



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 Intermediate Ryegrass standards.

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

Field History: To produce Foundation or Registered seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to any other variety of Intermediate, Perennial, or Annual ryegrass during the five previous years. To produce certified seed, land must not have grown or been seeded to any other variety of Intermediate, Perennial, or Annual ryegrass during the two previous years unless of the same variety, class and certified. Intermediate ryegrass 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	Isolation Requirements ^{1, 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) Intermediate ryegrass seed lots must have a full purity, including a germination and fluorescence before the lot can be considered for certification. A ploidy test is also required to establish the incidence of diploid ryegrass in all tetraploid ryegrass varieties and assists in determining certification eligibility. A ploidy test must be requested at the time of sampling on tetraploid varieties.

Astor, Bison, Polly, Tetrelite

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed ³ , maximum	0.15%	0.30%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁴ singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	90%	90%	90%
Germination, minimum Tetrelite	85%	85%	85%

All other varieties not listed above as requiring 99% pure seed

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%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Weed seed ³ , maximum	0.15%	0.30%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁴ singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	90%	90%	90%
Germination, minimum Transcend, Transeze, Transist, Transist 2200, Transist 2400	85%	85%	85%

¹ This distance must be maintained from all varieties of ryegrass, either Annual or Perennial and Festulolium of the same ploidy level. Isolation between diploids and tetraploids shall be no less than 15 feet. See section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook.

² Foundation and Registered fields of Intermediate ryegrass must be isolated 300 ft from tall fescue. Border removal is allowed for fields over five acres. See Section IV, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook.

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

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