

Labeling Tree and Shrub Seed in Minnesota

Seed offered for sale in containers or in bulk for sowing purposes in Minnesota must have attached a seed label containing the information required by the Minnesota Seed Law in Minnesota Statutes, section 21.83

Tree and Shrub Labels

The label requirements for tree and shrub seeds are as follows:

Common Name (Genus):			
Common Name (Species and Subspecies if Appropriate):			
Scientific Name (Genus):			
Scientific Name (Species and Subspecies, if appropriate):			
Lot #:		Elevation of Collection:	
Area of Collection (For Non-indigenous Species, List "Origin Not Indigenous" For Indigenous Species, List Latitude & Longitude, geographic Description, or Political Subdivision):			
Pure Seed: %	Germination:	Hard/Dormant Seed (If Present): %	Germ. Test Date:
Labeler's Name:		Address:	
City:		State:	Zip:

Note: Address must meet post office delivery requirements. The "germination test date" may not be more than twelve months old excluding the month of test.

Other Label Requirements

- "Treated" means the seed has received an application of a substance or has been subjected to a process for which a claim is made. The name of the substance applied and the words "DO NOT USE FOR FOOD, FEED, OR OIL PURPOSES" must be included in the labeling for the seed. If the treatment is poisonous, the appropriate signal word and symbol must also be shown.
- According to the Minnesota Seed Law, a "Blend" is a combination of varieties and a "Mixture" is a combination of kinds. Seed fitting these definitions must be labeled using these terms.
- "Bin run" seed is generally not legal for sale in the state because it has not been conditioned, tested, or labeled for sale as required.

Records Required

- The initial labeler must keep a representative file sample for each seed lot for one year.
- Sales must be recorded on invoices that include the lot number, name of the kind and variety, amount of seed being sold, date of sale, and the name and address of buyer and seller.
- A copy of the seed label and the certification documents when applicable.
- The test information from which the labeling information was derived.

Noxious Weed Seed Requirements

Prohibited noxious weed seeds - The following species are not allowed in any seed offered for sale in Minnesota.

Canada thistle	Perennial sowthistle	Perennial peppergrass	Bull thistle
Field bindweed	Hemp	Leafy spurge Russian knapweed	Palmer amaranth
Plumeless thistle	Musk thistle		

Restricted noxious weed seeds - The following species are allowed in seed offered for sale in Minnesota but only up to the maximum total rate of twenty-five (25) per pound. If present in lesser amounts, the name and number per pound for each must be listed on the label under the heading "Noxious Weed Seeds."

Buckhorn plantain	Quackgrass	Hoary alyssum
Frenchweed	Dodder	Giant foxtail
Horse nettle	Eastern black nightshade	
Wild radish	Wild mustard	

Unlawful Acts

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of the Minnesota Seed Law are subject to administrative, civil and criminal penalties.

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