



Summary of Seed Certification Procedures

1. Review the Southern Seed Certification Association's Standards and Regulations for Certified Seed before planting a crop to produce certified seed.
2. Check the certification rules for a particular crop kind to determine if the field(s) intended for certified seed production meet requirements for previous crop history and isolation from other kinds and varieties and non-certifiable fields of the same variety.
3. Plant Breeder, Foundation or Registered class seed of varieties that are eligible for certification or that will be submitted for eligibility determination in due time.
4. Clean the planting equipment before planting each variety intended for certification.
5. Submit an Application for Field Inspection by the appropriate due date.
6. Rogue the field(s) of other crops, other varieties and noxious and inseparable weeds, if necessary.
7. Be certain that the field(s) have been finally inspected by an SSCA representative before beginning harvest and understand any instructions or restrictions that may affect the manner of harvest.
8. Clean all seed handling equipment and storage facilities before exposing them to certifiable seed. These include combines, pickers, wagons, trailers, truck boxes, module haulers, dump pits, augers, elevators, tanks, bins, etc.
9. Condition the seed in an approved seed conditioning facility and submit a properly drawn seed sample of each lot to an approved laboratory.
10. The certification process is complete only when seed is properly identified with an approved certification label.

