

Specific Certification Standards Grass- Forage

I. General Seed Certification Standards as Applied to Forage Grass

The General Seed Certification Standards as adopted are basic and together with the following specific standards constitute the standards for certification of forage grass.

II. Land Requirements

- a) A field must be inspected prior to planting and be free of all perennial grasses and objectionable/noxious weeds to be eligible for the production of Registered and Certified turf. This requirement may be waived only with the approval of the Director of North Carolina Crop Improvement Association.
- b) A field for production of Foundation or Registered turf must be fumigated with a recommended soil fumigant using recommended rates and procedures to control all pests. This requirement may be waived only with the approval of the Director of North Carolina Crop Improvement Association.

III. Field Inspections

- a. Handling the Crop prior to Inspection:
A field must be rouged and/or spayed sufficiently during the growing season to remove any mixture of grasses and noxious weeds.
- b. Time of Inspection:
An inspection must be made during the growing season at a time when there is sufficient growth to make the identification of grasses and noxious weeds.

IV. Field Standards

- a. General
Isolation requirements
A field to be eligible for the production of registered or certified planting stock must be isolated from any other strain of the same species by a strip at least 10 feet wide to preclude any possibility of mixing.
- b. Specific requirements

Maximum permitted in each class

Factor	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other Varieties	None	1/A	3/A
Other Crop	None	None	10/A
Other Living Plants	4/A	40/A	400/A
Noxious	None	None	None

V. Turf Standards

- A. No noxious/objectionable weeds are permitted.
- B. An official certificate or tag will accompany each shipment of certified sprigs, sod, or plugs.
- C. A complete record on the amount of certified turf sales will be maintained and made available to North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. The record will include class, kind and variety, field number, date of shipment, and amount of turf shipped (square feet, cubic feet, bushels, etc.).