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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.

Seed Tags: When required by CSGA, the seed grower is responsible to submit copies of pedigreed seed tags of the parent seed planted with their application to CSGA.

Weed Reporting: Seed crop inspectors are required by their licence to report Prohibited Noxious weeds and only a limited number of other weedy species. Seed growers may wish to contact their ASCIS regarding weed reporting services in addition to that required by Licensing.

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. If non-conformance(s) are assessed by the CFIA Official inspector, the ASCIS may be asked to re-inspect the field and submit a modified Report of Seed Crop inspection to the CSGA, which the seed grower will receive via SeedCert.

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.
- Crop types new to Circular 6, for which seed crop inspection (SWI) procedures have not been provided to LSCI.

Currently, when seed fields are direct inspected by CFIA Official inspectors, CSGA applies an assessment to the seed grower. This process for assessment of CFIA direct inspections could change for 2019.

CFIA seed crop inspectors will not provide direct inspection of hybrid corn seed crops for Certified status.

Note that, in order to ensure each seed 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.



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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/listsube.shtml>

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