



UTAH CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



SEEDED OR VEGETATIVELY PROPAGATED SOD QUALITY ASSURED SOD REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

I. BASIC RULES

- A. The UCIA General Seed Certification Requirements and Standards provide basic information, and with the following constitute the requirements and standards for UCIA Quality Assured (QA) turfgrass sod production.
- B. The UCIA QA Sod program utilizes proprietary brand labeling on tags to represent sod component identification as it is marketed to the consumer. See Section IV. for labeling details.
- C. The UCIA QA tag attached to the roll, pallet, or invoice will list a brand name or designation that will represent a specific single variety or specific blend and/or mixture of kinds and varieties.
 1. Any variance components or their percentages represented by a specific brand name or designation must be approved by UCIA prior to planting and be based on verifiable data provided by the applicant.
 2. A significant change in sod variety, mixture, or blend components (such as adding or removing a grass kind) will require a different brand name or designation.

II. APPLICATIONS

- A. New growers (owner or designated representative) must contact a UCIA representative prior to submitting an application to evaluate field eligibility.
- B. For the seedling year (initial seeding or overseeded regrowth), fill out "Application for Certification for Annual Crops and Seedling Perennial Crops". New field applications must be submitted within 30 days of planting. Individual fields will be assigned a QA number by UCIA.

- C. If the sod matures such that harvest is anticipated the seedling year, an additional application, "Application for Certification for Established Perennial Crops" must be completed at least 5 days before harvest so that a pre-harvest sod inspection can be made.
- D. An Established Perennial Crops application for each field must be completed by May 15 in the second and subsequent years for the acreage not previously harvested, until the field is completely harvested and/or taken out., and also for those fields for which regrowth is allowed.

III. QA SOD PRODUCTION

- A. The Utah Crop Improvement Association "Certified Sod Requirements and Standards" are basic for UCIA QA Sod.
- B. QA sod shall meet the qualifications of UCIA Certified Sod at the Certified Class level. This includes details of a) stock seed or sprig eligibility, b) land requirements, c) seeding/planting, d) life of stand, e) sod field inspection, and f) field standards

IV. LABELING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

- A. Green QA sod tags displaying the QA logo will be issued upon established QA sod field approval. Information on the tags shall include the brand name or designation, UCIA QA number, and field inspection date. A field or lot number may be printed on the tags by UCIA if provided by the sod producer.
- B. Tags must be securely attached to each unit of shipment (pallet, roll, etc.) Bulk shipments must include a QA sod tag attached to the invoice or bill of lading with each truckload or shipment as defined by the sod producer.
- C. A complete record of the amount of QA sod harvested from each eligible field (unit of certification) will be maintained and made available to UCIA upon request. The record will include (a) kind and variety, blend or mixture components and percentages if applicable (b), QA number, (c) field or lot number, if applicable, (d) date(s) of harvest, and (e) number of square feet of sod shipped.
- D. Each QA Sod producer is responsible for ensuring that the QA Sod tags represented by each unit of shipment is tagged accurately and attached securely. All QA Sod shipments shall be accompanied by QA Sod tags.