



Oregon Seed Certification Service

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Extension Service

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
BLUEGRASS
(Poa spp.)
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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 Bluegrass standards.

Varieties Certified: Varieties and classes eligible for planting may be found in the OSCS Handbook. These standards include Canada, Supina, Wood and Big Bluegrasses.

Field History: To produce Foundation and Registered seed, land must have been free of any 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 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	Other Bluegrass 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)	Other varieties Certified (Blue tag)	Reubens, Supranova Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	92.00%
Other crops maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25%	0.25%
Inert matter, maximum	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	8.00%
Weed seed ³ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁴ , singly or combined	None	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	75%	75%	75%	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 Wood bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass.

³ 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 Wood or Big bluegrass.

⁴ GROUP A Buckhorn plantain, Docks, Sheep sorrel and Bedstraw.