



Southern Seed
Certification Association

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STANDARDS: NON-GMO ASSURANCE PROGRAM

I Purpose:

This voluntary program provides third party verification that a NON-GMO management system is being utilized for the verified product. SSCA verifies that the system, when properly employed, is capable of identifying products that can properly be labeled as NON-GMO.

II Responsibilities

- 1 The applicant shall:
 - 1.1 Be a member in good standing with the Southern Seed Certification Association and be subjected to the Association's rules, regulations and by-laws.
 - 1.2 Meet applicable State and Federal Laws relative to program product.
 - 1.3 Submit all information required for program participation including Application For NON-GMO Assurance field inspection and a lab report for each lot of resulting program product indicating the absence of GMO material.
 - 1.4 Ensure that all required inspections are completed prior to harvest.
 - 1.5 Clean all planting, production, harvesting, storage and conditioning equipment prior to handling program products. If program product is seed, maintain adequate isolation distance in each field as to prevent unintended pollen flow.
 - 1.6 Maintain proper identity of program product at all times.
 - 1.7 Permit SSCA personnel access to all phases of program product handling, production, storage, and conditioning processes as well as the inspection and / or audit of relative records.
 - 1.8 Condition program product in an approved SSCA facility.

- 1.9 Obtain a representative sample of the program product and submit for GMO presence analysis to a laboratory qualified to make such determination.
- 2.0 Submit completed lab report to SSCA and upon SSCA's determination that the program product is NON-GMO, the applicant may request NON-GMO ASSURANCE labels from SSCA and attach to the program product containers.
- 2.1 Retain a 2 pound program product sample for a of 1 year.
- 2.2 Retain records for production, harvest, storage, conditioning, lab analysis, sales and shipping of program product for one (1) year.

2.0 SSCA Shall:

- 2.1 Provide training to educate applicant for program requirements.
- 2.2 Evaluate company program participation for completeness.
- 2.3 Perform program inspection, audits as needed, evaluation of lab reports for required analysis and provide labeling materials for program products.
- 2.4 Monitor the effectiveness of the system in achieving program objectives and revise requirements and / or responsibilities accordingly.

II FEES

- 3.1 Fees required for participation in the NON-GMO Assurance Program shall be established by SSCA and made available to applicant.