



Oregon Seed Certification Service

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Extension Service

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
CREeping BLUEGRASS
(Poa annua var. reptans)
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Certification Standards: The general standards for seed certification found in the Oregon Seed Certification Service Handbook (OSCS) are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the certified Creeping Bluegrass standards.

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 Bluegrass of the same kind for five years. Land must not have grown or been seeded to another variety of the same kind of Bluegrass for production of Certified seed during the previous three years, unless the previous crop was of the same variety and passed certification field requirements. When the field is being planted back to the same Bluegrass variety and the variety was certified, the time interval may be eliminated. 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 the seed crop application must be submitted by April 15 of each year in which seed is produced.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum other varieties permitted ¹	Isolation Requirements ²	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	900 ft.	900 ft.
Registered	0.1%	660 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	1.0%	300 ft.	165 ft.

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

Factor	Foundation (White Tag)	Registered (Purple Tag)	Certified (Blue Tag)
Pure seed, minimum	85.00%	85.00%	85.00%
Other crops, maximum ³	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%
Inert matter, maximum	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%
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%

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

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

³No Kentucky or Rough Bluegrass allowed in Foundation or Registered class of Creeping Bluegrass (10 gram test).

⁴None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook nor any St. Johnswort allowed in any class of seed.

⁵GROUP A Buckhorn plantain, Docks, Sheep sorrel and Bedstraw