

ANNUAL LESPEDEZA

I. Classes of Seed Eligible for Certification

For varieties eligible for certification, see page 4 of the General Standards.

A. **Foundation Seed** is produced by sowing breeder seed. A field sown with breeder seed may be harvested for foundation seed production two successive seed crop years, including the year of establishment.

B. **Registered Seed** is produced by sowing foundation seed. A field sown with foundation seed may be harvested for registered seed production two successive seed crop years, including the year of establishment.

C. **Certified Seed** is produced by sowing foundation or registered seed. If foundation seed is sown, seed produced by naturally reseeding crops in the two years immediately following the seeding year is eligible for the certified seed. When registered seed is sown, seed produced during the seeding year and the first reseeding year is eligible for certification as certified seed. Seed produced from certified seed cannot be certified.

II. Application for Certification

A map of each field producing certified seed (ASCS or SCS map will suffice) showing field boundaries must be supplied with the application for field inspection when certification of each field is requested for the first time. Each field shall be assigned a permanent field number on the map and that same field number will be entered subsequently on all field inspection reports.

III. Land History Requirements

A variety will not be eligible for certification if planted on land where lespedeza (other than a crop eligible for certification and of the same variety) has had the opportunity to mature seed during the previous five years for the foundation class and three years for the registered or certified classes. Such land must have been in cultivation for two years (foundation) and one year (certified) prior to planting. The land must be free of volunteer plants of lespedeza during the year immediately prior to establishment. No manure or other contaminating material shall be applied during the year previous to seeding or during the establishment and productive life of the stand.

IV. Field Standards

A. **Field Inspection**

1. Seed fields shall be inspected at least once prior to harvest.
2. If a field is harvested before field inspection, then it automatically becomes ineligible for certification.

B. **Isolation** – The field shall be bounded by a strip at least 10 feet wide that is not in Annual lespedeza.

C. **Specific Requirements**

Factor	Maximum Permitted		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other Varieties *	1 : 1000	1 : 400	1 : 100
Other Crops	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%

* Including other species of lespedeza

V. Seed Standards

Factor	Class of Seed		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Pure Seed (minimum)	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Inert Matter (maximum)	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Other Crop Seed (maximum)	0.20%	0.50%	1.50%
Other Varieties (maximum) *	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Weed Seed (maximum) **	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Objectionable Weed Seed (maximum)***	45 per lb	45 per lb	45 per lb
Total Germination & Hard Seed (minimum)	80.00%	80.00%	

* Including other species of lespedeza

** The laboratory is requested to give a count on all permitted weed seed per pound when present, as well as noxious Bromus species. The increased cost of this count may be included in the statement of charges for laboratory tests.

*** Seeds of certain OBJECTIONABLE WEEDS are prohibited, while others are limited to the maximum amount (singly or in combination) listed in the above table. Nine (9) seeds of Giant foxtail will be allowed per pound.

Prohibited Objectionable Weed Seed

Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)	Dogbane (<i>Apocynum</i> spp.)
Johnsongrass (<i>Sorghum halepense</i>)	Knapweed (<i>Centaurea</i> spp.)
Quackgrass (<i>Agropyron repens</i>)	Horse nettle (<i>Solanum carolinense</i>)
Corncockle (<i>Agrostemma githago</i>)	Perennial sowthistle (<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>)
Dodder (<i>Cuscuta</i> spp.)	Bladder campion (<i>Silene cucubalus</i>)
Leafy spurge (<i>Euphorbia esula</i>)	Pennycress (<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>)
Oxeye daisy (<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>)	Wild onion (<i>Allium canadense</i>)
Field bindweed (<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>)	Wild garlic (<i>Allium vineale</i>)

Permitted Objectional Weed Seed

Annual bluegrass (<i>Poa annua</i>)	Red sorrel (<i>Rumex acetosella</i>)
Buckhorn plantain (<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>)	Wild carrot (<i>Daucus carota</i>)
Bracted plantain (<i>Plantago aristata</i>)	Curly dock (<i>Rumex crispus</i>)
Giant foxtail (<i>Setaria faberii</i>)	Broadleaf (bitter) dock (<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>)