

Vegetable Seed



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Your trusted tool for seed labeling compliance—all state and federal rules in one place.

WELCOME!



The **OSA Seed Labeling Database** is an online resource that consolidates seed labeling requirements from **all 50 states and Federal Seed Act (FSA) regulations**.

The Vegetable Seed rules includes:

- details on all labeling requirements,
- date markings: sell-by, packed for, and test dates,
- label quality requirements,
- noxious weed lists,
- contact information for all state seed control officials,
- links to all state Seed Acts and Seed Rules.

Designed to be practical and easy to navigate, the database helps seed companies, regulators, and all quickly find information.

Access it anytime using the Quick Response (QR) Code provided or visit our website at www.oregonseed.org.



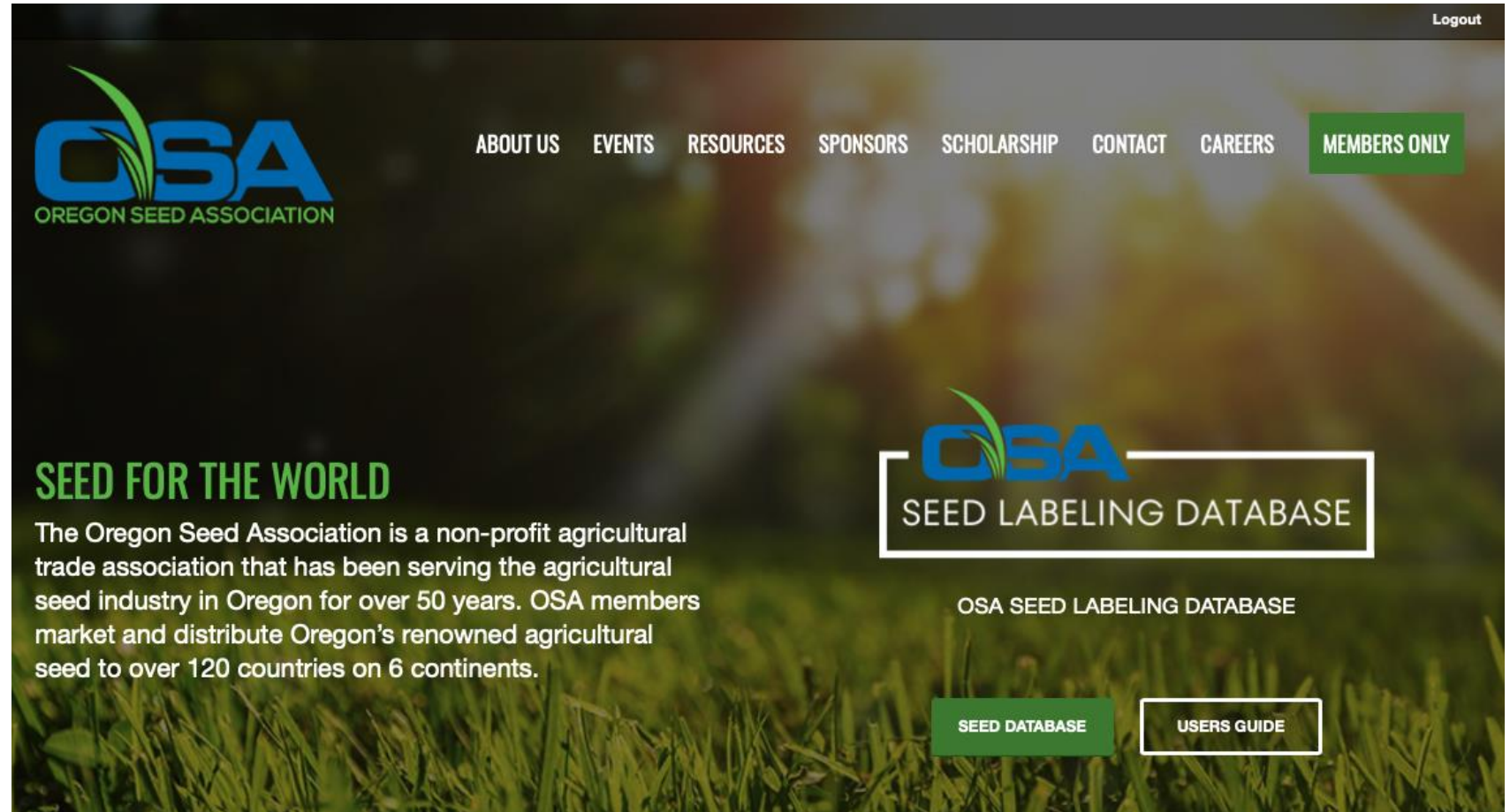
What Seeds are Included?

This database was made possible through funding from an Oregon Department of Agriculture **Specialty Crop Block Grant**.

Currently, it includes specialty crops from the FSA list of Agricultural and Vegetable seeds. Grains, forages, and oilseeds are excluded.

Accessing the Database

On the OSA website homepage, click on "Seed Database" to access seed labeling information.



The screenshot shows the OSA website homepage with a green background of a field. The OSA logo is in the top left. A navigation menu at the top right includes 'ABOUT US', 'EVENTS', 'RESOURCES', 'SPONSORS', 'SCHOLARSHIP', 'CONTACT', 'CAREERS', and a green 'MEMBERS ONLY' button. A 'Logout' link is in the top right corner. The main content area features the text 'SEED FOR THE WORLD' and a paragraph about the OSA's history. A white-bordered box contains the OSA logo and the text 'SEED LABELING DATABASE'. Below this, the text 'OSA SEED LABELING DATABASE' is displayed. At the bottom, there are two buttons: a green 'SEED DATABASE' button and a white-bordered 'USERS GUIDE' button.

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The Oregon Seed Association is a non-profit agricultural trade association that has been serving the agricultural seed industry in Oregon for over 50 years. OSA members market and distribute Oregon's renowned agricultural seed to over 120 countries on 6 continents.

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Learn about the Database

For more details, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions section.

ABOUT

Welcome to the **OSA Seed Labeling Database**, your comprehensive resource for label compliance with U.S. state seed acts and rules. The resource was developed under the leadership of the OSA Science and Technology Committee and is available at no charge until end of 2025 thanks to funding from Oregon's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. It includes up-to-date information for Truth-in-Labeling rules across all U.S. states for **turf and lawn grass seed products** as well as **vegetable seeds** grown in Oregon.

Designed for seed producers and distributors, our database helps navigate state-specific requirements related to labeling with "Variety not stated", origin, net weight, sell by dates, and more, ensuring compliance of inter-state shipped products with each state's rule and the Federal Seed Act. In addition, the database will provide contact information for all state seed officials and links to the relevant seed acts and rules. The database does not include information about seed quality standards like germination rates, maximum weed seed contents, etc. This information can be found in the state seed acts and rules, with links provided in the state overview section of the database.

View and search the database by product:

TURF AND LAWN
GRASS SEED

VEGETABLE
SEED

- [+ User Guide](#)
- [+ Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [+ Disclaimer](#)
- [+ Privacy Policy](#)

Note: This tool is provided by OSA, however, users are responsible for compliance. Please see the website disclaimer section for further details.

One-Time Login

This database was created with grant funding. Future grants will allow us to expand and improve it to better serve the seed industry. A one-time login helps document use and supports future funding efforts.

Only the total number of users will be shared for grant purposes.

Welcome to the Database

This database is funded by Oregon's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. To help us demonstrate its value, improve the resource, and support future funding opportunities, we use general site activity to show usage numbers. Providing your contact information is appreciated to help us illustrate the tool's industry reach and impact. **Your information will not be shared or used for any purpose beyond anonymous user counts.**

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Organization *

State *

Email *

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Vegetable Seed

After clicking on the Vegetable Seed button, you will see three additional buttons and notes on the regulatory framework and general rules per FSA. The framework describes how data was gathered.

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Note on regulatory frameworks for vegetable seeds

U.S. states and the Federal Seed Act generally apply uniform labeling rules to all kinds of vegetable seeds. Instead of seed kind, container size or consumer type determine when stricter requirements must be met. New York and Massachusetts are the only exceptions, as they also set labeling rules by groups of seed species. For peas, beans, and sweet corn, stricter labeling applies only to containers larger than 1lb, while for all other seeds the threshold is 1/4lb. The database will provide kind-specific information for both states where necessary, and covers labeling rules for all species generally recognized as vegetable seeds. For seed quality standards like germination rate or maximum weed seed content, please consult the state act and rules. Links to the relevant regulations are included in the State Directory.

General rules per Federal Seed Act

Kind and variety name: Both must be included in tags for all vegetable seeds per the Federal Seed Act (FSA). The database will not repeat this rule for each state.

Test validity: Per FSA, no more than 5 calendar months shall have elapsed between the last day of the month in which the germination test was completed and the date of transportation or delivery for transportation in interstate commerce. The database will only include state rules regarding the maximum test validity for sale to final customer.

Low germination: All seeds in interstate commerce in packages of 1lb or less which has a germination percentage less than the standard set forth in [FSA § 201.31](#) shall be labeled with "Below Standard". For state specific rules or germination standards, please consult the state seed regulations. In general, states do not require seeds in large containers or seeds for non-home garden use to be labeled with "Below standard".

AMS#: The AMS# or the full name and address of the inter-state shipper must be printed on the label as set forth in [FSA § 201.27](#). If only the AMS# is used, the full name and address of the buyer or recipient of the seed shipment must appear on the label.

Methodology

Instead of seed kind; the container size or consumer user type determine regulations. This is noted under "Applied Rules."

Viability assurance is required in various formats depending on the state using one or multiple forms; test date, packed for, sell by, or a combination.

Applied Rules: Regulatory Sources and Methodology

The database sources its information from official state seed acts and labeling regulations for vegetable seeds. U.S. states and the Federal Seed Act generally apply uniform labeling rules to all kinds of vegetable seeds. Instead of seed kind, container size or consumer type determine when stricter requirements must be met. The source of each data entry is displayed under "Applied Rules".

Germination Information/Viability Assurance Statement

Please carefully evaluate rules related to germination information requirements set out in the FSA and state regulations. Per state rules, seed labels often must display germination test information using one of three acceptable formats: i) Test completion date with sell by date, ii) "Packed for" with sell by date, or iii) Germination percentage with test completion date. This information is not always required by the Federal Seed Act, especially not for small seed containers and packets.

STATE DIRECTORY

State Directory

The State Directory provides contact details for each state's seed control office, including the official's name, email, and phone number. It also includes direct links to the state's Seed Act and Seed Rules, making it easy to connect with regulators and review current requirements.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION: STATE DIRECTORY MAIN MENU

Select a state or US


AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID	IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD
ME	MI	MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND	NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY	OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SC
SD	TN	TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	US									

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State Directory: Responsible Agency

California Nursery, Cotton & Seed Program

Officer Name	Email	Phone Number
Nicole Hostert	nicole.hostert@cdfa.ca.gov 	(916) 537-6577

[Seed Act](#) [Seed Rules](#)

Notes

Test validity: In the case of any agricultural or vegetable seed that is shipped, delivered, transported, or sold to a dealer for resale, eight months. In the case of any agricultural or vegetable seed that is sold at retail, 15 months.

Seed product

Packets for home garden use

1

Seed not for home garden use

2

Seed in mats, tapes, etc.

3

Note on Massachusetts and New York
Both, MA and NY, apply the same labeling rules across species for home garden packets up to a size of 1/4 lb. You can use the comparison table for all vegetable seeds.

Labeling Rules

Three options are provided for searchable labeling rules.

Examples listed by each from states with similar wording.

1. Packets for Home Garden Use

"Vegetable seeds in packets prepared for use in home gardens or household plantings or in pre-planted containers, mats, tapes, or other planting devices"

2. Seed not for home garden use

"Each container of vegetable seeds in containers of 1 pound or less must contain all of the following information."

3. Seed in mats, tapes, etc.

"For seeds placed in a germination medium, mat, tape, or other device in such a way as to make it difficult to determine the quantity of seed without removing the seeds from the medium, mat, tape or device, a statement to indicate the minimum number of seeds in the container."

LABELING RULES

1. Packets for Home Garden Use

Size selection is not an option. States will regulate based upon similar wording to:

"Vegetable seeds in packets prepared for use in home gardens or household plantings or in pre-planted containers, mats, tapes, or other planting devices"

MAKE YOUR SELECTION: LABELING RULES MAIN MENU

Seed product

1 Packets for home garden use **2** Seed not for home garden use **3** Seed in mats, tapes, etc.

Size note
Menu options vary across seed products
Size selection is unavailable for this seed product, as seed packets for home garden use cannot be defined based on size. You can continue without choosing a size for label design and audit.

Germination rate
Check state regulations for standards
 Meets standard
 Below standard

States
Select "All" to compare rules across all U.S. states and FSA

All	FSA	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DE	FL	GA
HI	IA	ID	IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD	ME	MI
MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND	NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY
OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD	TN	TX	UT	VA	VT
WA	WI	WV	WY								

Enter Clear selection

Note on Massachusetts and New York
Both, MA and NY, apply the same labeling rules across species for home garden packets up to a size of 1/4 lb. You can use the comparison table for all vegetable seeds.

Here you will choose if the product meets or is below germination standards. Then choose the state(s) you are shipping to. You can choose 1 to 50 as well as FSA rules.

LABELING RULES

1. Packets for Home Garden Use

Variable information:

This table displays all relevant labeling information that is not taken directly from your Certificate of Analysis.

Review it carefully to ensure you fully understand the requirements before applying them to your labels.

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Labeling Rules for Seed Packaged for Home Garden Use						
Rule for	FSA	AK	AL	AR	AZ	
Lot number	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Required	Not required
Origin	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required	Not required
Weed seeds	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Noxious weed seeds	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Other crop seed	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Inert matter	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Germination%	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Sell by"	Not required
Hard seed	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Date of test	Not required	Not an option	Instead of "Packed for"	Not required	With germination% or "Sell by"	Not an option
Packed for	Not required	Required	Instead of "Date of Test"	Not required	With "Sell by (year)"	Instead of "Date of Test"
Sell by	Not required	Not an option	Not an option	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Packed for"	Instead of "Date of Test"
Test validity (months)	-	18	9	-	15	15
Test month	-	Exclusive	Exclusive	-	Exclusive	Exclusive
Net weight	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Required (or seed count)	Not required
Seller information	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state
Notes						
a. Applied rules	1 lb or less	< 1/2 lb	1/2 lb or less	FSA	Home garden	1/2 lb or less
b. Extra statement for	Several	-	Treated	See FSA	Coated	All
c. Date marking		Packed in (year)				Packed for (month)(year)(month)(year)
d. Species	All	All	All	All	All	All
Last updated	10/21/2025	7/14/2025	7/14/2025	10/21/2025	7/24/2025	7/21/2025

For questions or interpretation, contact info@oregonseed.org or the state seed control official.



LABELING RULES

2. Seed not for home garden use

Container size is an option for regulation. Rules for the smallest regulated size is shown as an option. States will regulate based upon similar wording to the example.

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Seed product Vegetable Seed Database

Packets for home garden use Seed not for home garden use Seed in mats, tapes, etc.

Container/packet size 1
Menu options vary across seed products

more than 1 lb
 1 lb
 1/2 lb
 ≤ 1/4 lb

Germination rate 2
Check state regulations for standards

Meets standard
 Below standard

States 3
Select "All" to compare rules across all U.S. states and FSA

All	FSA	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DE	FL	GA
HI	IA	ID	IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD	ME	MI
MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND	NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY
OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD	TN	TX	UT	VA	VT
WA	WI	WV	WY								

Note on Massachusetts and New York
Please consult the table specifically developed for MA and NY, if you are shipping peas, beans, or sweet corn seed in containers of 1/2 lb or 1 lb. For all other sizes, you can continue with the standard table. [➔](#)

Choose your container/packet size. Then select if the product meets or is below germination standards. Then choose the state(s) you are shipping to. You can choose 1 to 50 as well as FSA rules.

Note: MA and NY have specific rules for peas, beans, and sweet corn. Click on the arrow at the upper righthand corner for specific information.

LABELING RULES

2. Seed not for home garden use

Variable information:

This table displays all relevant labeling information that is not taken directly from your Certificate of Analysis.

Review it carefully to ensure you fully understand the requirements before applying them to your labels.

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Labeling Rules for Seed Packaged in Containers Not For Home Garden Use

Rule for	FSA	AK	AL	AR	AZ	
Lot number	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Origin	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required	Not required
Weed seeds	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Noxious weed seeds	Required	Required	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required
Other crop seed	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Inert matter	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Germination%	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Not required
Hard seed	Required if present	Not required	Required if present	Required if present	Required if present	Not required
Date of test	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Packed for	Not required	Not an option	Not an option	Not required	Not an option	Not an option
Sell by	Not required	Not an option	Not an option	Not required	Not an option	Required: SE
Test validity (months)	-	18	9	-	9	15
Test month	-	Exclusive	Exclusive	-	Exclusive	Exclusive
Net weight	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Required (or seed count)	Not required
Seller information	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of responsible labeler	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of seller within state
Notes						
a. Applied rules	> 1 lb	1/2 lb or more	> 1/2 lb	FSA	Non-home use	> 1/2 lb
b. Extra statement for	Several	-	Treated	See FSA	Coated	All
c. Date marking						Alternative w BEFORE (m
d. Species	All	All	All	All	All	All
Last updated	10/21/2025	7/14/2025	7/14/2025	10/21/2025	7/24/2025	7/21/2025

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LABELING RULES

2. Seed not for home garden use - MA & NY

MA & NY regulate by groups of species rather than universal rules to all kinds, products, and all sizes. These tables provide specific rules to these two states that don't align with the other tables provided.

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Rules Specific to Massachusetts and New York

Massachusetts and New York organize their labeling requirements by groups of seed species rather than applying a universal rule to all kinds, all products and all sizes. The tables below display rules for products to which the main comparison does not apply. For a detailed description of regulatory frameworks in both states, please see the Methodology section.

The filter for germination rate is synced with the filter applied to the main state-by-state comparison table and can be adjusted by navigating back to the main comparison table.

Labeling Rules for Seed Packaged in Large Containers

In containers of 1/2 lb or 1 lb

Rule for	MA	NY
Lot number	Not required	Required
Origin	Not required	Not required
Weed seeds	Not required	Not required
Noxious weed seeds	Not required	Not required
Other crop seed	Not required	Not required
Inert matter	Not required	Not required
Germination%	Not required	Required
Hard seed	Not required	Not required
Date of test	Instead of "Packed for"	With germination% or "Sell by"
Packed for	Instead of "Date of Test"	With "Sell by (year)"
Sell by	Not an option	With "Date of test" or "Packed for"
Test validity (months)	9	12
Test month	Exclusive	Exclusive
Net weight	Not noted in seed regulations	Required
Seller information	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state
Notes		
a. Applied rules	1 lb or less	1 lb or less
b. Extra statement for	-	-
c. Date marking		
d. Species	Peas, beans, sweet corn	Peas, beans, sweet corn
Last updated	7/21/2025	7/28/2025

Labeling Rules for Seed Pre-planted in Mats, Tapes, etc.

In containers of more than 1/4 lb

Rule for	MA
Lot number	Not required
Origin	Not required
Weed seeds	Not required
Noxious weed seeds	Not required
Other crop seed	Not required
Inert matter	Not required
Germination%	Not required
Hard seed	Not required
Date of test	Instead of "Packed for"
Packed for	Instead of "Date of Test"
Sell by	Not an option
Test validity (months)	9
Test month	Exclusive
Net weight	Not noted in seed regulations
Minimum # of seeds	Required
Seller information	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state
Notes	
a. Applied rules	1 lb or less
b. Extra statement for	-
c. Date marking	
d. Species	Peas, beans, sweet corn
Last updated	7/21/2025

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3. Seed in mats, tapes, etc.

Many states add an additional provisions requiring the label to show “minimum # of seeds” based on this terminology:

“For seed placed in a germination medium, mat, tape, or other device in such a way as to make it difficult to determine the quantity of seed without removing the seeds from the medium, mat, tape or device, a statement to indicate the minimum number of seeds in the container.”

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Seed product

Packets for home garden use Seed not for home garden use Seed in mats, tapes, etc.

Note on Massachusetts and New York
Please consult the table specifically developed for MA if you are shipping peas, beans, or sweet corn seed in containers larger than 1/4 lb. [→](#)
Continue with the standard table for NY.

Container/pack¹ size
Menu options vary across seed products

1/2 lb between 1/4 lb and 1/2 lb ≤ 1/4 lb

Germination rate ²
Check state regulations for standards

Meets standard Below standard

States ³
Select "All" to compare rules across all U.S. states and FSA

All	FSA	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DE	FL	GA
HI	IA	ID	IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD	ME	MI
MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND	NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY
OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD	TN	TX	UT	VA	VT
WA	WI	WV	WY								

Choose your container/packet size. Then select if the product meets or is below germination standards. Then choose the state(s) you are shipping to. You can choose 1 to 50 as well as FSA rules.

Note: MA has specific rules for peas, beans, and sweet corn. Click on the arrow at the upper righthand corner for specific information.

LABELING RULES

3. Seed in mats, tapes, etc.

Variable information:

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Review it carefully to ensure you fully understand the requirements before applying them to your labels.

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Labeling Rules for Seed Pre-planted in Mats, Tapes, and Other Devices

Rule for	FSA	AK	AL	AR	AZ	
Lot number	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Required	Not require
Origin	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required	Not require
Weed seeds	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not require
Noxious weed seeds	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not require
Other crop seed	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not require
Inert matter	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not require
Germination%	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Sell by"	Not require
Hard seed	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not require
Date of test	Not required	Required	Instead of "Packed for"	Not required	With germination% or "Sell by"	Not an opti
Packed for	Not required	Not an option	Instead of "Date of Test"	Not required	With "Sell by (year)"	Instead of '
Sell by	Not required	Not an option	Not an option	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Packed for"	Instead of '
Test validity (months)	-	18	9	-	15	15
Test month	-	Exclusive	Exclusive	-	Exclusive	Exclusive
Net weight	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Required (or seed count)	Not require
Minimum # of seeds	Not regulated	Not required	Not required	Not regulated	Required	Required
Seller information	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and within state
Notes						
a. Applied rules	1 lb or less	1/2 lb or more	1/2 lb or less	FSA	Pre-planted	1/2 lb or les
b. Extra statement for	Several	-	Treated	See FSA	Coated	All
c. Date marking						Packed for (year) or U
d. Species	All	All	All	All	All	All
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Minimum # of seeds rules added

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Test Validity

Per state rules , seed labels must often display germination test information using one of three acceptable formats.

1. Test date with sell by date
2. Packed for with sell by date
3. Germination percentage with test date

"Not an option" = this format is not allowed.

"Instead of" = you have options

"With" = must be combined as noted

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Labeling Rules for Seed Pre-planted in Mats, Tapes, and Other Devices

Rule for	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA
Lot number	Required	Required	Not required	Required	Not required
Origin	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required	Not required
Weed seeds	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Noxious weed seeds	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Other crop seed	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Inert matter	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Germination%	Required	Not required	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Sell by"	Not required
Hard seed	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Date of test	Required	Instead of "Packed for"	Not required	With germination% or "Sell by"	Not an option
Packed for	Not an option	Instead of "Date of Test"	Not required	With "Sell by (year)"	Instead of "Sell by"
Sell by	Not an option	Not an option	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Packed for"	Instead of "Packed for"
Test validity (months)	18	9	-	15	15
Test month	Exclusive	Exclusive	-	Exclusive	Exclusive
Net weight	Required	Required	Not required	Required (or seed count)	Not required
Minimum # of seeds	Not required	Not required	Not regulated	Required	Required
Seller information	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or within state

General Information & Additional Rules

General Information at the bottom note to contact the OSA for for any questions or updates.

Additional Rules on the right, provide more information on statements and Noxious Weed.

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Labeling Rules for Seed Packaged for Home Garden Use

Rule for	FSA	AK	AL	AR	AZ	
Lot number	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Required	Not required
Origin	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required	Not required
Weed seeds	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Noxious weed seeds	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Other crop seed	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Inert matter	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Germination%	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Sell by"	Not required
Hard seed	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Date of test	Not required	Not an option	Instead of "Packed for"	Not required	With germination% or "Sell by"	Not an option
Packed for	Not required	Required	Instead of "Date of Test"	Not required	With "Sell by (year)"	Instead of "Sell by"
Sell by	Not required	Not an option	Not an option	Not required	With "Date of test" or "Packed for"	Instead of "Date of test"
Test validity (months)	-	18	9	-	15	15
Test month	-	Exclusive	Exclusive	-	Exclusive	Exclusive
Net weight	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Required (or seed count)	Not required
Seller information	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	See FSA for details	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state	Name and address of labeler, or seller within state
Notes						
a. Applied rules	1 lb or less	< 1/2 lb	1/2 lb or less	FSA	Home garden	1/2 lb or less
b. Extra statement for	Several	-	Treated	See FSA	Coated	All
c. Date marking		Packed in (year)				Packed for (month)(year)(month)(year)
d. Species	All	All	All	All	All	All
Last updated	10/21/2025	7/14/2025	7/14/2025	10/21/2025	7/24/2025	7/21/2025

General Information	Additional Rules
Please check the methodology section for general questions, and the state directory for state specific questions. Are there rules that need to be updated? Then please send us an email at info@oregonseed.org with "OSA Seed Labeling Database" in the subject line.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> Statements Noxious Weeds </div>

Statements

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In the Variable Information screen, the lower-left section labeled "b. Extra Statements" shows any state-required additional statements.

Click the Statements button for detailed information, as shown in the larger screenshot.

For example, California requires all labels to include a Mediation Notice.

Notes	1 lb or less	< 1/2 lb	1/2 lb or less	Vegetable Seed Database	Home garden	1/2 lb or less
a. Applied rules	Several	-	Treated	See FSA	Coated	All
b. Extra statement for		Packed in (year)				Packed for (month)(year)
c. Date marking						
d. Species	All	All	All	All	All	All
Last updated	10/21/2025	7/14/2025	7/14/2025	10/21/2025	7/24/2025	7/21/2025

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Are there rules that need to be updated? Then please send us an email at info@oregonseed.org with "OSA Seed Labeling Database" in the subject line.

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State Regulations: Additional Mandatory Statements				
State	Seed product	Statement	Details	Last updated
AL	Treated	Manufacturer's rate	Show the kind of chemical used and the manufacturer's recommended rate or the rate actually used, if seed is treated for seed-borne disease.	10/21/25
AZ	Coated	Coating material percentage	Percentage of coating material must be displayed on the label. Please consult the regulation for more detailed instructions.	10/21/25
CA	All	Mediation notice	The following mediation notice, or an equivalent notice that includes the required information in this section, shall appear upon every label of agricultural seed: NOTICE ARBITRATION/CONCILIATION/MEDIATION REQUIRED BY SEVERAL STATES Under the seed laws of several states, arbitration, mediation or conciliation is required as a prerequisite to maintaining a legal action based upon the failure of seed to which this notice is attached to produce as represented. The consumer shall file a complaint along with the required filing fee (where applicable) with the Designated State Authority within such time as to permit inspection of the crops, plants or trees by the designated agency and the seedman from whom the seed was purchased. A copy of the complaint shall be sent to the seller by certified or registered mail or as otherwise provided by state statute.	10/21/25

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Clicking this button directs you to the USDA website, which maintains the complete list of state noxious-weed seed requirements. Because this link is always current, you won't miss any updates!

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Note: It is the responsibility of seed dealers to verify name variations used by each State.

These lists show the common names appearing in State seed laws. In labeling interstate shipments, seed dealers are cautioned to use the common name(s) appearing on the list for the State into which the seed is being shipped.

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- For any questions, concerns, or additions to the database, please email info@oregonseed.org.
- Email us if you'd like to be added to our monthly newsletter.
- After December 31, 2025, the database will be available to OSA members at no charge. Non-members can access through a subscription.
- OSA membership can be found here: <https://oregonseed.org/about-us/members/why-become-a-member/>
- Web advertising opportunities will be available soon. If interested, please email info@oregonseed.org.
- We will maintain the database information on an annual basis or as changes occur, to ensure the information remains current and accurate.
- In the future, we hope to expand to all regulated seeds in all states, which includes all Agricultural, Flowers, Trees & Shrubs, and Native Seeds.