

Summary of Turfgrass Certification Procedures

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- 1. Review the Southern Seed Certification Association's Standards and Regulations for Certified Turfgrass before planting a crop for certified production.
- 2. Check the certification rules for a particular crop kind to determine if the field(s) intended for certified production meet requirements for previous crop history and isolation from other kinds and varieties and non-certifiable fields of the same variety.
- 3. Thoroughly treat field(s) with an appropriate soil fumigant before planting a crop for certified production or employ the alternative method to fumigation as explained on page 8.
- 4. Plant Breeder, Foundation or Registered class propagating material of varieties that are eligible for certification or that will be submitted for eligibility determination in due time.
- 5. Clean the planting equipment before planting each variety intended for certification.
- 6. Submit an Application for Field Inspection by appropriate due date.
- 7. Rogue the field(s) of other crops, other varieties and noxious and inseparable weeds, if necessary.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Clean all handling equipment and storage facilities before exposing them to certifiable material. These include harvesters, planters, wagons, trucks, pallets, loaders, off-loaders, etc.
- 10. The certification process is complete only when turfgrass is properly identified with an approved certification label, or a properly completed certification certificate accompanies shipment.