



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 Meadow fescue standards.

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 Meadow fescue, Ryegrasses or Festulolium during the previous five years to be eligible to produce Foundation seed. Land must not have grown or been seeded to Annual ryegrass during the previous five years, nor Meadow fescue, Perennial ryegrass, Intermediate ryegrass or Festulolium during the previous two years to produce Registered or Certified seed unless the previous crop was of the same variety and class, and certified. Meadow 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% |

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook, Must be isolated from Meadow fescue, Festulolium and all Ryegrasses.

³ None of the prohibited weeds listed in section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor St. Johnswort is allowed in any class of seed.

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