



# NOXIOUS WEED SEED-FREE FORAGE & MULCH

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## What is noxious weed seed-free forage and mulch?

The intention of this certification program is to limit the spread of noxious weeds. MCIA is designated under Minnesota law as the state's official Noxious Weed Seed-Free Forage and Mulch Certification Agency. MCIA's program conforms to standards developed by the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA), which allows properly labeled forage (hay, cubes, and pellets) and mulch certified by MCIA to be shipped into restricted areas of the United States and Canada.

## Why buy certified noxious weed seed-free forage and mulch?

Buyers using certified noxious weed seed-free forage and mulch help minimize the spread of noxious weeds onto private and public lands. In Minnesota, certified mulch is often used by government agencies for roadside and other revegetation projects. Most public lands in the western

United States require that hay transported into those areas be certified noxious weed seed-free.

## How is noxious weed seed-free forage and mulch certified?

Certification requires that fields and storage sites to be inspected by MCIA within 10 days of harvest. If the fields and sites conform to standards for freedom from noxious and undesirable weeds, the harvested crop will be eligible for certification labels. Producers should apply for field and storage site inspection no later than 30 days prior to crop-cut date.



## What should I look for?

MCIA issues tags with unique serial numbers for the labeling of certified forage and mulch production. For certification to be valid, an official certification label (tag) must be securely attached to the eligible product (bale) prior to delivery to the buyer.

## Where can I find a list of certified noxious weed seed-free forage and mulch producers?

MCIA surveys eligible producers every spring and fall to determine availability. You'll find the results of those surveys on the MCIA website.



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<b>Certified Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage And Mulch</b>	
<small>This Material has been certified to the North American Standards and those of MCIA. Certification valid only when the MCIA certification tag is attached to each bale. LIMITED CERTIFICATION: The materials marked with this tag were inspected in accordance with the standards of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association which is recognized as the official noxious weed free forage and mulch certifying agency by the laws of Minnesota. The Association only certifies that the forage or mulch met the standards of the Association at the time the inspections were made. EXCLUSION OF WARRANTIES: IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATERIAL, THE ASSOCIATION MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.</small>	
<b>REUSE OF THIS TAG IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED</b>	
ABC Farms Wheat Field 2020A Serial no. 20-49999 Small square	
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