

Idaho Grain Certification Standards (rev. 12.2025)

Land Requirements:

- A. Fields producing foundation class seed shall not have produced small grain for two (2) crop years prior, unless of an equal or higher class of the same variety, or unless a seedling inspection is conducted.
- B. Fields producing registered class seed shall not have produced small grain for the previous crop year, and shall not have produced a visually indistinguishable kind of grain for the previous two (2) years, unless of an equal or higher class of the same variety, or unless a seedling inspection is conducted.
- C. Dryland fields producing certified class seed shall not have produced a visually indistinguishable kind of grain for two (2) crop years prior, unless of an equal or higher class of the same variety, or unless a seedling inspection is conducted.  
Irrigated fields producing certified class seed shall not have produced small grain for the previous crop year, unless of an equal or higher class of the same variety.

Isolation Requirements:

All rye fields used for the production of certified seed must be isolated by at least 220 feet from fields of any other variety or varieties of rye or fields of the same variety that do not meet the varietal purity requirements for certification.

A 90 foot isolation is required for grains other than rye between different varieties when producing foundation seed.

Field Standards:

Factor	Maximum permitted in each class		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other Distinguishable Varieties*	1/250,000	1/5,000	1/3,000
Other Small Grain	1/250,000	1/10,000	1/3,000
Triticale in Other Small Grain	1/250,000	1/10,000	1/10,000
Smut	1/10,000	1/10,000	1/1,000
Rye	None permitted in Wheat, Barley, Oat or Triticale		

None tolerance means none found during the normal inspection procedures.

\*Other varieties shall be considered to include plants that can be differentiated from the

variety being inspected. However, other varieties shall not include variations which are characteristic of the variety.

Wild Oats: Scattered wild oats in certified fields must not exceed five (5) plants per acre.

Cereal Rye: Fields found to contain cereal rye will be rejected and will not be eligible for reinspection.

Jointed Goatgrass: Fields found to contain jointed goatgrass, and/or its hybrids, will be rejected, and will not be eligible for reinspection. Foundation class fields shall have a 90-foot buffer between the seed field and jointed goatgrass or its hybrids. (Buffer defined but not limited to: planted to another crop type, disk or sprayed out). Registered class field shall have a 25-foot buffer and Certified class a minimum 6-foot buffer. These fields shall be noted in the grower's file, and shall remain ineligible for any further production of certified seed until such time as an approved reclamation procedure is developed and successfully completed.

Seed Standards:

Factor	Standards for each class		
	Foundation White Tag	Registered Purple Tag	Certified Blue Tag
Pure Seed (Min.)	98.0%	98.0%	98.0%
Total Other Crop Seed (max) excluding Other Small Grain	None	.03% or 1/100 gms	.05% or 1/100 gms
Other Varieties or Classes	1/10 lb	1/lb	2/lb
Other Small Grain	1/10 lb	1/lb	2/lb
	No Rye allowed in Wheat, Oat, Barley or Triticale		
Triticale in Other Small Grain	1/10 lb	1/lb	1/lb
Inert Matter (Max.)	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Ergot (Max.)	.05%	.05%	.05%
Weed Seed (Max.)	.01%	.01%	.03%
Wild Oats	None	None	None
Noxious Weeds <sup>1</sup>	None	None	None
Objectionable Weeds <sup>2</sup>	None	None	None
Germination (Min.)	85%	85%	85%

<sup>1</sup>Noxious Weeds - See Prohibited Noxious Seed List.

<sup>2</sup>Blue Flowering Lettuce, Buckhorn, Halogeton, Medusa Head Rye, Perennial Ragweed, Povertyweed.

None tolerance means none found during the normal inspection procedures.

When jointed goatgrass, and/or its hybrids, is found in an official seed sample, the field producing that seed lot shall be noted in the grower's file and monitored for jointed

goatgrass each subsequent year of production of certified seed.