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### What is quality assured seed?

Quality assured (QA) seed has met standards designed to preserve the purity and identity of a crop variety. Standards, similar to those applied in seed certification, enable a company to produce and market seed according to sound quality management practices.

### How is seed quality assured?

The quality assurance process includes field inspections, laboratory testing, audits of production records, and on-site evaluations of conditioning and treatment facilities. Seed meeting all requirements is eligible to be labeled with the AOSCA QA logo.

### Who produces quality assured seed?

Seed producers of all crop types may use a QA program to access a complete service for seed sold as varieties, hybrids, brands, or blends.



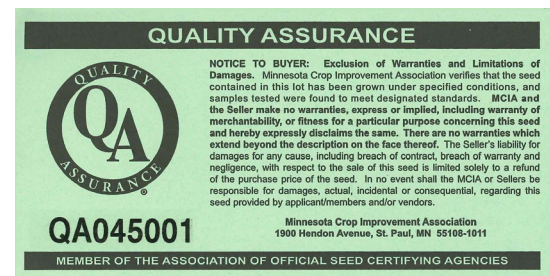
QA programs can be customized to support an existing quality management system or as part of an AOSCA program.

### Why buy quality assured seed?

Quality assured seed provides assurance to seed buyers that the seed is of known purity and quality as verified by an unbiased third party.

### What should I look for?

Seed meeting QA standards may bear a quality assurance label or be marked with a QA logo. Buyers of bulk quality assured seed may be provided with a QA Bulk Sales Certificate.



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