

AOSCA Quality Assurance (QA™) Program

Purpose: The AOSCA Quality Assurance (QA) program provides a uniform and unbiased quality control system and marketing tool for crop seeds merchandised as varieties, hybrids, brands or blends.

Objectives:

1. To provide coordinated, professional, unbiased field inspections, laboratory testing and post control grow outs for quality control in seed production, conditioning and marketing.
2. To provide an unbiased record system for use in meeting state and federal seed law requirements; for use in assessing royalties or research fees; and to help solve potential problems with customers and seed suppliers.
3. To provide a retail or wholesale marketing image of sound quality assurance for selling seed products not using the certification program.
4. To provide seed buyers with assurance that a designated seed product has met genetic purity standards related to a known description across lots and years of production; to facilitate product identification and to provide a liaison between genetic suppliers and producers.

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