

Variety Verification Seed Samples Seed Sample Bag(s) and Form 50 Procedures

Seed samples are required by the CSGA and the CFIA for variety verification testing to monitor the seed certification process. Samples are submitted from Probation, Foundation and Select plots and from directed investigations and audit programs. **If you do not follow the procedures outlined below, your sample may not be processed and a crop certificate may not be issued.**

- A Form 50 - Report on Plot Production is required per variety, rather than per plot. The Form 50 can be submitted electronically by logging in to the Member's Area of the CSGA website. To submit a hardcopy, please download and print the Form 50 from the 'Forms' section of the CSGA website at <http://seedgrowers.ca/seed-growers/production-forms/>.
- A seed sample is required for each individual Probation, Foundation and Select plot. Submit your seed sample by **February 15**.
- Complete all fields on the label of the seed sample bag. Each label must be filled out completely. **Failure to do so, may result in your sample not being processed and a crop certificate not being issued.**
- Fill the sample bag with a clean seed sample from your plot.
 - Minimum sample size required for cereals, corn, beans and other large-seeded crop kinds is 450 grams (1 lb).
 - Minimum sample size required for small-seeded crop kinds is 100 gram (3.5 oz.).
 - For more information on the minimum sample size required for other crop kinds, please contact the CFIA.
- All seed samples for Probation, Foundation and Select Plots are to be sent directly to the CFIA Variety Verification Laboratory and not the CSGA office as in the past.

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- For Canola / Rapeseed & Mustard (canola-quality *Brassica juncea*), an erucic acid test is required on seed from each plot. For a list of labs recognized by the CSGA to issue erucic acid test results, please visit the CSGA website at http://seedgrowers.ca/wp-content/uploads/CSGA-Approved-Erucic-Acid-Labs_English_20150407.pdf.