SEED CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW



WHAT IS SEED CERTIFICATION?

- The maintenance of genetic purity, identity, and quality via:
 - Trait verification
 - Freedom from contaminating varieties, crops and weeds
 - Freedom from seed borne diseases
 - High germination/vigor



WHY IS SEED CERTIFICATION IMPORTANT?

- Means of maintaining the pedigree of a specific variety correctly identified and genetically pure.
- Provides industry guided, high quality standards.
- Provides third party verification that can lead to additional sales and marketing over common seed.
- Freedom from diseases and weeds that may quarantine shipments domestically and internationally.

CERTIFIED SEED VS. UNCERTIFIED SEED



Certified Barley



Certified Rice



Uncertified Barley contaminated



Uncertified Rice contaminated

CALIFORNIA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (CCIA)



- Official seed certification agency for California
- Private, non-profit, university affiliated
- Guided by a Board of Directors representing the seed industry, University of California, Farm Bureau, & California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Non-biased, 3rd party service provider
- Mission: To provide services and support research that promotes the improvement, production, distribution and use of superior quality seeds and other agricultural products.

ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL SEED CERTIFYING AGENCIES (AOSCA)



- AOSCA provides uniformity in seed purity standards, and those standards are included in not only state, but Federal Seed Laws.
- Any seed certification activities can only be administered through an <u>AOSCA member agency</u>.
- Industry established genetic standards.
- International OECD cooperation.

ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)



- The OECD is reference for the certification and standardization of certain agricultural commodities. <u>Some</u> <u>governments</u> have established voluntary international rules in respect of varietal seed identification through OECD Seed Schemes. These Codes and Standards provide passports for international trade and can be employed by the users and traders of these products through National Authorities.
- USDA is the Designated National Authority in cooperation with The State Seed Certifying Agencies.

PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE CCIA

- Seed Certification
 - California Code of Regulations, Section 3875
- Seed Potato Certification
- Identity Preserved
- Quality Assurance Program
- Disease Inspected Program
- Crop Isolation Mapping
- OECD Certificates
- Certification Technical Committee

For more information on any of these programs visit the <u>CCIA website</u>.





INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

CCIA will travel Internationally for seed companies that are based in California, but have production worldwide.





Mexico, Chile, Peru, Thailand, China, and Africa.

VARIETY APPROVAL

All new varieties can be entered into the California seed certification program via:

- OECD
- National Variety Review Boards (AOSCA)
 - Alfalfa/Legumes
 - Grass
 - Small Grains
 - Sunflowers
- Certification Technical Committee (CTC)
 - Part of CCIA program
 - All varieties with no AOSCA Variety Review Board and all UCD varieties go through the CTC.
 - The CCIA Board of Directors approves varieties recommended by the CTC.
- Other State Certifying Agencies
- Member countries/agencies of AOSCA

SCOPE OF CCIA FUNCTIONS

State of California- 58 Counties

- 25+ crops certified
- Top four crops (2016):
 - Sunflower, Alfalfa, Rice, Wheat
- 2,000+ applications annually
- 150,000+/- acres inspected annually
- Most inspections are conducted in the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial Valleys.
- 80+ approved conditioners



Applications ----> Field Inspections ---> Field Insp. Reports

The Certification Trail

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---> Seed Insp. Report -> Bagging and Tagging -> Conditioner Auditing



Seed certification is a multi-step process involving the cooperation of Agricultural Commissioner offices.

1. Applications are submitted by seed companies/growers.

Application No: App32498 APPLICATION TO PRODUCE CERTIFIED SEED For crop year: 2015 / No: App32498 Submitted ONLINE on: 10/9/2015 2:36:00 PM



California Crop Improvement Association Parsons Seed Certification Center One Shields Ave Davis, CA 95616-8541 Phone: (530) 752-0544 Fax: (530) 752-4735 Web: http://ccia.ucdavis.edu

APPLICANT CCIA Milling Co. Account # 7000 Address: One Shields Ave City/State Zip: Davis, California 95616 Office: 530-752-0544 Fax: 530-752-4735 Email: cciu@ucdavis.edu GROWER CCIA Milling Co Account # 7000 Address: One Shields Ave City/State Zip: Davia, California 95616 Office: 350-752-0544 Fax:530-752-0544 Fax:530-752-0544

PRODUCTION INFORMATION Crop: Alfalfa Variety: CUF 101 Class to be Produced: Certified

PLANTING STOCK

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 CUF 101
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FIELD INFORMATION Field Name: test Date Planted: 9/13/2014 County: FRESNO

Township/Range/Section:Select N/Select W/Select Acres Applied: 80.00

PREVIOUS CROP HISTORY

year	crop_name	entered_variety	app_num
2013	Onion		
2014	Onion		
2015	Fallow		



2. Field inspections are conducted by the CCIA.

3. Field Inspection Reports are issued by the CCIA.

App29837

Field Inspection Report California Crop Improvement Association Frank G. Parsons Seed Certification Center University of California One Shields Avenue Davis, California 95616-8541

CIA Milling Co. (Acct # 7000) ne Shields Ave avis, CA 95616 Date: 5/16/2015

he certification numbers below, assigned for acres passed, are to be used to identify the seed rvested and must be stenciled on all containers of seed from the corresponding fields. Field pection is only a preliminary step in the process of certification which shall be determined by tests officially drawn samples of seed. Before harvest, the county agricultural commissioner must be notified for supervision of harvesting, cleaning, and any intercounty movement of this seed.

Results below are for your 2014 Alfalfa field located in IMPERIAL county.

Appl Number	Grower	Crop	
App29837	CCIA Milling Co. (Acct #7000)	Alfalfa	

Class Produced Variety Certified CUF 101

Use certification number 14CA-349-59298 for Certified production

Field Name ABC	Comments test				
Acres:	Approved	Rejected	FIO	Growout	No Crop
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4. Harvester inspections are requested of Ag. Com. staff by seed companies/growers prior to harvest when changing varieties or to a higher class of seed. Inspection may be conducted by Ag. Com. staff or an approved individual.



Click here to view the <u>Harvester Cleanout Inspection</u> Video.

5. Inter-agency (state), Inter-county, or Intracounty Transfer Certificates from <u>field to</u> <u>conditioner</u> are issued by Ag. Com. staff.

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SEED CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY DECLARATION: According to certification records the above information appea Accurate information appea	rs to be: Transfer of seed approved:
Signed by Agricultural Commissioner/County	Date
The Seed Certification Authority makes no guarantee of the seed documented a for certification is responsible for delivering seed from fields inspected in	dove, and assumes no responsibility in connection therewith. The original applicant such a manner that varietal identity and purity of the seed are maintained. Commissioner - Shipper - CCIA - Receiving Agency

6. Accredited conditioners will inspect seed conditioning equipment for freedom from remnant seed when changing varieties or switching to a higher class of seed. Additionally, Ag. Com. staff will inspect accredited conditioners annually.



7. Inter-agency (state), Inter-county, or Intracounty Transfer Certificates from <u>conditioner to</u> <u>purchaser</u> are issued by Ag. Com. staff.

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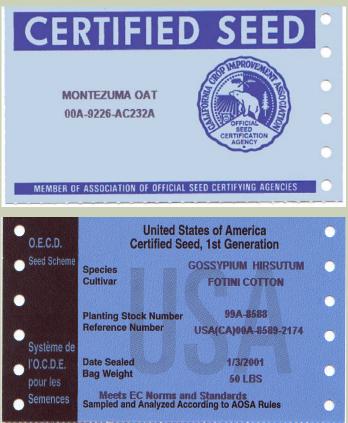
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9. Seed Inspection Reports are issued by the CCIA.

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Class Produced:	Certified		Category: Public
Seed Certification Results: REJECTED	0		
Remarks: Dodder was not detected in sample			

10. Tags are issued by the CCIA.



11. Auditing of conditioner's records is conducted by the CCIA.



SEED TRANSFER CERTIFICATES

Seed Transfer Certificates are used for the movement of untagged seed between states, countries, counties, and within counties.

Please note:

- Inter-agency (state) transfers can be used to ship seed to any AOSCA member agency outside of California, including members outside of the United States. Click here to view a <u>list</u> of member agencies.
- Inter-county transfers are movement of seed between different counties within the state of California.
- Intra-county transfers are movement of seed within a given county of California.

	CERTIFICATE Inter-county
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California Crop Improvement Association (CCIA)	
Parsons Seed Certification Center	Date of seed transfer:
One Shields Avenue	Seed sample submitted for analysis:
Davis, CA 95616-8541	Yes
Phone: 530-752-0544 Fax: 530-752-4735	No
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