## **OTHER CERTIFIED SEED**

### PROGRAMS

#### Pre Variety Germplasm

The seed certification program certifies many crops and there are always new varieties being developed. Seed certification has a process in place such that if there is seed of a certain species is needed, for which there is no variety developed of that species, the seed can be certified as a pre-variety germplasm. There are three categories of seed in this program. Source Identified, Selected, and Tested, The generations from the original source are known and listed on the tag

#### SOURCE IDENTIFIED SEED



WA Franklin 800 ft ID.Owyhee, 3200ft Cert # I/A W/A Lot # MHSB-4855

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### **CERTIFYING AGENCIES**

Each state in the United States has a state seed certifying agency. These seed certifying agencies cooperate and coordinate with each other to maintain records that verify the genetic purity and seed quality in each bag of certified seed. Seed certifying agencies are often called Crop Improvement Associations, Seed Certification Services, or Seed Grower Associations, Each state seed certifying agency belongs to a national organization called the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA). AOSCA also functions internationally.



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# WHAT YOU SEED IS WHAT YOU GET

#### **CERTIFIED SEED**



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#### **Utah Crop Improvement Association** (UCIA)

Third-party official seed certifying agency for Utah since 1937



- Non-profit ٠ corporation
- Member, Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA)



VOLUNTARY participation by seed industry

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## PROTECT YOUR FARM FROM WEEDS

**CERTIFIED SEED** has weed free standards that protect your farm from weeds that can be introduced by contaminated seed. Weeds are often introduced to a farm by seed that is contaminated. These weeds are often problematic in seed growing areas that are often in different areas than the farm on which they are planted. **CERTIFIED SEED** helps to prevent this from happening.

# **INCREASE YOUR YIELD**

**CERTIFIED SEED** standards require that seed meet purity and germination standards. These standards ensure that you are planting pure and live seed. Using good quality seed gets you the right planting rates and a good stand to set you up for a successful harvest.

### **GENETICALLY PURE**

Genetically pure seed has all of the

yield potential, disease resistance, and other desirable characteristics of a variety as it was developed by the



plant breeder/developer. This is best insured by using **CERTIFIED SEED**.

# **CERTIFIED SEED**

The best way to ensure that your seed, crop, and variety are genetically pure is to buy certified seed. Certified seed is also free from weeds and other crops. Seed certification is a third party process, meaning that it serves as a intermediary between the seed producer and consumer.

Seed certification agency duties:

- Inspect fields to see that field and seed genetic standards are observed.
- Track the genetic purity and seed quality from the plant breeder/developer to the seed the consumer buys.
- Identify certified seed with a tag stating the Kind and Variety.

This means that a seed buyer gets the variety as it was developed and not a diluted or contaminated substitute that will not yield as well as expected and could also have low germination and excessive weed content.





### New Plant Releases

The plant breeder/developer provides small amounts of "breeder" seed to seed growers (usually under contract) and then additional gen-

erations of seed are produced. These are: Foundation Class, Registered Class, and Certified Class. By using these classes, seed growers are able to increase seed availability and provide farmers with genetically pure seed.





Certified class seed is intended for commercial crops or end use purposes.

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