



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PLANT INDUSTRIES DIVISION

SEED INVOICING & LABELING REQUIREMENTS IN ARKANSAS

- Anyone who sells, distributes, or transports agricultural seed within or into Arkansas must label it according to Arkansas Seed Rules, and that label must be honest and accurate.
- Anyone who sells, distributes or transports agricultural seed within or into Arkansas must obtain an AR Seed Dealer/Labeler License from the Department's Seed Section.

REQUIRED ON ALL SEED INVOICES:

- LOT NUMBER, AND/OR OTHER IDENTIFIABLE NUMBER SYSTEM
- KIND AND VARIETY OF SEED
- CONSIDERED CERTIFIED SEED, OR NON-CERTIFIED SEED
- SEED LABEL FOR EACH SEED LOT, ATTACHED TO EACH CONTAINER OF SEED
- SEED LABELS INCLUDE ALL REQUIREMENTS MENTIONED BELOW
- BULK OR BAGGED
 - IF BAGGED; BAG WEIGHT
- BUYER'S NAME & STREET ADDRESS

REQUIRED ON ALL SEED LABELS:

- THE SEED SELLER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR PROVIDER'S NAME & STREET ADDRESS
- LOT NUMBER
- NAME OF KIND & VARIETY OF SEED, & ANY DESCRIPTIVE TERMS
 - IF VARIETY IS NOT LISTED, '*VARIETY NOT STATED*' PRESENT ON LABEL
 - WHEAT, RICE, SOYBEAN, & COTTON SEED MUST STATE VARIETY NAME
 - VARIETY IDENTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR WHEAT SEED LABELED '*FOR COVER CROP*'
- U.S. STATE WHERE SEED WAS GROWN
 - IF LOCATION OF STATE UNKNOWN, THIS STATEMENT PRESENT ON LABEL
- FOR CERTIFIED COTTON SEED, THE YEAR GROWN
- % OF PURE SEED
- % OF WEED SEED, INCLUDING NOXIOUS WEEDS
- % OF OTHER CROP
- % INERT MATTER
- % GERMINATION, EXCLUSIVE OF HARD SEED
 - IF HARD SEED PRESENT, % OF HARD SEED

- DATE OF GERMINATION TEST IN *MONTH - YEAR* FORMAT (TEST IS ONLY VALID FOR NINE (9) MONTHS, EXCLUDING TEST MONTH)
- NET WEIGHT OF CONTENTS
 - EXCEPTION FOR CORN; NET WEIGHT MAY BE ON LABEL OR ON A BAG WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE LABEL
- TALL FESCUE GRASS THAT CONTAINS RYEGRASS, % OF RYEGRASS
 - IF NO RYEGRASS, TAG SHALL STATE: '*NO RYEGRASS FOUND*'
- NAME & NUMBER OF NOXIOUS WEED SEEDS PRESENT PER POUND
 - IF NONE FOUND, A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT
- TREATED SEED LABEL REQUIREMENTS
 - THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PRESENT EITHER ON THE ANALYSIS TAG, A SEPARATE TREATMENT TAG, OR ON A SIDE OR TOP OF THE CONTAINER:
 - NAME OF SUBSTANCE USED FOR TREATMENT
 - APPROPRIATE TOXICITY CATEGORY SIGNAL WORD
 - PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT OF '*DO NOT USE FOR FOOD, FEED, OR OIL PURPOSES*'

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- ✓ **When seed is sold at a store and taken out of its bag to be delivered in large amounts, the store or seller must give the buyer the original seed label from the seed company.**
- ✓ **If the seed is sent in bulk, that original seed label should also be included with the invoice, so the buyer knows exactly what they are receiving.**
- ✓ **Each Seed Company/Provider whose name appears on the seed label must keep records and test results from that seed Lot for up to two (2) years.**
- ✓ **Lot Numbers must be provided on both the seed label and the invoice.**
- ✓ **This guidance document is for information purposes only and does not have the force and effect of law. It is the Seed Provider/Company's responsibility to ensure compliance with state/federal seed laws/rules. Please review all AR Seed Section's webpages for more information.**



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