



Oregon Seed Certification Service

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Extension Service

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS
 (Poa pratensis)
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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 certified Kentucky 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 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, unless the previous crop was of the same variety and passed certification field requirements. When the field is being planted back to the same Kentucky bluegrass variety, and the variety was certified, the time interval may be eliminated. 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
Foundation	None	None	60 ft.
Registered	0.1%	None	30 ft.
Certified	2.0%	---	15 ft.

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

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Other varieties Certified (Blue tag)	America, Merion Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	92.00%
Other crops ³ maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%	0.25%
Inert matter, maximum	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	8.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , 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. Mechanical isolation is required between Rough bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass, and between Wood bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass.

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

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any St. Johnswort allowed in any class of seed. No Annual bluegrass allowed in Foundation or Registered class of Kentucky bluegrass.

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