

Seed Testing and Labeling

Granite Seed Company's quality control program ensures that all seed sold is accurately labeled. All of our seed is tested for purity and germination, using procedures sanctioned by the Association of Official Seed Analysts.

These results and the date of the test are reported on your seed tag. Your seed tag will show the purity (percentage of the labeled species by weight), the percentages of other crops, weed, inert material, dormant or hard seed, and the percentage of seed that will germinate.

Buyers are cautioned to never purchase seed that has not been tested for purity, weed and crop content, and germination percentage.

A seed tag is a legal document describing the contents of the seed you are purchasing. Besides being useful to the consumer, State and Federal laws require seed companies to provide this description. The information comes from tests performed by a seed testing laboratory. To ensure accurate and independent results, Granite Seed Company uses only labs that are members of the Association of Official Seed Analysts or the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists.

The information that you will find on all Granite Seed Company tags includes the following:

- Granite Seed's address
- Name of the species of seed or seeds being sold.
- Variety of seed or seeds being sold.
- % Purity of the seed.

Purity is the percent weight of each seed species or variety present in excess of 5% of the total.

- % Other crop seed.

The percent weight of other crop seeds recognized by the Association of Official Seed Analysts, under 5% of the total.

- % Weed seed.

All other seed species not classified as crop seeds.

- % Inert matter.

Material in the sample that is not viable seed, such as plant parts or broken seeds.

- % Germination.

The percent of seeds that will develop into a normal plant under favorable conditions.

- % Hard and/or Dormant Seed.

Hard seeds have impermeable coats. Dormant seeds are viable but require special testing to verify.

- % Total Viability

Sum of germination, hard, and dormant seed percentages.

- Noxious Weed Seeds of the continental USA.

Reported by name and count per pound. Restrictions vary by state.

- Last date the seed was tested for Germination.

- Bulk Pound Quantity of seed contained in the bag.

- Pure Live Seed (PLS) Pound Quantity of seed contained in the bag.