety Review Board. The Board is to make its findings available to the Administrator of the Federal Seed Act. This list is maintained at AOSCA.org.
- I. A ploidy test must be conducted on all Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) annual ryegrass pre-control samples as a condition of acceptance into the OSCS program.
- J. Seed will be eligible for certification upon meeting the appropriate certification standards. Information pertaining to the certification of a private variety will be made available only to the specified firm or individual (owner/agent) upon written request to OSCS.
- K. A variety may be deleted from the Oregon list of eligible varieties after several consecutive years of non-certification. Upon receiving a request from the owner, agency, or breeder to discontinue certification of a variety, a producer will be allowed nine months to sign up recently planted fields for certification (seedling inspection). After this time, no new fields will be accepted for certification. Existing perennial fields will be allowed to complete their "life of stand" limitation established at time of varietal acceptance. If no life of stand has been established for the variety a four-calendar year limit will apply.

IV. Production of Certified Seed

A. Application for Field Inspection

1. Application for field inspection serves as notification, registration, and as an agreement to abide by all rules and regulations governing certification in Oregon.

Inspections of certified fields are of two types, seedling and seed crop. Inspection of some annual crops combines aspects of both seedling and seed crop.

A standard field number system will be year of planting followed by a hyphen and up to three numbers thereafter. No letters can be accepted.

2. Seedling application and inspections are to be made on all OECD crops and most domestic crops; see the individual standards for more information. An inspection will be made at planting time on vegetatively propagated grasses. An adequate map must accompany the seedling inspection form and must include a detailed boundary of the area to be inspected. Applicants are strongly advised to utilize the OSCS online mapping system when preparing the initial field application.

A seedling field will be checked for eligibility of *Stock Seed*, adherence to *Land Requirements*, potential *Isolation* problems, presence of *Prohibited Weeds*, *Field Management*, and *Location*.

Applications for seedling inspection are to be submitted immediately after planting. Applications not received within one year (365 days) from planting will not be accepted. Each crop has deadlines for applying for seedling and crop inspections; check with OSCS for specific deadlines. In case of a thin stand or stand failure, the seedling application and inspection may serve as a record to substantiate declared land history and variety seeded for reseeding qualifications.

3. Seed Crop Application and Inspection: The grower must apply for a seed crop inspection before the specified deadline each year if a certified seed crop is to be harvested. A seed field will be checked for eligibility (having a prior seedling inspection, or if an annual, stock seed and land requirement eligibility), potential *Isolation* problems, presence of *Prohibited Weeds*, and *Field Management*. A field will be checked for compliance with individual field standards listed for the crop and items listed in the Handbook.

B. Stock Seed

1. The grower must plant eligible varieties of the proper class or generation. Documentary evidence of the seed source must be furnished when applying for certification as follows. Virtual tags for private varieties must be furnished by the contractor. See Small Grains Seed Standards for requirements specific to these crops.
 - a. Physical tags present: All planting stock tags are to accompany seedling applications. Breeder tags must be signed by the breeder or their representative.
 - b. Physical tags not available, breeder seed: breeder affidavit and virtual tag number (VTN).
 - c. Physical tags not available, Oregon certified seed: virtual tag number (VTN).
 - d. Physical tags not available, seed certified in another state: letter or transfer certificate from the certifying agency stating at least the variety, generation and lot number, and a sales record or similar showing the grower, lot number and number of pounds.
 - e. Physical tags not available, OECD: formal multiplication agreement must be sent from the National Designated Authority (NDA) of the country of origin to the NDA in the U.S. (USDA-AMS).
 - f. Request for Certified-to-Certified production: breeder affidavit and virtual tag number (VTN).
2. Four seed classes meeting or exceeding the standards of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) are used in Oregon seed certification: Breeder, Foundation, Registered, and Certified.

- a. Breeder Seed is the original source of all classes of certified seed. It is stocked directly, maintained, and controlled by the originating or sponsoring plant breeder or institution, and provides the direct source of the other classes of certified seed.
- b. Foundation Seed (White tag) is produced from fields planted with Breeder or Foundation seed (except potatoes). Oregon public varieties will be grown under the supervision of, or under contract with, the Foundation Seed Project.
- c. Registered Seed (Purple tag) is produced from fields planted with Breeder or Foundation seed. In some varieties, there is no Registered class - check the variety list in front of the Handbook for this information.
- d. Certified Seed (Blue tag) is produced from fields planted with Breeder, Foundation or Registered seed. Exceptions to this are as follows:

Note: Limitations of Generations: The number of years and/or generations through which a variety may be multiplied shall be limited to that number specified by the originating breeder or owner of the variety, and shall not exceed two generations beyond the Foundation class with the following exceptions:

- a. Recertification of Certified class of seed may be permitted for older varieties where Foundation seed is not being maintained; or
 - b. The production of an additional generation of the Certified class may only be permitted on a one-year basis, when the certifying agency declares an emergency prior to the planting season, stating that the Foundation and Registered seed supplies are not adequate to plant the needed certified acreage of the variety. The permission of the originating or sponsoring plant breeder, institution, firm, or owner of the variety, if existent, must be obtained. The additional generation of Certified seed produced to meet the emergency need is ineligible for recertification.
3. Stock Seed Increase of an Experimental Line: The field increase of stock seed to be used for experimental purposes may be examined by OSCS personnel, provided such a request is made, including a brief variety description, before planting. A request for Experimental Variety status will be allowed for a production period **of three years only** in the Oregon certification program. An additional one-year extension for the production of Experimental Seed will be allowed, upon written request by the originator, for extenuating circumstances. An appropriate tag will be issued to declare the intended use of the seed for experimental purposes. This tag will not imply that the experimental line has been accepted into the certification program. Fees for this service are the same as for other certification services.
 4. Substandard Seed: Seed that fails to meet certification requirements of genetic purity is not eligible for tagging. At the discretion of the certifying agency, seed that fails to meet requirements of factors other than genetic purity may be designated substandard and tagged. The reasons for substandard classification must be shown on the tag. Seed that could be re-cleaned to meet minimum seed standards cannot be tagged in this manner.
 5. The Foundation Project: within reason shall produce or purchase sufficient stock material to meet the demands of the certified seed producer.

C. Land Requirements

The seed must be planted on clean land. Crops must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by OSCS prior to planting. The land must not have been previously planted to or have grown another variety or class of seed that might volunteer and affect genetic purity. Adding manure or other contaminating amendments may constitute a basis for not meeting land requirements. The land for the production of legumes must have been free of volunteer plants of the crop kind during the year immediately prior to establishment.

1. Land History must not have included another variety or class of seed that would be a source of volunteers from seed in the soil. The duration between classes and varieties is based on longevity of viable crop

seed in the soil. Specific land history and planting procedure requirements are established for each crop, variety, and class of seed.

2. Modified Land History (MLH) may be approved by OSCS when a cultural practice has proven to be successful. Cultural practice may include mechanical means such as deep plowing and/or chemical means such as fumigants or other materials for seedbed preparation. Materials and methods must be a matter of record. Whichever method is used, it must be approved and adequate to maintain varietal purity. MLH will be permitted on Registered and Certified generations. The field must be out of production of the same crop for at least one winter. For crops/generations requiring five years out of the same crop, MLH can reduce this requirement to a minimum of three years with conventional tillage, or two years for certified annual ryegrass production if the field history has been continuous no-till since the previous annual ryegrass. To aid in distinguishing between volunteers and the crop seeded, the seed must be planted in distinct rows but may vary in row spacing.
3. Volunteer Plants may arise from seed of another class or variety, or from vegetative portions of a plant (such as old crowns, stems, stolons, rhizomes, etc.). Volunteer plants, whether from seed or from vegetative parts, may be cause for rejection or reclassification of a seed field.

D. Isolation

1. Isolation: All fields used for the production of certified seed must have the minimum specified isolation distances (see individual crop standards) from fields of any other variety of the same species or closely related species unless of the same variety, generation, and certified, or as modified by the 10% Rule or Border Removal rule (see 10% Rule and Border Removal below). Adequate distance between seed crops must be maintained to prevent overlapping seed heads of lodged plants; this isolation distance is called a mechanical separation.
2. Isolation Strip: The isolation distance determines the size of this strip, which may be located adjacent to, or within the certified field. If adjacent, then the strip may be used to:
 - a. Produce a crop of another species.
 - b. Grow the same species but a different variety which must then be cut prior to pollination (which may be subject to inspection; e.g., adjacent pasture or hay).
 - c. To grow the same variety and generation, but the crop in this strip **must remain standing** to serve as a pollen trap until the certified crop has completed pollination (this is an application of Border Removal; see below); seed from this strip must be harvested separately and conditioned as uncertified.
3. 10% Rule: Applicable to alfalfa and grass seed fields 5 acres or larger, Certified class only; fields that have a "total isolation zone" of less than 10% of the entire field, require mechanical separations only. An isolation zone is calculated by multiplying the length of the border, in common with other varieties of the same kind, by the average width of the certified field falling within the required isolation distance (usually 165 feet and measured from the edge of the contaminating pollen source). All isolation zones in a field must be added together to determine the total isolation zone for the entire field, therefore sum the total square footage in isolation zones and divide by 43,560 square feet/acre, then divide by the field acreage, and multiply by 100. If the total isolation zone is less than 10% of the entire field, then only mechanical separations are required.
4. Border Removal: Applicable to grass seed fields 5 acres or larger, all generations. If it is not possible to provide minimum required isolation distances between fields, and the seed field does not meet the 10% Rule, then border removal is permitted. This is the removal, **after flowering, and as uncertified**, of a portion of the seed field adjacent to the contaminating pollen source, as indicated in Table 1. Re-inspections in the field and warehouse may be made to ensure the identity is maintained for seed from border removal strips.

5. 25% Rule: Fields of the same variety but of differing generations or classes must be isolated by a distance of 25 percent of that otherwise required between varieties. This standard is applicable to all crops unless otherwise noted in the specific crop standard.

Table 1

Border Removal for Grass Isolation (for fields 5 acres or larger)		
<i>Generation/Class of Inspected Crop</i>	Distance from the contaminating pollen source	Width of Border Removal area ¹ within the seed field
Foundation	900 feet or more	0 feet
	450-899 feet	15 feet
	Less than 450 feet	465 feet ²
Registered	300 feet or more	0 feet
	150-299 feet	15 feet
	Less than 150 feet	165 feet ²
Certified	165 feet or more	0 feet
	75-164 feet	15 feet
	Less than 75 feet	90 feet ²
¹ The Border to be removed from the certified field shall be clearly marked with an adequate number and height of stakes (at least one every 300 feet and taller than the mature canopy height) so that the inspector can determine the distance. Inadequate or improper staking will require re-inspections. ² The required Border Removal is measured from the edge of the contaminating pollen source.		

E. Field Management and Inspection

1. Field Management Prior to Field Inspection:

- a. The field shall be in such condition that genetic purity is maintained. Any condition that shall not permit adequate inspection to determine genetic purity shall be cause for rejection. Plant growth regulators may not be applied to legume seed production fields of Foundation or Registered (or equivalent) classes of certified seed.
- b. Field or seedling identity shall be maintained throughout the life of the stand. In all cases, a field number system is required. The field number designated by the grower must be unique (i.e., two fields belonging to a grower may not carry the same designation). A standard field number system will be year of planting followed by a hyphen and up to three digits thereafter. No letters can be accepted.
- c. Roguing of objectionable weeds, other crops, and off-type plants difficult to separate in cleaning should be done before inspection. Failure to rogue will constitute a basis for refusal to approve for certification.
- d. The certification inspector may refuse to approve a field for certification due to unsatisfactory appearance due to weeds, insufficient growth, inadequate stand, disease, insect damage, inability to discern rows (for seedling only) and/or any condition that prevents thorough inspection or that may reflect unfavorably upon the certification program.
- e. The certification unit is the entire contiguous field. Combining two fields separated by a fence, ditch or farm lane must be approved by the inspector. When a portion of the field is to be certified; this portion must be properly identified by a fence, ditch, other crops, mowed strip, or adequate stakes. This boundary is to be approved by the inspector as to its adequacy and may be subject to re-inspection.

- f. Evidence of seed-borne disease at the time of field inspection or presence of seed-borne disease in the seed lot may constitute basis for rejection, reclassification, or recommendation for seed treatment.
 - g. The presence of smut balls in a seed stock field (Foundation or Registered class) shall be basis for reclassification to the Certified class.
 - h. Fields which are not to be certified for any reason in a crop year, such as flooding or spray errors, must be signed up the following season. Failure to do so will result in the field being removed from the certification system. A one-year extension could be allowed with the approval of the field inspector.
2. Re-inspection: A seedling or seed field which fails to meet the minimum standards may be Rejected Subject to Re-inspection (RSR). The grower may apply for re-inspection but must have the cause for rejection corrected and apply online before the deadline specified on the initial inspection form. There will be only one re-inspection per field. See small grains standards for exceptions for those crop types.
3. Basis for Refusal to Inspect: The Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) reserves the right to refuse certification and, in some instances, return fees when:
- a. The location of the field is such that inspection would be unduly expensive.
 - b. The grower fails to follow the rules governing certification, including a failure to pay for services previously rendered.
 - c. Heavy weed infestation, lodging, etc., or storm, frost or other conditions beyond the control of the grower do not permit satisfactory inspection.
 - d. A field is harvested before inspection.
4. Appeal Procedures:
- a. Appealing a Decision: If a grower disagrees with a decision rendered by the primary inspector of the field, this decision may be appealed. The grower must file a letter or email notice of appeal within 15 days of receiving notice of the decision. The appeal notification should include the crop type, the variety and the certification field number. The letter of appeal must be signed by the grower or the grower's agent and forwarded to the Oregon Seed Certification Service, 31 Crop Science Building, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-3003 or seedcert@oregonstate.edu. The grower must include with the appeal letter or email any additional information that may be appropriate to the resolution of the appeal.
 - b. Appeal Process: When a notice of appeal is received by OSCS, the Certification Manager will review the notice of appeal. If, in the judgement of the manager a second inspection would assist in resolution of the matter, he/she will instruct a second inspector to review the field or fields in question when time, weather, and crop conditions still permit a valid assessment. The Certification Manager will review all relevant information held by OSCS and determine whether or not the appeal needs to go forward. OSCS will notify the grower of the manager's decision and the reasons for the decision. Within 15 days of notification of that decision, the grower must notify OSCS in writing if the grower continues to dispute the decision. As promptly as possible OSCS will then forward all information to the chair of the Certification Board, or his/her representative for consideration by the Appeal Advisory Panel.
 - c. Appeal Advisory Panel and Notification: A confirmation notice letter or email will be sent out by OSCS to the grower or grower's agent who sent in the notice of appeal. This will acknowledge that the notice of appeal has been received and that a Certification Appeal Advisory Panel will be assembled. The grower must provide any additional pertinent information in writing to the OSCS office within one week of the notice. The Appeal Advisory Panel will be composed of Oregon certified seed growers and an OSU Extension staff member when available. The recommendations by the Appeal Advisory Panel members and

all relevant information held by OSCS will be sent to the OSU Dean of Agricultural Sciences for review. Once the Dean has made a decision, a letter will be sent to the grower or grower's agent who sent in the appeal letter explaining the Dean's decision. The Dean's decision is final and is not subject to further appeals.

V. Weeds Prohibited in All Oregon Certified Seeds

Seeds of the following list of weeds are prohibited in certified seed.

Austrian fieldcress (<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>)	Perennial pepperweed (<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>)
Austrian peaweed (<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>)	Perennial sowthistle (<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>)
Bearded creeper (<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>)	Purple starthistle (<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>)
Camelthorn (<i>Alhagi maurorum</i> [= <i>A. camelorum</i>])	Quackgrass (<i>Elymus</i> [= <i>Elytrigia</i> = <i>Agropyron</i>] <i>repens</i>)
Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)	Ragweed (<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>)
Carolina horsenettle (<i>Solanum carolinense</i>)	Rush skeletonweed (<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>)
Dalmatian toadflax (<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>)	Russian knapweed (<i>Rhaponticum</i> [= <i>Centaurea</i> = <i>Acroptilon</i>] <i>repens</i>)
Diffuse knapweed (<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>)	Serrated tussock (<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>)
Dodder (<i>Cuscuta</i> spp.)	Silverleaf nightshade (<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>)
Dogbane (<i>Apocynum</i> sp.)	Slender foxtail or Blackgrass (<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>)
Dyers woad (<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>)	Slenderflower thistle (<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>)
Field bindweed (<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>)	Spotted knapweed (<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> subsp. <i>australis</i> [= <i>C. maculosa</i>])
Hairy whitetop (<i>Lepidium appelianum</i> [= <i>Cardaria pubescens</i>])	Squarrose knapweed (<i>Centaurea virgate</i> subsp. <i>squarrosa</i> [= <i>C. vigata</i>])
Halogeton (<i>Halogeton glomeratus</i>)	St. Johnswort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>)
Iberian starthistle (<i>Centaurea iberica</i>)	Tansy ragwort (<i>Jacobaea</i> [= <i>Senecio</i>] <i>vulgaris</i>)
Italian spiny thistle (<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>)	Whitetop (<i>Lepidium</i> [= <i>Cardaria</i>] <i>draba</i> and <i>L. appelianum</i> [= <i>Cardaria pubescens</i>])
Johnsongrass (<i>Sorghum halepense</i>)	Wild garlic (<i>Allium vineale</i>)
Jointed goatgrass (<i>Aegilops</i> spp.)	Yellow starthistle (<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>)
Leafy spurge (<i>Euphorbia esula</i>)	
Malta starthistle (<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>)	
Medusahead rye (<i>Taeniatherum</i> [= <i>Elymus</i>] <i>caput-medusae</i> subsp. <i>caput-medusae</i>)	
Musk thistle (<i>Carduus nutans</i>)	

VI. Conditioning Certified Seed

The sampling and tagging of certified seed is coordinated by Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) with assistance from the county extension offices. A list of county extension offices is in the front of this Handbook and can be obtained from OSCS. The following information, along with the Guide for Certification Samplers and Taggers found online, comprise the rules for conditioning, sampling and tagging seed.

A. Seed Movement

1. Identity of seed must be maintained during any seed movement.
2. When seed that is eligible for certification, but not in condition for sale, is moved from one warehouse to another, OSCS must be notified.
3. OSCS must be notified when seed is shipped interstate. At the discretion of the certifying agencies concerned, the seed may or may not be tagged when moved between Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. When seed is moved for further conditioning to other than contiguous states, it must be tagged. Any additional expense incurred in such shipment must be paid by the party desiring the service.

B. Storage and Conditioning

1. All warehouses conditioning certified seed must be inspected and approved. Additional inspections may be conducted at the discretion of OSCS.
 - a. All warehouses conditioning or blending seed eligible for Oregon Certification shall be inspected and approved by a representative of OSCS. Evidence of facilities and records to adequately maintain identity and separation of varieties will be required.
 - b. Applications for warehouse approval shall be filed with OSCS no later than four months prior to receiving seed that is eligible for certification to allow time for inspection. OSCS can re-assign the code of old warehouses that have been out of business for at least ten years or with permission from the previous owners if it is less than ten years.
2. Identity, purity, and uniformity of certified seed must be maintained at all times.
 - a. Lot uniformity is the responsibility of the seed conditioner. Appropriate steps in seed storage, conditioning, and handling must be taken to assure uniformity.
 - b. Mode of operation and facilities must be such that conditioning and/or storage is performed without introducing admixtures. Evidence of varietal mixture in a seed lot may constitute a basis for further investigation or rejection.
 - c. Certified seed containers must be identified with a permanent lot number stenciled on each individual unit prior to sampling for seed quality. Sewn on or attached tags with lot numbers are not acceptable. In instances where stenciling is not feasible; adhesive lot number identification tags may be allowed, with prior approval by OSCS. The lot number indicates the county and warehouse where seed was conditioned, year of harvest and the unique lot number. Example: B8-26-XXXX where, "B8" represents the warehouse/conditioner number assigned by OSCS, "26" indicates the year the crop was harvested and "XXXX" represents the location where the warehouse can assign their own identification number for specific lot identity. The maximum length of the lot number (including hyphens) is nineteen characters.
 - d. Re-use of fifty-pound polypropylene bags for conditioned grass seed may be allowed for Oregon Certification with prior approval by OSCS and may only be used for internal handling of seed (contact OSCS for current procedures). Paper bags should not be re-used when a certification lot is re-cleaned. Bagged Foundation or Registered cereal seed must be in new bags; bagged Certified class seed must be in new or cleaned used bags. In all cases, the lot number must be clearly visible and legible.
 - e. Oregon lot size is regulated by State Seed Law on certain seed crops. See section IX, E.
 - f. OECD lot size: See section IX, G.
3. Bulk Containers.
 - a. Only clean bulk containers may be used in conditioning certified seed. Conditioned grass seed is to be packaged in new containers. Re-use of bulk bags for conditioned grass seed may be allowed for Oregon Certification with prior approval by OSCS (contact OSCS for current procedures).
 - b. Bulk bags or boxes that will be transferred for further conditioning within Oregon without stenciled lot numbers must obtain prior approval from OSCS.
4. Complete records of all operations involving certified seed must be maintained and available to a representative of the OSCS.
5. Prior approval to blend different growers' lots of seed must be received from the OSCS. The blending request forms may be obtained from this office. See also Small Grains Certification Standards, Special Requirements regarding commingling.

C. Sampling and Testing Seed

1. After conditioning, a representative sample of each lot of seed considered for certification must be drawn by a representative from OSCS for testing in the Oregon State University (OSU) Seed Laboratory. The Dean may enter into agreements with appropriate public or private agencies to assist the OSU Seed Laboratory in the testing and analysis of seed samples. Probe samples will be taken by OSCS personnel; automatic samples by approved cross-cut or pelican type samplers will be taken under the supervision of OSCS personnel. The seed must meet the minimum seed standards. All lots must be sampled and tested before being blended. Lots showing Oregon prohibited contaminants listed in Section V. Weeds Prohibited in All Oregon Certified Seeds and/or species listed in the individual crop standards need to be reconditioned before being re-sampled or blended. The testing costs are in addition to certification costs.
2. Seed tests and analytical terms are used in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA).
3. Tags may be issued upon receipt of either a *tetrazolium* test or a *germination* test which meets Oregon minimum viability standards, providing all other requirements are met. Ryegrass seed must have a germination and fluorescence before the lot can be tagged. An ammonia test is required on all hard fescue, sheep fescue, and hard fescue samples, as well as Foundation and Registered generation for chewings fescue, red fescue, tufted blue and annual fescue, before the lot can be tagged. A supplemental test may be used for tagging purposes. Specific molecular tests may be used for tagging purposes.
4. For Certification purposes, a re-cleaned lot can be tagged on the original viability test, but a follow-up germination should be requested to comply with Federal Seed Laws.

D. Tags, Labels, Seals, and Shipping Certificates

1. All classes of certified seed when offered for sale shall have an official certification label affixed to each container clearly identifying OSCS, the variety name, kind, and class of seed.
2. Certification tags and labels are only for use on Certified seed that is produced in accordance with the standard rules and regulations established under authority of Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 633. The tag or label indicates that the seed has passed all the inspections and seed tests required by certification rules and regulations.
3. Certification tags, labels and seals will be affixed to seed containers under the supervision of the certifying agency.
4. Tags assigned to a given lot must not be attached to a different lot. When a seed lot is reconditioned, certification tags removed from seed containers shall not be re-attached and shall be returned to OSCS.
5. In the case of seed sold by use of a Certificate of Final Certification or Transfer of Seed Pending Final Certification, the Certificate must be created using the eCertification online system at seedcert.oregonstate.edu. This Certificate is to accompany the seed shipment to the final destination.

E. Labeling of Mixtures of Certified Seed

When approved by Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS), mixtures of certified seed packaged under the supervision of the OSCS may be labeled with a special blue tag indicating all the components are certified seed.

F. Interagency Certification

1. Interagency certification may be accomplished by participation of more than one official certifying agency in performing the services required to certify a lot of seed.
 - a. The certifying agency issuing labels for all classes of certified seed shall require the seed on which the labels are used to meet standards at least equal to the minimum genetic standards for the seed in question as specified in the Federal Seed Act rules and regulations. Seed that is re-bagged, blended, or put into a mixture of certified seed for Oregon Interagency must have an All-States Noxious weed seed examination or an equivalent exam as determined by

the OSCS Office. The seed must be free of Oregon prohibited noxious weeds and meet all the originating authority and/or Oregon field and seed certification standards prior to approval. A current germination test, dated within 18 months that meets minimum standards, must be provided.

- b. Seed to be recognized for interagency certification must be received in containers carrying official certification labels, or if shipped for conditioning, evidence of its eligibility from another official certifying agency, together with the following information:
 - (1) Variety (if certified as to variety) and kind.
 - (2) Quantity of seed (pounds or kilograms).
 - (3) Class of certified seed.
 - (4) Inspection or lot number traceable to the previous certifying agency's records.
- c. Each label used in interagency certification shall be serially numbered or shall carry the certification identity number and clearly identify the certifying agencies involved, the variety (if certified as to variety), kind, and class of certified seed.

G. Complying with Federal and State Seed Laws

Responsibility for meeting requirements of Federal and State Seed Laws in selling or shipping certified seed rests with the grower and/or seed dealer.

VII. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Certification Scheme

- A. OECD is an international program, with membership limited to national governments of participating countries. The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has been assigned the responsibility of implementing the OECD Seed Schemes in the United States, with the cooperation of official state seed certifying agencies. The Oregon Seed Certification Service, Oregon State University, is the legally designated authority for OECD certification in Oregon.
- B. The objective of the OECD Seed Schemes is to encourage the exchange of improved varieties among cooperating nations. Certain rules and principles are followed to maintain varietal identity and genetic purity.
- C. Grass and legume varieties eligible for OECD certification appear in the OECD List of Varieties Eligible for Certification. OECD seed stock must be sampled by the Oregon Seed Certification Service and receive official approval prior to multiplication. Domestic varieties must meet all Oregon genetic certification requirements, plus any relevant OECD regulations, in order to be eligible for OECD tagging.
- D. All certified seed produced must be directly related through one or more generations to Breeder seed. OECD white Basic seed tags denote the OECD equivalent to U.S. Foundation or Registered seed. OECD blue and red tagged seed are first-and-second generation from Basic seed, and are intended for no further seed production.
- E. Satisfactory conditions for the production and conditioning of OECD seed must be verified by OSCS. All OECD varieties must have a seedling inspection. In addition, field requirements as listed in the Oregon Seed Certification Handbook will be used to govern field inspections.
- F. The Scheme authorizes the use of labels and certificates for seed produced and conditioned for international trade. All seed to be tagged must have a certificate of seed analysis prior to tagging. Seed analysis information for OECD certificates will be provided by 1) OSU Seed Laboratory or 2) other seed testing laboratories that may be recognized by the Dean and by OECD authorities. Each specific seed lot is issued a reference number, which is reflected on the tags and certificates. This reference number will be assigned after permission has been granted from the U.S. registered contractor.

VIII. Fees

- A. Field Inspection Fees: Certification fees must be paid at the time of application. Credit cards may be accepted for certain payments, checks are required for all other fees. Checks must be made payable to Oregon Seed Certification Service, and submitted to the OSCS office or the county extension office. These fees are periodically adjusted to meet expenses.
1. Crop inspection fees are assessed each year in which an application is submitted. Application received after the deadline will be charged a late fee.
 2. Seedling inspections are assessed a flat fee, regardless of acreage.
 3. Late applications may not be accepted into the certification program if:
 - a. the crop is past the stage when a proper inspection can be made,
 - b. the inspection will not fit within the workload of inspection personnel or
 - c. other reasons listed in this Handbook.
 4. Special Request: Special out-of-the-routine requests will be subject to a fee.
 5. Re-inspection fees are dependent on the inspection being conducted.
 6. In addition to the regular acreage fee, an additional fee is required for each Pre-Basic, Basic, Foundation, and Registered field entered for field inspection. If the additional fee is not paid, the field will be eligible for the Certified Class only.
- B. Additional and Special Fees: These charges are billed by OSCS directly to the grower or warehouse. Payment for these charges must be sent or submitted to Oregon Seed Certification Service, 31 Crop Science Building, Corvallis, OR 97331-3003.
1. A per-cwt fee will be charged on all lots sampled by OSCS.
 2. Where growers or dealers wish to merchandise certified seed in specially sealed packages, such as small boxes, plastic, paper or cloth bags, or in other distinctive packages weighing 25 pounds or less, or in cases where special tags or seals must be devised, or where the labor of sealing and tagging such packages involves greater cost, special fees shall be charged to cover the extra expense.
 3. Advance tagging of seed lots may be permitted when preliminary seed test results meet Oregon Certification Standards. Advance tagging for annual and perennial ryegrass seed lots is done at the full risk of the individual and/or seed contractor. Contact OSCS for current procedures.
 4. Early Sampling and Tagging of annual and perennial ryegrass seed lots is permitted under certain conditions. Early sampling and tagging of annual and perennial ryegrass seed lots is done at the full risk of the individual and/or seed contractor. Contact OSCS for current procedures.
- C. Refunds and Adjustments: All fees for overpayment or duplicate charges will be refunded. Other fees paid where a grower decides not to harvest his crop for seed, and so notifies the OSCS before seedling and field inspections are made, will be refunded upon written request by the seed grower (a special request charge will be withheld for processing). None of the acreage fee will be refunded if the acreage is rejected at the time of inspection.
- D. Stock Material Fees: Foundation Seed Program will charge such fees as necessary to purchase or produce stock material in sufficient amounts to assure a continuing supply of basic material for the certified grower of Oregon.

IX. Definitions

- A. Isolation Zone: The area of a certified field representing the isolation requirement for a given crop. (See Section IV D for instructions to calculate the isolation zone.) Isolation problems must be staked after sign-up.
- B. Off-Type: Any seed or plant not a part of the variety in that it deviates in one or more characteristics from the variety described and may include seeds or plants of other varieties; seeds or plants not necessarily any variety; seed or plants resulting from uncontrolled self-pollination during production of hybrid seed, or segregates from any of the above plants.
- C. None or Zero Tolerance: None or zero means none found visually during the normal inspection procedures. Zero or none is not a guarantee to mean the field or seed lot inspected is free of the factor.
- D. Seed Tests and Analytical Terms: Used in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) and OSCS:
1. AOSA Seed Test: A test required for determining the seed quality of certified seed for either Oregon or OECD tagging.
 2. AOSA-EC: OECD tags can be printed with “Meets EC Norms & Standards” if the AOSA seed test is completed using the European Community (EC) standards and the lot meets these standards. An EC Norms determination is not done automatically and must be requested when ordering lab testing.
 3. Ammonia Test: A test required on fine fescue species to distinguish chewings, red, blue tufted and annual fescue from blue, hard, and sheep fescue, which is done automatically on Certified samples of blue, hard and sheep fescue and Foundation and Registered samples of chewings, red, blue tufted and annual fescue.
 4. Dodder Exam: A 500 gram sample of alfalfa and red clover is required to be examined for the presence of dodder and is done automatically on certified samples.
 5. Ploidy Test: A test used to establish the ploidy level in grass varieties to assist in determining certification eligibility. A ploidy test is required on all tetraploid ryegrass and should be requested at the time of sampling.
 6. Molecular Test: These are tests of either nucleic acid or proteins in plant cells. The tests are related to specific genes controlling plant characteristics that are used for certification purposes. These marker tests may be used for trait presence verification or as genetic identity tests.
 7. Allelic Discrimination Test: A ryegrass allelic discrimination (RAD) test may be used in lieu of an AOSA Grow-Out test to separate annual and perennial ryegrass types for certified samples.
 8. Fluorescence Test: A fluorescence test shall be made on all samples of ryegrass for which the percentage of perennial ryegrass and annual ryegrass is to be reported. 400 seeds shall be planted on white filter paper and the number of fluorescent seedlings determined under ultraviolet light at the end of the germination period. A list of variety fluorescence level descriptions is maintained and published by the National Grass Variety Review Board of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA).
- E. Oregon Seed Lot Size: The maximum seed lot size is 55,000 pounds for bentgrass, bluegrass, smooth brome, fescue, meadow foxtail, orchardgrass, ryegrass, timothy, wheatgrass, clover and vetch. A tolerance of 5% is permitted on this maximum. (Dept of Ag 603-056-0125)
- F. OECD Seed Lot Size: For seeds the size of wheat or larger, one seed lot shall not exceed 44,000 pounds. For seeds, smaller than a kernel of wheat, the seed lot shall not exceed 22,000 pounds. Soybean, vetch, lupine and chickpea seed lots shall not exceed 66,000 pounds. Grass seed lots of *Poaceae* species may have a maximum size of 55,000 pounds if produced according to international methods. A tolerance of 5% is permitted on these maxima.
- G. The Plant Variety Protection Act: Every certificate of plant variety protection shall certify that the breeder (or successor in interest) or heirs or assignees, has the right, during the term of the plant variety protection, to exclude others from selling the variety, or offering it for sale, or reproducing it, or importing it, or using it

in producing (as distinguished from developing) a hybrid or different variety there from, to the extent provided by this Act. If the owner so elects, the certificate shall also specify that in the United States, seed of the variety shall be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed and, if specified, shall also conform to the number of generations designated by the owner.

- H. Title V of the Federal Seed Act: Sale of Uncertified Seed of Protected Variety, Sec. 501, states: "It shall be unlawful, in the United States or in interstate or foreign commerce to sell by variety name seed not certified by an official seed certifying agency when it is a variety for which a certificate of plant variety protection under the Plant Variety Protection Act specifies sale only as a class of certified seed: provided, that seed from a certified lot may be labeled as to variety name when used in a mixture by, or with approval of the owner of the variety."

X. Disclaimer of Warranty

The Oregon State University Seed Certification Service expressly represents that it has acted in accordance with those standards and procedures established for seed certification in Oregon. The issuance of a certified seed label or certificate for a lot of seed neither warrants that any other person or entity has acted in accordance with such standards and procedures, nor constitutes any other warranty, express or implied, including merchantability or fitness for purpose or otherwise which extends beyond the certification that the seeds inspected met the regulations of the agency.

The OSU Seed Certification, Foundation Seed and Plant Materials Program

Seed Certification, Foundation Seed and Plant Materials Board

OSU Representatives (ex officio, voting)

Chairman of the Board¹
Assistant to the Chairman²

OSU Representatives (ex officio, non-voting)

Crop & Soil Science Department Head³
Director of Seed Services⁴
Seed Certification Manager
Seed Laboratory Manager
Horticulture Department Head

OSU Board Members (appointed⁵ voting)

Cereal Specialist
Director of Extension
Extension Specialist
Mint Specialist
Grass and Legume Specialist
Plant Breeder
Plant Pathologist
Potato Specialist
Research Geneticist

Affiliate Agencies (voting)

ODA Representative
USDA Representative

Oregon Industry Members⁶ (voting)

Cereal Advisory Committee Representative
Grass & Legume Advisory Committee Representative
Mint Advisory Committee Representative
Potato Advisory Committee Representative
Seed Conditioners Advisory Committee Representative
Seed Industry Representative

Variety Acceptance Panel ⁷

¹ Dean, OSU College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station. Will appoint Board members, advisory committee members, variety acceptance panels, management staff and appeal panels.

² OSU College of Agriculture Associate Dean or Dean representative.

³ Will serve as program administrator and coordinator and supervise over-all handling of budgets, management, staffing and operations.

⁴ At Chairman's request, coordinates the Seed Certification, Foundation Seed & Plant materials Board meeting; appoints Appeals Panel members.

⁵ Appointed by the Chairman of the Board; reappointed as needed. Will meet at least once per year and additional meetings by call of the chairman. Will set policy and establish standards.

⁶ Will advise the Board on all relevant industry considerations and recommend modifications in procedures as appropriate. Will make summary reports at each Board meeting and will set policy and establish standards.

⁷ Accept varieties into the program based upon criteria established by Board.

Committees Advisory to the Board

GRASS & LEGUME ADVISORY COMMITTEE AFFILIATION

Voting

Seed Dealer Representative (6)	Oregon Seed Association
Seed Producer Representative (6)	Oregon Seed Growers League
Turfgrass Breeder Assoc. Rep.	Turfgrass Breeder Assoc.
OSU Extension Specialist	Oregon State University
Forage Researcher	Oregon State University
OSU Extension Rep (2)	Oregon State University

Non-Voting

Dept. Head of Crop & Soil Sc.	Oregon State University
OSU Seed Services, Director	Oregon State University
OSCS, Manager	Oregon State University
OSU Seed Laboratory, Manager	Oregon State University
ODA Representative	Oregon Dept. of Ag

POTATO ADVISORY COMMITTEE AFFILIATION

Voting

Active Potato Grower (all)	Active Previous Season
Commercial Grower Rep (2)	Oregon Potato Commission
OSU Researcher (Pathologist)	Oregon State University
OSU Extension Rep (2)	Oregon State University

Non-Voting

OSCS Manager	Oregon State University
ODA Representative	Oregon Dept. of Ag

SEED CONDITIONERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AFFILIATION

Voting

Seed Grower Rep (3)	Oregon Seed Growers League
Seed Conditioners Rep (3)	Oregon Seed Growers League
Seed Dealer (3)	Oregon Seed Assoc.
OSU Seed Conditioning Researcher	Oregon State University/USDA
OSU Extension Representative	Oregon State University

Non-Voting

Dept. Head of Crop & Soil Sc.	Oregon State University
OSU Seed Services, Director	Oregon State University
OSCS Manager	Oregon State University
ODA Representative	Oregon Dept. of Ag

CEREAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AFFILIATION

Voting

Seed Grower Representative (3)	Oregon Wheat Grower League
Seed Producer or Dealer Rep	Oregon Wheat Commission
Seed Dealer Representative (1)	Oregon Feed & Grain Assn.
Seed Dealer Representative (2)	Oregon Seed Association
Corn Seed Producer	Corn Sub-Committee
OSU Cereal Breeder	Oregon State University
OSU Cereal Extension Specialist	Oregon State University
OSU Extension Rep.	Oregon State University

Non-Voting

Dept. Head of Crop & Soil Sc.	Oregon State University
OSU Seed Services, Director	Oregon State University
OSCS Manager	Oregon State University
ODA Representative	Oregon Dept. of Ag

MINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AFFILIATION

Voting

Root Stalk Grower (6)	Essential Oil Growers Assn.
Mint Commission Representative	Oregon Mint Commission
OSU Plant Pathologist	Oregon State University
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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
ALFALFA
(Medicago sativa)
 Revised February 18, 2026

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 alfalfa.

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

Field History: Land must be free from volunteer alfalfa before planting for at least four years to produce Foundation seed, for at least three years to produce Registered seed, and for at least two years to produce Certified seed. With Registered and Certified fields, the time interval between harvest and new planting may be one year if the previous crop of alfalfa was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed field requirements for genetic purity. Alfalfa 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. For fields planted prior to January 1 the seedling application must be submitted within 60 days of planting. For fields planted between January 1 and July 1 the seedling application must be submitted within 15 days of planting. The seed crop application must be submitted by June 15 of each year in which seed is produced.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum Permitted			Isolation Requirements ¹	
	Other Varieties ²	Sweetclover	Red Clover	Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	1:1,000	None	None	900 ft.	600 ft.
Registered	1:400	10 plants/acre	None	450 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	1:100	10 plants/acre	--	165 ft.	165 ft.
Only 10 ft. isolation is required between seed fields of different classes but of the same variety.					
No white top, leafy spurge, nor Russian knapweed allowed in any class of seed.					

Special Requirement: CUF101 limited to one harvest – must be same year as planting.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1,000 grams)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%
Sweetclover, maximum	None	45/lb.	90/lb.
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed, ^{3,4} maximum	0.10%	0.20%	0.25%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	45/lb.	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination (including hard seed), minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook

² Includes off-type plants.

³ The presence of Dodder is not allowed in any class of seed. See Section IX, D4 in the OSCS Handbook.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook is allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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 crimson clover.

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 any crimson clover during the previous five years to be eligible to produce Foundation seed; during the previous three years to produce Registered seed. Land must not have grown or been seeded to crimson clover during the previous two years to produce Certified seed. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop of crimson clover was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Crimson clover must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

If Foundation seed is planted, one Registered seed crop and two Certified seed crops may be harvested.

If Registered seed is planted, two consecutive Certified seed crops may be harvested.

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	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation ³	None	1320 ft.	1320 ft.
Registered ³	1:500	660 ft.	330 ft.
Certified ³	1:200	330 ft.	165 ft.
Between classes of same variety		10 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%	0.25%	0.40%
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.25%	0.25%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	27/lb.	45/lb.
Germination (including hard seed), minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ An OSU Seed Lab Orobanche exam is required if small broomrape is found in a certification field inspection. Two samples are to be submitted in separate containers: one for the Orobanche exam, the other for standard and viability testing.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any chess or small broomrape allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sweetclover, sheep sorrel, *Galium* spp. and *Brassica* spp.



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 red clover.

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

Field History: To produce Foundation seed, land must not have been seeded or grown red clover for at least six years (three of which have been cultivated). To produce Registered or Certified seed, land must not have been seeded to or grown red clover for at least three years (Certified time interval may be shortened by one year if one cultivated crop or clean fallow intervened). Red clover 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; fields planted between April 1 and July 1 must be filed within 15 days of planting. Seed crop application must be submitted by June 15 of each year in which seed is produced.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum Permitted Other Varieties ¹	Isolation Requirements ²	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation ³	None	1320 ft.	1320 ft.
Registered ³	1:500	660 ft.	330 ft.
Certified ³	1:200	330 ft.	165 ft.
Between classes of same variety		10 ft.	
Tetraploid and diploid varieties need only be isolated 15 ft. from each other			

Special Requirements: A field of red clover may produce only two seed crops, regardless of generation. These seed crops may be produced either in the same year or consecutive years.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1,000 grams)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue)
Pure seed, minimum	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.25%
Sweetclover, maximum	9/lb.	45/lb.	90/lb.
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed ^{4,5} maximum	0.15%	0.15%	0.25%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁶ , singly or combined	45/lb.	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination (including hard seed), minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ An OSU Seed Lab Orobanchae exam is required if small broomrape is found in a certification field inspection. Two samples are to be submitted in separate containers: one for the Orobanchae exam, the other for standard purity and viability testing.

⁴ The presence of dodder is not allowed in any class of seed. See Section IX, D4 in the OSCS Handbook.

⁵ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any small broomrape allowed in any class of seed.

⁶ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel, wild carrot, sweetclover, giant bristlegrass (foxtail), and *Galium* spp.



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 white clover.

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

Field History: To produce Foundation seed, land must never have been seeded to or grown any white clover; must have been five years free to produce Registered seed (three of those years cultivated); must have been three years free to produce Certified seed. (With Certified class, the time interval may be shortened by one year if one cultivated row crop or clean fallow intervened). White clover 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	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation ³	None	1320 ft.	1320 ft.
Registered ³	1:500	660 ft.	330 ft.
Certified ³	1:100	330 ft.	165 ft.
Between classes of same variety		10 ft.	

Special Requirements: A Foundation and/or Registered field may produce only two successive seed crops following seeding, except that each may be reclassified to the next lower class after being harvested for two years. A Certified field on which a stand of perennial plants is maintained may produce a maximum of four successive seed crops following seeding. Volunteer plants will be cause for rejection at the end of the second seed crop.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/4 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%	450 seeds of one crop or 0.25% combined	
Sweetclover, maximum	None	90/lb.	180/lb.
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly	None	23/lb.	23/lb.
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , combined	None	69/lb.	69/lb.
Germination (including hard seed), minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ An OSU Seed Lab Orobanchae exam is required if small broomrape is found in a certification field inspection. Two samples are to be submitted in separate containers: one for the Orobanchae exam, the other for standard purity and viability testing.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any wild carrot or small broomrape allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel, and *Galium* spp.



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
COLONIAL BENTGRASS
(Agrostis capillaris)
 Revised February 19, 2025

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 colonial bentgrass.

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 any other *Agrostis* species for the previous five years. Fields of Highland colonial bentgrass planted with Foundation seed must have been deep-cultivated for a minimum of two years to qualify for Registered seed production. To qualify for Certified seed production, fields of Highland colonial bentgrass must have been cultivated, allowing an opportunity for seedlings to grow. Colonial bentgrass 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	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	900 ft.	900 ft.
Registered	0.1%	660 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	2.0%	300 ft. ³	165 ft.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/4 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 ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	None	180/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

Appearance: Bentgrass seed lots composed of 75% or more hulled (groated) seed will not be certified unless blended with unhulled certified eligible lots of seed in reasonable amount to present good appearance of less than 75%.

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² This distance must be maintained between all other varieties of colonial bentgrass as well as other types of bentgrass such as creeping and velvet bentgrass. For additional details, see Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ Certified class fields less than 5 acres must be 165 ft. from all velvet bentgrass.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V, nor corn bedstraw is allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, annual bluegrass and sheep sorrel



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
CREeping BENTGRASS
(Agrostis stolonifera var. palustris)
 Revised February 19, 2025

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 creeping bentgrass.

Varieties Certified: Varieties and classes eligible for planting may be found in the OSCS Handbook. These standards do not include Penncross creeping bentgrass.

Field History: Land must not have grown or been seeded to any *Agrostis* species for five years. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of creeping bentgrass was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification requirements for genetic purity. Creeping bentgrass 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, or prior to row closure to allow for a seedling inspection to occur, 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	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	900 ft.	900 ft.
Registered	0.1%	660 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	2.0%	300 ft. ³	165 ft.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/4 Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)	Penn A-1, Crystal BlueLinks, PC2.0, PennLinks II, Pure Eclipse, Pure Distinction, Pure Select Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other crops, maximum	None	0.10%	0.50% ⁴	0.04% ⁵
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ⁶ , maximum	None	0.10%	0.25%	0.03%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁷ , singly or combined	None	None	180/lb.	None
Weed seed, GROUP B ⁸ , singly or combined	---	---	---	None
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%	85%
Germination, minimum – Barracuda, Oakley, Piper, Piranha	85%	85%	80%	--

Appearance: Bentgrass seed lots composed of 75% or more hulled (groated) seed will not be certified unless blended with unhulled certified eligible lots of seed in reasonable amount to present good appearance of less than 75%.

¹ Includes off-type plants.
² This distance must be maintained between all other varieties of creeping bentgrass as well as other types of bentgrass such as colonial and velvet bentgrass. For additional details, Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.
³ Certified class fields less than 5 acres must be 165 ft. from all velvet bentgrass.
⁴ Other bentgrass species limited to 1.00% in Seaside creeping bentgrass.
⁵ No rough bluegrass allowed.
⁶ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor corn bedstraw is allowed in any class of seed.
⁷ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, annual bluegrass, and sheep sorrel
⁸ GROUP B – shepherd's purse, mouse-ear chickweed, yarrow and speedwell



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS
(Poa pratensis)
 Revised February 7, 2024

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 Kentucky bluegrass.

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

Field History: To produce Foundation and Registered seed, land must have been free of Kentucky bluegrass for five years. Land must not have grown or been seeded to another variety of Kentucky bluegrass for production of Certified seed during the previous three years. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of Kentucky bluegrass was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Kentucky bluegrass 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	Rough Bluegrass in Kentucky Bluegrass	Minimum Isolation ^{2,3} (Varieties ≥ 80% apomictic)
Foundation	None	None	60 ft.
Registered	0.1%	None	30 ft.
Certified	2.0%	---	15 ft.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – ¼ Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Other varieties Certified (Blue tag)	Mazama, Prosperity Certified (Blue tag)
Pure Seed, minimum	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Other crops ⁴ maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%	0.25%
Inert, maximum	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Weed seed ⁵ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁶ , singly or combined	None	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	80%	80%	80%	75%

¹ Includes off-type plants as may be designated by the varietal description.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook. For varieties <80% apomictic, isolation distances of 900, 300, and 165 feet are required for Foundation, Registered, and Certified classes, respectively. For Certified class only, varieties that are ≥95% apomictic shall have an isolation requirement reduced to only a mechanical separation. Mechanical separation is required between rough bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass, and between wood bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass.

³ The following isolation rules may be applicable to Kentucky bluegrass fields to reduce isolation requirements: (a) The 10% Rule for Certified class fields ≥5 acres, when the isolation zone is less than 10% of the field [use 15 ft. to calculate the area of the isolation zone]; (b) Border Removal for fields ≥5 acres [for varieties <80% apomictic, see Section IV, D; for varieties ≥80% apomictic, 9 feet of border removal within the field can reduce isolation to 30 ft. for Foundation and 15 ft. for Registered; no further reduction is allowed for Certified class]; and (c) The 25% Rule for isolation between generations of the same variety.

⁴ No rough bluegrass allowed in Foundation or Registered class of Kentucky bluegrass (10 gram test).

⁵ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed. No annual bluegrass allowed in Foundation or Registered class of Kentucky bluegrass.

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



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
ROUGH BLUEGRASS
(Poa trivialis)
 Revised February 7, 2024

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 rough bluegrass.

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

Field History: To produce Foundation and Registered seed, land must have been free of rough bluegrass for five years. Land must not have grown or been seeded to another variety of rough bluegrass for production of Certified seed during the previous two years. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of rough bluegrass was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. When the field is being planted back to the same rough bluegrass variety, and passed certification requirements for genetic purity. Rough bluegrass 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	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	900 ft.	900 ft.
Registered	0.1%	660 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	2.0%	330 ft.	165 ft.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/4 Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Other crops maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25% ³
Inert matter, maximum	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	None	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	75%	75%	75%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook. Mechanical isolation is required between rough bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass.

³ Kentucky bluegrass limited to 3.00% in Colt, Laser, Laser II and Sabre rough bluegrass and 2.00% in all other rough bluegrass varieties.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed. No annual bluegrass allowed in Foundation or Registered class of rough bluegrass.

⁵ GROUP A - buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
CHEWINGS, SLENDER CREEPING
RED, AND BLUE TUFTED FESCUE
(Festuca rubra subsp. Fallax, rubra and amethystina)
 Revised February 18, 2026

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 chewings and slender creeping red rescue (42 chromosomes).

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

Field History: To be eligible to produce Foundation seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to any fine fescue species (chewings, red, hard, sheep, blue, Idaho, annual) during the previous five years. Land must not have grown or been seeded to these grasses during the previous 18 months to produce Registered or Certified seed. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of chewings or slender creeping red fescue was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed field requirements for genetic purity. Fine fescue 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	
		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)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%
Ammonia test ³ , maximum	Zero Green	One Green	N/A
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	15/lb.	15/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook. Isolation is required between varieties of chewings, slender creeping red fescue, and annual fescue. Isolation is not required between red fescue varieties having 56 chromosomes (strong creeping) and those having 42 chromosomes (including chewings) where satisfactory documentary evidence of each variety's ploidy is accepted. Experimental, and OECD varieties for which an authentic sample has not been provided, will continue to require isolation distances for cross-pollinating varieties. 42 chromosome red fescue varieties (slender creeping) include, but may not be limited to: Barcrown II, Lighthouse, Seabreeze, Seabreeze GT, SeaLink, and Shoreline. Isolation is not required between varieties in the chewings, slender creeping red fescue group and varieties in the hard, sheep, blue, Idaho fescue group. Blue tufted fescue must be isolated from all other fine fescues.

³ The ammonia test is used to determine the presence of hard, sheep and Idaho fescue. See Section IX, D3 in the OSCS Handbook.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
STRONG CREEPING RED FESCUE
(Festuca rubra subsp. rubra)
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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 strong creeping red fescue (56 chromosomes).

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

Field History: To be eligible to produce Foundation seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to any fine fescue species (chewings, red, hard, sheep, blue, Idaho, annual) during the previous five years. Land must not have grown or been seeded to these grasses during the previous 18 months to produce Registered or Certified seed. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of strong creeping red fescue was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Fine fescue 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	
		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)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%
Ammonia test ³ , maximum	Zero Green	One Green	N/A
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	15/lb.	15/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook. Isolation is required between varieties of strong creeping red fescue. No isolation is required between red fescue varieties having 56 chromosomes and those having 42 chromosomes (including chewings) where satisfactory documentary evidence of each variety's ploidy is accepted. Experimental, and OECD varieties for which an authentic sample has not been provided, will continue to require isolation distances for cross-pollinating varieties. Isolation is not required between strong creeping red fescue varieties and varieties of hard, sheep, blue, Idaho or annual fescue.

³ The ammonia test is used to determine the presence of hard, sheep, blue and Idaho fescue. See Section IX, D3 in the OSCS Handbook.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
HARD, SHEEP, BLUE & IDAHO FESCUE
(Festuca trachyphylla, Festuca ovina, Festuca ovina subsp. glauca, Festuca idahoensis)
 Revised February 7, 2024

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 hard, sheep, blue and Idaho fescue standards.

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

Field History: To be eligible to produce Foundation seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to any fine fescue species (chewings, red, hard, sheep, blue, Idaho, annual) species during the previous five years. Land must not have grown or been seeded to these grasses during the previous 18 months to produce Registered or Certified seed. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of hard, sheep, blue or Idaho fescue was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Fine fescue 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	
		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)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	97.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%
Ammonia test ³ , maximum	Zero Yellow	One Yellow	2% Yellow
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	3.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined Only in Idaho fescue	None None	23/lb. 15/lb.	23/lb. 15/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook. Isolation is required between varieties of hard, sheep, blue and Idaho fescue, and between varieties of hard or sheep fescue and varieties of annual fescue. Isolation is not required between varieties in the hard, sheep, blue, Idaho fescue group adjacent to varieties in the red fescue, chewings fescue group.

³ The ammonia test is used to determine the presence of strong, slender and chewings fescue. See Section IX, D3 in the OSCS Handbook.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
TALL FESCUE
(Festuca arundinacea)*
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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 tall fescue.

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		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Annual Ryegrass	0	0	0
Perennial Ryegrass	0	0	0
Intermediate Ryegrass	0	0	0
Festulolium 2x/4x	0	0	0
Festulolium 6x	5 yrs.	18 mos.	18 mos.
Tall Fescue	5 yrs.	18 mos.	18 mos.
Meadow Fescue	5 yrs.	18 mos.	18 mos.

For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of tall fescue was of the same variety, same or higher class and passed certification requirements for genetic purity. Tall fescue 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	
		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)
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 ³ , maximum	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁴ , singly or combined	None	27/lb.	27/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%
Germination, minimum Fawn, Kentucky 31	90%	90%	90%

*Taxonomists place tall fescue in one of three genera: as *Festuca arundinacea* (see USDA Germplasm Resource Information Network – GRIN); as *Schedonorus arundinaceus* (see Flora of North America, Vol. 24, pgs. 446-448; USDA, NRCS Plants Database; and Integrated Taxonomic Information System –ITIS); and as *Lolium arundinaceum* (see USDA, NRCS Plant Guide and Plant Fact Sheet for tall fescue).

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook. This distance must be maintained from tall fescue and festulolium 6x, and for Foundation and Registered classes from meadow fescue.

³ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook is allowed in any class of seed.

⁴ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
FESTULOLIUM 2x/4x
(diploid & tetraploid hybrids of Lolium spp. and Festuca arundinacea or F. pratensis)*
 Revised February 7, 2024

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 festulolium 2x/4x.

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	5	5	5
Perennial Ryegrass	5	5	2
Intermediate Ryegrass	5	5	5
Festulolium 2x/4x	5	5	5
Festulolium 6x	0	0	0
Tall Fescue	0	0	0
Meadow Fescue	5	5	2

For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of festulolium was of the same variety, same or higher class and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. **Modified Land History** provisions apply to this crop (see OSCS General Standards IV, C. Land Requirements #2), which can reduce the period following a previous annual ryegrass or festulolium 2x/4x crop to three years for conventional tillage practices and two years if a continuous no-till MLH option is used. PLEASE NOTE: If the two year out no-till MLH option is used, following the two years the festulolium crop planted must also be no-till to qualify for certification. Festulolium 2x/4x must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

Field Inspection: A seedling and seed crop inspection(s) are required. 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	
		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)
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 ³ , maximum	0.15%	0.15%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁴ , singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	75%	75%	75%

*Taxonomists place tall and meadow fescue in one of three genera: as *Festuca arundinacea* and *F. pratensis* (see USDA Germplasm Resource Information Network – GRIN); as *Schedonorus arundinaceus* and *S. pratensis* (see Flora of North America, Vol. 24, pgs. 446-448; Integrated Taxonomic Information System – ITIS; and USDA, NRCS Plants Database); and as *Lolium arundinaceum* (see USDA, NRCS Plant Guide and Plant Fact Sheet for tall fescue and as *Lolium pratense* (see Integrated Taxonomic Information System – ITIS).

¹ Includes off-types plants.

² This distance must be maintained from festulolium, meadow fescue and all ryegrass of the same ploidy; no less than 15 feet isolation is required between diploids and tetraploids. A mechanical separation must be maintained from tall fescue. See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.

⁴ GROUP A - buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
FESTULOLIUM 6x
(hexaploid hybrids of Lolium spp. and Festuca arundinacea)*
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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 festulolium 6x.

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		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Annual Ryegrass	0	0	0
Perennial Ryegrass	0	0	0
Intermediate Ryegrass	0	0	0
Festulolium 2x/4x	0	0	0
Festulolium 6x	5 yrs.	18 mos.	18 mos.
Tall Fescue	5 yrs.	18 mos.	18 mos.
Meadow Fescue	5 yrs.	18 mos.	18 mos.

For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of festulolium was of the same variety, same or higher class and passed certification requirements for genetic purity. Festulolium 6x must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

Field Inspection: A seedling and seed crop inspection(s) are required. 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	
		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)
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 ³ , maximum	0.15%	0.15%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁴ , singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	75%	75%	75%

*Taxonomists place tall fescue in one of three genera: as *Festuca arundinacea* (see USDA Germplasm Resource Information Network – GRIN); as *Schedonorus arundinaceus* (see Flora of North America, Vol. 24, pgs. 446-448; USDA, NRCS Plants Database; and Integrated Taxonomic Information System – ITIS); and as *Lolium arundinaceum* (see USDA, NRCS Plant Guide and Plant Fact Sheet for tall fescue).

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² This distance must be maintained from festulolium 6x and tall fescue, and for Foundation and Registered classes from meadow fescue. A mechanical separation must be maintained from all ryegrass. See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.

⁴ GROUP A - buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



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 orchardgrass.

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

Field History: To be eligible to produce Foundation seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to any orchardgrass during the previous five years. To produce Registered or Certified seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to orchardgrass during the previous 18 months. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of orchardgrass was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed field requirements for genetic purity. Orchardgrass 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	
		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)
Pure seed, minimum	92.00%	92.00%	92.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
Weed seed ³ , maximum	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁴ , singly or combined	None	15/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

³ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook is allowed in any class of seed.

⁴ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
ANNUAL RYEGRASS
(Lolium multiflorum)
 Revised February 7, 2024

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 annual ryegrass.

Varieties Certified: Varieties and classes eligible for planting may be found in the OSCS Handbook. A ploidy test must be conducted on all OECD annual ryegrass pre-control samples as a condition of acceptance into the OSCS program, and must meet a minimum 95% ploidy level for both tetraploid and diploid varieties.

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	5	5	5
Perennial Ryegrass	5	5	2
Intermediate Ryegrass	5	5	5
Festulolium 2x/4x	5	5	5
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 annual ryegrass was of the same variety, same or higher class and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. **Modified Land History** provisions apply to this crop (see OSCS General Standards IV, C. Land Requirements #2), which can reduce the period following a previous annual ryegrass or festulolium 2x/4x crop to three years for conventional tillage practices and two years if a continuous no-till MLH option is used. PLEASE NOTE: If the two year out no-till MLH option is used, following the two years the annual ryegrass crop planted must also be no-till to qualify for certification. Annual 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	
		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	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Crops other than ryegrass, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Perennial Ryegrass, maximum ³	0.28%	1.00%	2.00%
Total other crop including perennial ryegrass, maximum	0.38%	1.25%	2.50%
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed ⁴ maximum	0.15%	0.15%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	90%	90%	90%
Ploidy test, minimum ⁶	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 See Section IX, D8 in the OSCS Handbook. A list of variety fluorescence level descriptions is maintained by AOSCA (aosca.org).

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook is allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.

⁶ 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.



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
INTERMEDIATE RYEGRASS
(Lolium hybridum)
 Revised February 7, 2024

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 intermediate 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	5	5	2
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 intermediate ryegrass was of the same variety, same or higher class and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Intermediate 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) Intermediate Ryegrass seed lots must have a full purity, including a germination and fluorescence before the lot can be considered for certification.

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.15%	0.30%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	90%	90%	90%
Germination, minimum Transist 2600	85%	85%	85%
Ploidy test ⁶ , minimum	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 intermediate ryegrass must be isolated 300 ft from tall fescue and festulolium 6x. Border removal is allowed for fields over five acres. See Section IV in the OSCS Handbook.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook allowed in any class of seed.

⁵ GROUP A – buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and *Galium* spp.

⁶ 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.



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 standards.

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%
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 ⁷ , minimum	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.



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 small grains.

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

Field History: For **Foundation Seed** - Land must not have been seeded to, grown and/or harvested for a small grain variety of the same kind (for example, wheat to wheat) for two years; land must be 3 years out of triticale prior to producing a Foundation class of wheat. A seedling inspection is required for Foundation fields. Exception: the previous crop was of the same variety and passed certification field standards for varietal purity at the Foundation class. For **Registered & Certified Seed** - Land must not have been seeded to, grown and/or harvested for a small grain of the same kind (for example, wheat to wheat) for at least 12 months. Where an indistinguishable variety of small grain of the same kind was grown between the previous 12 and 24 month period, a seedling inspection is necessary on all new cereal plantings (for example, Stephens to ORCF-101 wheat). If the previous crop was of the same variety and passed certification field standards for varietal purity at the same or higher generation, then the above time intervals are not necessary and no seedling inspection is required. Where a distinguishable variety of small grain of the same kind was grown between the previous 12 and 24 month period, no seedling inspection is necessary on new plantings of cereals (for example, Yamhill to Stephens wheat). Small grains must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

Application and Field Inspections: Application for seedling inspection must be submitted within **45 days of planting (or earlier, if row closure is expected to occur rapidly)**. **Application for crop inspection must be submitted by June 15**. Crop inspection will be completed after plant and head maturity show specific variety distinguishing characteristics but, inspection timing will be subject to Seed Certification discretion. Stock seed documentation shall be either: (1) all original certification tags, (2) one original certification tag for each lot and a copy of the sales invoice [showing the receiver, variety and crop, poundage, lot number(s), generation, and date of sale], or (3) Certificate of Final Certification. Volunteer fields are not eligible for seed certification.

Field Standards, Seedling Inspection (when required):

Factor	Maximum permitted in each class		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other varieties total ¹	None	0.01%	0.03%

Field Standards, Crop Inspection:

Factor	Maximum permitted in each class		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other varieties total ¹	None	0.02% (1:5,000)	0.05% (1:2,000)
Other small grains ^{2,3} (incl. wild oats)	None	0.01% (1:10,000)	0.02% (1:5,000)
Chemically controllable cereal smuts ⁴	0.01% (1:10,000)	0.01% (1:10,000)	0.10% (1:1,000)
Non-controllable cereal smuts	None	None	None
Prohibited weeds (<i>Lack of evidence of control will be cause for rejection</i>)			

¹ Includes off-type plants. Phenotypic variants may be specified in a variety description by the variety originator/maintainer, and would not be counted as part of the tolerance for other varieties.

² No cereal rye allowed in or out of count during seed crop inspection, except in the Certified class of triticale and then not to exceed 1:20,000; further, no re-inspection is allowed in the Foundation class of small grains.

³ No triticale allowed in "other small grains" in or out of the inspection count in any class of small grain; further, no re-inspection is allowed in the Foundation class of wheat.

⁴ For a list of chemically controllable cereal smuts, see Pacific Northwest Plant Disease Control Handbook.

Special Requirements:

- A.** An extremely weedy field, regardless of type of weeds present, will be rejected. In Foundation fields, no seed may be allowed to form of species listed either as 'Prohibited in all Oregon Certified Seeds' (see Sec. V, this Handbook) or listed as prohibited in the small grains seed standards. Other provisions in the small grain standards regarding cereal rye, jointed goatgrass and skeletonweed take precedence.
- B.** Isolation (wheat, oat, or barley – self-pollinating cereal crops) – (1) Adjacent fields of different cereal crop kinds, or different classes of the same variety, must be isolated by a distance adequate to prevent mechanical mixing. (2) Adjacent fields of different varieties of the same kind must be isolated 90 feet for Foundation production, or 10 feet for Registered or Certified production.
- C.** Isolation (cereal rye) — All classes of rye must be isolated 660 feet from other varieties of rye. Fields of the same variety but of a different generation must be isolated by a distance of 25 percent of that listed between varieties.
- D.** Isolation (triticale) — Foundation class must be isolated 90 feet from other varieties of triticale, Registered and Certified, 10 feet. Fields of the same variety but different generations must be isolated by a mechanical break. Triticale must be isolated 10 feet from all other small grains.
- E.** Mechanical separation, genetic isolation zones, and other excluded areas of a seed field must be designated by physical markings placed in the field that are easily observed and readily recognized to be designating a boundary. See also: <https://seedcert.oregonstate.edu/sites/seedcert.oregonstate.edu/files/pdfs/smallgrainsisolation.pdf>
- F.** Evidence of seed-borne disease at the time of field inspection or presence of seed-borne disease in the seed lot may constitute basis for rejection, reclassification or recommendation for seed treatment. Evidence of ergot found during field inspection will be noted in the inspection report.
- G.** If chemically controllable seed borne diseases are noted upon field inspection or laboratory examination, appropriate seed treatment, to be determined by Seed Certification Office is required.
- H.** Transfer of seed may be documented using one of several shipping certificates available at the OSCS website:
- (1) **Field Transfer Certificate**, to move in-the-dirt seed from farm storage to an out-of-state warehouse.
 - (2) **Transfer of Presampled Seed Certificate**, to move seed (usually for planting), prior to availability of an OSU Seed Lab test number.
 - (3) **Transfer of Seed Pending Final Certification**, to move seed following availability of the test number and prior to completion of testing.
 - (4) **Certificate of Final Certification**, to move seed following completion of testing and setting eligibility for tagging. Previously prepared documents for Transfer of Presampled Seed and for Transfer of Seed Pending Final Certification can be finalized with a Certificate of Final Certification. Seed previously documented with a Certificate of Final Certification for transfer from one approved warehouse to another for further distribution, can be further documented with Certificates of Final Certification. Seed is not officially and finally certified until it has been tagged, or documented by a Certificate of Final Certification.
- I.** No re-inspection is allowed if jointed goatgrass, and/or its hybrids, or skeletonweed is found in the seedling, seed crop, or seed test inspection. Maximum of 4 re-inspections allowed for an individual small grain field; re-inspection timing will be subject to Seed Certification discretion.
- J.** Reseeding with another variety or lower generation within a field applied for certification will necessitate that the boundaries of the certified portion be redrawn to completely exclude reseeded areas. Application for a seedling inspection is required to verify that the certified portion is free of contamination from the reseeded and properly isolated from the reseeded areas(s).
- K.** Bagged Foundation or Registered cereal seed must be in new bags; bagged Certified class seed must be in new or cleaned used bags.
- L.** Additional Certification Requirements (ACR) – The developer/owner/maintainer of a variety may request a requirement (e.g., herbicide resistance trait test) additional to certification standards for purity and viability. A proposed ACR shall be submitted to the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies for review and approval; individual seed certifying agencies may accept or decline to administer an ACR. Contact the OSCS office for specifics regarding ACR's currently being administered. An ACR shall be completed prior to issuance of a certificate (tag) of final certification.
- M.** Seed from a field in another state, that is contracted by an Oregon Seed Certification Service client, and has passed field inspection for certification and moved to Oregon with a transfer/shipping certificate from the state of origin, may be commingled with an Oregon seed lot of the same variety with OSCS field blend approval, a fee will apply. Additional testing for noxious weed seeds (500 grams per million pounds, or part thereof) is required. The commingled lot must meet Oregon requirements for final certification. This provision is allowed only at warehouses that have an approved, operating automatic sampler.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Submitted Sample Size – 2.5 Pounds. All wheat seed lots will be tested for seeds per pound and reported on the OSU Report of Seed Analysis. Treated wheat seed will not be accepted by the OSU Seed Laboratory for purity testing.)

Factor ¹	Foundation ² (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Other crops ^{3,4} , excluding other cereals, maximum	None	0.03%	0.05%
Inert matter, maximum	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%
Off-type ⁵ and/or other cereal ⁶ , maximum (determined on 500 g.)	None	2/lb.	4/lb.
Wild Oats, maximum (determined on 500 g.)	None	None	None (1/lb. in Oats)
Smut balls, maximum (determined on 500 g.)	None	None	None
Ergot, maximum, (determined on 500 g.)	0.05% (0.10% in Triticale)	0.05% (0.10% in Triticale)	0.05%
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

¹ Percentages of pure seed, other crop, inert and weeds will be based on 75 g. for oat and cereal rye, and 100 g. for barley, triticale and wheat; #/lb. of all seed contaminants will be based on 500 g. Seed lots moved to Oregon for final certification must be tested for the factors listed in these standards using at least these working weights. Seed containing a contaminant with “0” or “None” tolerance must be re-cleaned before being re-sampled (except as noted in Special Requirements, I).

² Foundation seed will be tested and labeled to indicate seeds per pound; a 2 lb. sample will be inspected for off-type, other cereals and noxious weeds.

³ No vetch is allowed in “other crops” (determined on 500 g.)

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any *Galium* spp., buckhorn plantain, docks, dogfennel or sheep sorrel allowed in any class of seed. Immature and/or mature seeds of the weeds referenced or listed in this footnote, or of cereal rye (as a contaminant), vetch and wild oats, except as provided in oats, are prohibited in certified seed (determined on 500 g.)

⁵ Seed variants may be specified in a variety description by the variety originator/maintainer, and would not be counted as part of the tolerance for off-type; if a seed count were required, then the fee will be charged to the client submitting the sample.

⁶ No cereal rye is allowed in “other cereal”, except in the Certified class of triticale, and then not to exceed 1/lb. (determined on 500 g.)

Acres Passed for Seed Certification 2020-2025.
Oregon Seed Certification Service, Oregon State University Extension Service

CROP		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
BENTGRASS <i>(Colonial, Creeping, Redtop, Velvet)</i>	Public - Highland	940	1,170	1,080	1,266	1,054	986
	Private and OECD	3,842	3,520	2,902	2,428	2,436	2,243
	Experimental	0	0	0	135	73	6
	Total Acres of Bentgrass	4,782	4,690	3,982	3,829	3,563	3,235
BLUEGRASS <i>(Kentucky, Rough, Big, Wood)</i>	Public	0	0	125	125	0	0
	Private & OECD	9,286	8,059	10,500	11,037	15,703	15,780
	Experimental	22	109	187	219	540	445
	Total Acres of Bluegrass	9,308	8,168	10,812	11,381	16,243	16,225
FINE FESCUE <i>(Annual, Blue, Chewings, Hard, Red, Sheep)</i>	Public - Cascade	58	35	134	99	99	99
	Public-Zorro	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Private and OECD	10,709	11,588	11,117	10,206	12,633	13,491
	Experimental	515	135	140	337	407	1,026
Total Acres of Fine Fescue	11,282	11,758	11,391	10,642	13,139	14,621	
TALL FESCUE	Public - Fawn	2,282	2,529	3,495	4,106	4,833	5,308
	Public - Kentucky 31	705	1,263	983	1,548	1,192	1,560
	Private and OECD	71,243	81,542	86,731	94,726	97,495	104,268
	Experimental	435	600	666	1,200	1,362	2,762
Total Acres of Tall Fescue	74,665	85,934	91,875	101,580	104,882	113,898	
ORCHARDGRASS	Public - Latar	0	54	54	54	54	54
	Public - Paiute	170	228	177	237	248	208
	Public - Potomac	813	983	1,106	1,147	1,561	1,847
	Private and OECD	3,259	3,069	3,281	3,453	3,943	5,457
Experimental	0	4	0	42	3	7	
Total Acres of Orchardgrass	4,242	4,338	4,618	4,933	5,809	7,573	
ANNUAL AND INTERMEDIATE RYEGRASS	Public - Gulf	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Private and OECD	10,137	10,109	6,990	8,297	9,732	10,588
	Experimental	220	254	102	6	15	158
	Total Acres of Annual & Intermediate Ryegrass	10,357	10,363	7,092	8,303	9,747	10,746
PERENNIAL RYEGRASS	Public - Linn	0	142	142	228	306	59
	Private and OECD	25,214	25,014	28,495	33,970	34,015	32,068
	Experimental	839	1,153	280	759	356	605
	Total Acres of Perennial Ryegrass	26,053	26,309	28,917	34,957	34,677	32,732
ALFALFA	Public-Ranger	35	35	35	0	0	0
	Private and OECD	54	280	142	398	368	241
	Experimental	0	33	33	0	0	0
	Total Acres of Alfalfa	89	348	210	398	368	241
CLOVERS <i>(Berseem, Balansa, Crimson, Ladino, Red, Arrowleaf, White)</i>	Public - Kenland	212	175	140	197	179	190
	Private and OECD	5,662	4,181	3,267	4,439	4,750	3,647
	Experimental	35	14	10	63	276	226
	Total Acres of Clovers	5,909	4,370	3,417	4,699	5,205	4,063
MINT	Public	0	0	0	0	168	165
	Experimental	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Acres of Mint	0	0	0	0	168	165
SMALL GRAINS <i>(Barley, Oat, Red oat, Club wheat, Wheat, Triticale, Cereal rye)</i>	Public	1,218	1,597	1,576	1,790	2,865	3,408
	Private and OECD	19,947	23,727	20,365	19,479	19,597	17,891
	Experimental	0	0	2	0	106	123
	Total Acres of Small Grains	21,165	25,324	21,943	21,269	22,568	21,422

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CROP		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
GRASS CROPS <i>(Bermudagrass, Blue wildrye, Timothy, Brome, Sudangrass, Teff, Festulolium, Wheatgrasses)</i>	Public	543	1,060	905	949	856	759
	Private and OECD	370	1,197	1,357	1,667	1,404	705
	Experimental	1	6	5	70	70	319
	Total Acres Other Grass Crops	914	2,263	2,267	2,686	2,330	1,783
	OTHER	113	77	69	74	601	175
LEGUME CROPS <i>(Little burnet, Vetches, Field Bean, Winter pea, Field pea, Chickpea, Lentil)</i>	Public	939	477	500	613	274	178
	Private and OECD	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Experimental	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Acres Other Legumes	1,052	554	569	687	875	353
OTHER CROPS <i>(Radish, Plantain, Kale, Chicory, Hybrid canola Camelina, Corn, Sunflower, Meadowsfoam, Turnip, Rapese, Forage kochia, Flax, Mustard)</i>	Public	68	28	2	78	84	84
	Private and OECD	6,935	8,701	10,346	6,652	6,028	6,124
	Experimental	17	0	673	161	268	151
	Total Acres of Other Crops	7,020	8,729	11,021	6,891	6,380	6,359
	POTATO	697	821	965	725	778	951
	Private	2,042	2,541	2,311	2,356	2,273	2,018
	Experimental	9	2	1	1	1	8
	Total Acres of Potatoes	2,748	3,364	3,277	3,082	3,052	2,977
	Winter Test (# of Seed lots)	*	92	112	102	101	105
TOTAL ACREAGE OF:	All Crops Certified	179,710	196,681	201,546	215,444	229,047	236,485
	Public Varieties	7,854	10,197	10,988	12,623	14,878	15,858
	Private and OECD Varieties	169,639	184,005	188,304	199,721	210,651	214,699
	Experimental Varieties	2,093	2,310	2,099	2,993	3,477	5,836
	Establishing Crop History * 1	0	140	104	485	344	352
	Modified Land History * 1	0	2,524	3,767	1,482	4,571	3,134
	Pre-Variety Germplasm	124	169	155	107	41	92
TOTALS FOR MIXTURES & BLENDS * 2	# Requests\# Separate Co.'s	*	2674/26	2,238/23	1,681/23	1,518/22	2,720/26
	No. of Blends\# Companies	*	1763/26	1,520/23	764/21	13/4	17/4
	Pounds of Blends Certified	*	44,223,978	38,425,545	19,252,098	493,280	708,674
	No. of Mixtures\# Companies	*	911/21	718/18	917/22	1505/22	2,703/25
	Pounds of Mixtures Certified	*	12,487,146	10,915,819	18,790,585	37,558,497	66,305,884
PRE-VARIETY GERMPASM	G0 Collections (species/sites)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS Total Acres of P.V.G.	124	169	155	107	41	92
OECD * 3	Pounds tagged	27,780,904	18,631,853	19,063,230	19,999,379	35,872,870	53,289,801
	No. of lots tagged	1,349	877	871	856	1,241	1,036
	No. varieties tagged	250	209	197	195	212	219
	Foreign lots received in OR.	42	73	66	59	70	75

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