

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER A VARIETY INTO CERTIFICATION

A variety shall be eligible for certification if it has been approved as meriting certification by a member agency of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies, an appropriate National Variety Review Board, a public Agricultural Experiment Station, or the Certification Committee of this Association.

Before a new variety will be considered for certification, the originator, developer, owner or agent of such variety must request certification and must provide the following information:

- A. The name of the variety. This name must be the established name if the variety has previously been marketed.
- B. A statement concerning the variety's origin and the breeding procedure used in its development.
- C. A detailed description of the morphological, physiological, and other characteristics of the plants and seed that distinguish it from other varieties.
- D. Evidence of performance of the variety, such as comparative yield data, insect and disease resistance, or other factors supporting the identity of the variety.
- E. A statement delineating the geographic area or areas of adaptation of the variety.
- F. A statement of the plans and procedures for the maintenance of stock seed classes including the number of generations through which the variety may be multiplied.
- G. A description of the manner in which the variety is constituted when a particular cycle of reproduction or multiplication is specified,
- H. Any additional restrictions on the variety, specified by the breeder, with respect to geographic area of seed production, age of stand or other factors affecting genetic purity.
- I. A sample of seed representative of the variety as marketed. The sample size shall be that required for a submitted sample in the current issue of the Rules of Testing Seeds for the Association of Official Seed Analysts.