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WSDA Seed Program announces the addition of Canadian Grading Services

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The WSDA Seed Laboratory is now recognized by the Canadian Government as a Foreign Seed Testing Laboratory for use of the Canadian Methods and Procedures for Testing Seed. This recognition, along with accreditation from USDA as a Processed Verified Accredited Seed Laboratory and USDA grader accreditation, will allow Seed Program customers to ship seed directly to Canada with a Grading Report.

Accreditation includes all six crop groups encompassing Cereals & Other Crops; Grasses; Legumes; Vegetables; Flowers & Herbs; and Trees & Shrubs

Why obtain a grade report prior to export?

- The grade report provides information concerning pedigree / certification status
- The grade report provides information concerning the quality of the seed
- The issuance of a grade report facilitates the entry into Canada
- Seed can move directly into Canadian commerce
- Duplicate testing will be eliminated

Program requirements:

- Seed lot must be officially sampled – sample must be sealed as such
- Seed lot must be in final packaging prior to sampling
- Sample must be submitted with the WSDA Seed Samplers Declaration form
- Sample must be tested for purity and/or germination according to the Canadian Methods and Procedures for Testing Seed
 - Please note that Tetrazolium (TZ) testing cannot be substituted for germination
- If the seed is certified, documentation must be provided at the time of sampling

For further information please contact the Seed Program at (509) 249-6950

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