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2016 PLANT BREEDERS MEMO

The details on how pedigreed seed crops are inspected are outlined in the [CFIA's Inspection Procedures and Specific Work Instructions](#). The CSGA [seed crop certification requirements](#) and [applications](#) are available on the CSGA's website. If you have questions on seed crop certification, please [contact the CSGA](#).

New in 2016

Circular 6 Updates

[A Notice of the changes made to Circular 6](#) for the 2016 crop season is available on the CSGA website. Pea and Chickpeas have been separated and treated as entirely different crop kinds for the production of Breeder seed crops. This means that Peas can be produced following Chickpeas and vice versa. Land use requirements for the production of Breeder status crops of Spring Wheat were revised to permit production of Winter Wheat three years prior. The change differentiates the type of Wheat produced three years prior (Spring vs. Winter). A complete revised version of Circular 6 is [available online](#).

All Variety Descriptions Will Be Available to Growers in 2016

In previous years, variety descriptions were only readily available to inspectors. New in 2016, all variety descriptions (including the Form 300 descriptions) will be available to all growers through the Members' Area of the CSGA website.

Continuing from 2015

Maps Are Required for All Fields

To assist with check inspections, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency is requiring a map be submitted for all fields again in 2016. Growers can submit maps directly to their Authorized Seed Crop Inspection Service (ASCIS) or can upload a map through the Forms tab in the Members' Area of the CSGA website.

Breeder Quality Management Systems

All Breeder seed crops are required to be produced within a third-party audited quality management system. If you have not had an audit within the past two years, you should plan to have an audit in 2016. For more information, refer to the [Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Breeder Seed Crop Production](#) manual.

Electronic Forms

Applications for Breeder Seed Crop Certificate are to be completed online through the Members' Area of the CSGA website. You must login using the grower number under which the plot was entered at the time of application.

Breeder Seed Crop Inspections

CFIA will continue to perform inspections of Breeder plots in 2016. Licensed Seed Crop Inspectors have also been trained to do plot inspections. Contact your [Authorized Seed Crop Inspection Service \(ASCIS\)](#) to find out if they have someone licensed to do plots in your area.

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Available from CSGA

Breeder Seed Tags

Breeder seed tags are available from CSGA free of charge. If you need a supply of tags contact Latona Nicholson at lnicholson@seedgrowers.ca. Please specify the amount required as well as the address where you would like them to be shipped.

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