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## Information for Seed Growers

**Maps are required for all fields** and must include easily recognizable landmarks, adjacent crops and buildings, legal land descriptions, distance measurements, and seeding dates. Plots or Plots within Foundation seed crop fields require detailed maps.

**CFIA will not complete seed crop inspection when field maps are not available in CSGA SeedCert.**

**Weed Seeds Order, 2016** came into force on November 1, 2016. Seed Growers should familiarize themselves with the new Prohibited, Primary and other listed weeds.

**Weed Reporting:** In 2017, Seed crop inspectors are required to report Prohibited Noxious weeds and only a limited number of other weedy species. Seed Growers may wish to contact their ASCIS regarding additional weed reporting services.

**Pesticide Use must be communicated:** Please provide your seed crop inspector with information about pesticide application occurring at inspection time.

**CFIA Oversight of Seed Crop Inspection:** CFIA will be check inspecting a percentage of all fields inspected by Licenced Seed Crop Inspectors (LSCI). Therefore, you may see a CFIA official in your seed field before or after an inspection by a LSCI.

**CFIA seed crop inspectors will provide direct inspection of:**

- Seed crops **other than** CSGA Circular 6 section 2 and 3 crop types (cereals and pulses);
- Select plots of all crop kinds;
- Seed crops of CSGA Circular 6 section 2 and 3 crop types only in the rare event that a grower has been refused by all ASCIS in their Region and if CFIA resources permit;
- Hybrid Cereal crops;
- Seed destined for marketing in the EU as Basic or Pre-Basic seed.

Note that, in order to ensure each grower has at least one offer of service, ASCIS have committed to minimum volumes of section 2 and 3 crop types, and must prioritize the assignment of their LSCI to Foundation, Registered and Certified cereal and pulse seed crops.

**CFIA Inspectors will not accept applications:** Seed growers access CFIA seed crop inspection by designating the CFIA as the inspection service on an application for CSGA seed crop certification. The CFIA will not accept requests directly from seed growers or assignees.

**CFIA listserv email notifications:** Seed Growers are encouraged to sign up for this notification service through the CFIA website to receive updates on changes in the Seed Program.

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/util/listserv/listbsube.shtml>

**The CSGA determines, based on the appraisal of the crop inspection report, if the crop meets the standards. Growers wishing information on whether their crop meets CSGA requirements must contact CSGA directly.**