

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
FOR CERTIFICATION OF BEANS IN IDAHO (rev 12/2025)**

Applications Due June 15 - Southwest  
July 1 - Southcentral

1. Application and Amplification of General Policies and Procedures.
  - A. The General Certification Policies and Procedures as adopted by the Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. are basic and together with the following specific policies and procedures constitute the policies and procedures for certification of beans. Land, Isolation, Field, and Seed Standards imbedded within these policies and procedures are referenced to IDAPA 08.05.01
  
- II. Land Requirements.
  - A. A field, to be eligible for the production of foundation, registered and/or certified beans shall not have been planted to beans for one (1) year unless the previous crop was under certification and of the same variety and class.
  - B. A field on which Anthracnose or Bacterial Wilt has been found will not be eligible to grow certified beans until it has been cropped five (5) years to crops other than beans. A field on which Brown Spot, Common Blight, Fuscus Blight, Halo Blight, Soybean Cyst Nematode or Asian Soybean Rust has been found will not be eligible to grow certified beans until it has been cropped three (3) years to crops other than bean.
  - C. A field, to be eligible for the production of foundation, registered, and/or certified beans shall not have been planted to soybeans for three (3) years.
  
- III. Field Standards.
  - A. General.
    1. Unit of Certification.

The unit of certification shall be a field, or a portion of a field separated from the remainder by a definite boundary not in beans.

2. Management.  
Excess weeds, including nightshade, or conditions which are apt to make inspection inaccurate or bring certified seed into disfavor shall be cause for rejection.
3. Seed harvested from a field joining a field known to be contaminated with Bacterial Blight will not be eligible for certification.

B. Specific Requirements.

Factor	Maximum permitted in each class		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other Varieties	None <sup>1</sup>	0.05%	0.10%
Other Crops (inseparable <sup>2</sup> )	None	0.05%	0.10%
Anthrachnose, Bacterial Bean Blights, Wilt and Brown Spot	None	None	None
Bean Common Mosaic Virus and Bean Common Mosaic Necrosis Virus	None	.5%	1.0%
Inseparable Noxious Weeds (must be controlled)	None	None	None

<sup>1</sup>None tolerance means none found during the normal inspection procedures.

<sup>2</sup>No soybeans permitted in all classes.

None is not a guarantee to mean the field inspected is free of the factor.

IV. Seed Standards, based on 1000 gram purity analysis.

Factor	Standards for each class		
	Foundation White Tag	Registered Purple Tag	Certified Blue Tag
Pure Seed (Min.)	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%
Other Crops or Varieties (Max. <sup>5</sup> )	None <sup>4</sup>	None	.00125%
Inert Matter (Max.) <sup>1</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Splits and Cracks (Max.) <sup>1, 1a</sup>	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Weed Seeds (Max.)	None	None	0.1%
Noxious Weeds <sup>2</sup>	None	None	None
Objectionable Weeds <sup>3</sup>	None	None	None
Germination (Min.)	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%

Notes to Seed Standards table:

Certified blue tag seed must be well screened and graded, bright in color and otherwise of good appearance. Final certification subject to Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. approval.

<sup>1</sup>The total defects and damage in combination with inert shall not exceed 2%, splits and cracks. Except as noted in footnote 1a, the maximum defects allowed will be 3% in these designated market classes. Inert matter cannot consist of more than 0.05% foreign material (soil or rock).

<sup>1a</sup>A maximum of 2% splits and cracks will be allowed in the following market classes: Navy, Kidney, and Yellow Eye. All other tolerances apply where applicable.

<sup>2</sup>Noxious weeds - See General Policies and Procedures Section IX General-10 & General-11.

<sup>3</sup>Blue Flowering Lettuce, Buckhorn, Halogeton, Medusa Head Rye, Perennial Ragweed, Povertyweed, Wild Oats, and nightshade berry/seed. Seed lots which are apt to bring certified seed into disfavor shall be cause for rejection.

<sup>4</sup>None tolerance means none found during the normal inspection procedures. None is not a guarantee to mean the lot inspected is free of the factor.

<sup>5</sup>No soybeans permitted in all classes.

V. Harvesting and Seed Handling.

- A. Harvesting, handling, storing and conditioning of seed shall be performed in such a manner as to prevent mechanical mixture and damage to seed and to maintain identity of individual lots of seed.
- B. Certified seed must be picked either by hand or mechanical device to eliminate trace mixtures and damaged beans.
- C. All unconditioned lots carried over must be reported to the Association office each year.
- D. Use clean bags where beans are harvested and handled in bags.
- E. Storage Containers must be clean and covers provided to prevent mixing. Approved conditioners may accept delivery of beans in bulk provided they have successfully completed an inspection, specific to this purpose, by Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. This inspection will be conducted upon specific request from any approved conditioner. Upon approval, the conditioner will be allowed to receive beans in bulk loads.
- F. A production fee will be collected to cover expense of taking an official sample and final tagging.
- G. Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. district offices must be notified prior to any movement of uncleaned seed to other districts for conditioning and handling under certification.