



Checklist for Reference Sample

It is recommended that a CSGA seed tag is used unless the sample is coming from a foreign country. It is also beneficial, at your own discretion, to **fax a copy** of the seed tag to the Variety Registration Office for verification before sending in the sample. Our fax number is 613-228-4552.

Breeder Seed Samples

For ALL breeder seed tags, ensure the following are clearly labelled on the tag:

- Variety Name (experimental number is acceptable if the name is not finalized);
- Crop Kind;
- Crop Certificate Number;
- Pedigreed Status;
- Signature of the CSGA recognized plant breeder;
- Lot number (if applicable); and
- Name of company (Optional)

Foreign produced samples:

- year of production is on the tag;
- tag is from an official seed certification agency; **OR**
- contains the equivalent information required for a CSGA breeder seed tag (see above) including the signature of the plant breeder of record.

Where **Breeder** seed is not available, **Select or Foundation** seed may be acceptable provided that:

- it is tagged with an official tag issued by a seed certification agency, and
- it is accompanied by a letter from the breeder explaining why breeder seed is not provided

Please note the additional requirements for reference samples:

- Samples must be properly sealed and not enclosed in plastic.
- No pesticide treatments are permitted.
- Samples must meet Foundation No. 1 grade for purity and Foundation No. 2 for germination.
- Germination analysis is required for samples that are produced more than one year prior to the time of application for registration.