

DEADLINES

CROP GROUP	Form A Declaration of Certifiable Fields	Form B Application for Field Inspection	Seed Production and Disposition Report
Summer Inspected Crops			
Fall Planted Small Grains	March 15	May 15	November 1
Spring Planted Small Grains and Crambe	April 15	May 15	July 1 of following year
Alfalfa and Other Forages	April 15	July 1	July 1 of following year
Cool-Season Grasses	May 15	June 1	November 1 of following year
Other Summer-Inspected Crops	Contact NCIA office		
Fall Inspected Crops			
Amaranth, Field Beans, Millet	June 1	July 1	August 1 of following year
Warm-Season Grasses	May 15	June 1	November 1 of following year
Soybeans	July 1	August 15	August 1 of following year
Other Fall-Inspected Crops	Contact NCIA office		

EXPLANATIONS that follow are intended to help applicant complete the declaration accurately. **Please read them carefully.**

FIELD DEFINED - A field is an area of land occupied by one variety of a crop, covered by one inspection report, and not divided by public roads, other crops, or other barriers that affect the difficulty of inspection. Each variety and class is considered a separate field. If a field is to be divided in order to make a portion eligible for inspection, such division must be made **before** inspection.

LAND HISTORY -To avoid mixture from volunteer plants, previous cropping of the land must meet specific crop certifications standards, which vary with crop and class.

ISOLATION - Isolation distance requirements, which can be determined by reference to the Nebraska Certified Seed Standards, vary with crop class. **Volunteer plants and roadside growth are frequently causes of contamination, particularly with cross-pollinated crops.**

WEEDS - Noxious and objectionable weeds are listed in the Certified Seed Standards. The presence of noxious weeds in uncontrolled areas or excessive objectionable weeds at inspection time shall be cause for a field to be rejected.

CLEANED SEED INSPECTIONS - Seed from fields which pass inspection **MUST** be submitted for purity and germination laboratory tests before certification will be granted.

SEED SOURCE -To be eligible for certification of identity and quality, a crop must be grown from Foundation or Registered class seed certified by a recognized certifying agency. Consult the specific crop certification standards in this regard. One certification label representing each source of seed planted must be submitted with the Declaration of Certifiable Seed Fields. If you planted eligible seed of your own production, simply give the NCIA lot number.

CLEANING AND TRANSFERRING - The owner of certifiable seed is at all times fully responsible for the cleanliness and freedom from contamination of any and all equipment and facilities used to plant, harvest, handle, transport, store, or condition the seed. Seed should only be conditioned by an Approved Conditioner, Custom Certified Conditioner, or Grower Conditioner. If unconditioned certifiable seed is to be transferred to a new owner for cleaning and completion of certification, the Association must receive a completed Bulk Sales Certificate before certification can be completed. Transfers can be made only to an Approved Conditioner.

ASSISTANCE - If you have any questions, assistance is available by calling the Association office at 402/472-1444.