# **HOW TO READ A SEED TAG**

# **Kind and Variety:**

The commonly accepted name of the seed/the kinds of grass contained in the product.

### Lot Number:

A unique production lot identification number. For certified seed, the lot number on the analysis tag must correspond to the lot number on the certification tag (Blue Tag in Oregon).

#### **Purity:**

The percentage, by weight, of the variety(s) as determined by a laboratory analysis on a representative sample of the lot. For single varieties, and for blends and mixtures, the total of each percentage on the tag must add up to 100% (that includes purity, other crop seed, inert matter, and weed seeds).

# Other Crop Seed:

Other agricultural seeds that account for 5% or less of the product, by weight.

#### **Inert Matter:**

Percentage of non-seed materials, such as fertilizer, coating products, chaff, soil, and stems.

#### Weed Seeds:

Percentage, by weight, of all weed seeds present.

#### **Noxious Weeds:**

Name and rate of occurrence (# of seeds per lb) of each kind of prohibited and/or restricted noxious weed seeds present. Noxious weeds are regulated and are restricted by state. Some states (MD, DE, NH, PA, VT, VA, WV, and NJ) list "Undesirable Grass Seeds" in place of noxious weeds.

#### Name and Address:

The name and address of the company who labeled the seed or the name and address of who sells, offers, or exposes the seed for sale within the state.

# **Germination:**

The percentage of seeds germinating under ideal laboratory conditions.

#### Origin

The state or foreign country where the seed originates.

#### Test Date/Sell By Date:

The test date is the calendar month and year that the germination test was completed. The sell by date is determined according to the legal sell by requirements in the state where the seed is being shipped.

#### AMS #

The AMS # traces back to the seed company that was the original manufacturer so that federal seed officials can identify who the seller/distributor is.

#### **Net Weight:**

The net weight of each package of seed.

# **Example Tag:**

# KIND AND VARIETY

LOT # 12345

PURITY	VARIETY	GERMINATION	ORIGIN
99.80%	KIND AND VARIETY	90.00%	OR
0.00%	OTHER CROP SEED	TEST DATE: 05/24	
0.20%	INERT MATTER	SELL BY: 08/25	
0.00%	WEED SEEDS	AMS#: 5700	
		NET WT:	50 LBS.

NOXIOUS WEED SEEDS PER LB: NONE FOUND

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