



**Oregon Seed Certification Service**

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Extension Service

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS  
**SUBTERRANEAN CLOVER**  
*(Trifolium subterraneum)*  
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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 Subterranean clover standards.

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

**Field History:** Land must never have grown Subterranean clover to be eligible to produce Foundation seeds; five years free to produce Registered and Certified seed unless previous crop was of the same variety and certified. Subterranean 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 other varieties permitted <sup>1</sup>	Isolation requirements
Foundation	None	Distance adequate to prevent mechanical mixture necessary
Registered	0.5%	
Certified	1.0%	

**Special Requirements:** Only one variety may be grown on a farm.

**Seed Standards:** (Minimum Sample Size – 1/2 Pound)

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%	1.00%
Inert matter, maximum	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Weed seed <sup>2</sup> , maximum	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Weeds, Group A <sup>3</sup> , singly or combined	4/lb.	4/lb.	4/lb.
Germination (including hard seed)	80%	80%	80%

<sup>1</sup> Includes off-type plants.

<sup>2</sup>None of the prohibited weeds listed in section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook, nor any Bedstraw or St. Johnswort allowed in any class of seed.

<sup>3</sup> Group A – Buckhorn plantain, Docks, Sheep sorrel.