



Oregon Seed Certification Service

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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
MUSTARD
(Brassica spp. and Sinapis alba L.)
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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 Mustard 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 Mustard crops during the previous five years to produce Foundation and two years to produce Certified generations. Exception: the same variety and generation planted with a three-year time interval for Foundation and one-year interval for Certified from previous harvest. Mustard must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

Field Inspections: Field inspections will be made when the crop is in the early flowering stage the year in which a seed crop is produced. Volunteer plants may be cause for rejection or reclassification of a seed field.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum other varieties permitted ¹	Isolation Requirements ² (Any size field)
Foundation	None	1320 ft.
Certified	1:500	660 ft.

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

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Certified (Blue Tag)
Pure seed, minimum	99.00%	99.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.01%	0.25%
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed ³ , maximum	0.01%	0.25%
Restricted weeds ^{4,5}	one	two
Germination, minimum	85%	85%

¹Other varieties shall be considered to include off-type plants and plants that can be differentiated from the variety being inspected.

² See section IV D, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook.

³None of the prohibited noxious weeds listed in Section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook, nor any Bedstraw, Docks, Sheep sorrel or St. Johnswort.

⁴Restricted weeds are defined as *Raphanus raphanistrum* and *Sinapis arvensis*.

⁵Number of seeds allowed in a noxious weed exam.