

Labeling Vegetable & Flower Seed for Home Gardeners 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 21.82.

Label Requirements: Vegetable & Flower Seed for Home Gardeners

Kind:	Variety:	Lot Number:	Net Weight or Number of Seeds:
Packed for (Year - Expires on 12/31 of the year stated):		Sell by (Optional - Month/Year):	
Seller's Name:		Address:	
City:	State:	Zip:	

- Kind and variety name for vegetable seeds and kind and variety or a statement of type and performance characteristics for flower seeds.
 - The variety name must be listed for vegetable seed unless special conditions exist.
 - Pure seed percentage if less than 90% and inert matter percentage if greater than 10%.
 - Other crop seed, weed seed, and noxious weed seed if present.
 - If the seed is a "Blend" of varieties or a "Mixture" of kinds, it must be identified as such on the label.
- Lot number or other lot identification.
- Net weight of contents or the number of seeds in the container;
- The year the seed was packed for sale if the germination percentage exceeds the standard established by rule. For below standard germinations, the actual germination percentage and the date of test must be listed. A "sell by" date may be listed along with or in lieu of the "packed for" date but it may not exceed the test date by more than twelve months excluding the month of test.
- The name and address of the labeler. Name and address of the labeler. The address includes the street or PO Box, City, State, and ZIP code.

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.

Records Requirements

- 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.

Seed Permits

- All initial labelers of vegetable, flower, and wildflower seed sold for use by home gardeners in Minnesota must have a yearly permit for a fee based on gross sales.

Unlawful Acts

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