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What is quality assured sod?

The Sod Quality Assurance Program establishes high quality standards for the production and ongoing improvement of sod types suitable for installing in challenging environments. The program is a collaborative effort of the Minnesota Turf Association, the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association.

How is sod quality assured?

To be quality assured, sod must meet specific standards, which include using approved seed mixes, meeting field requirements, and maintaining required documentation. The program provides third-party assurance to end users to ensure that sod meets specifications and was produced according to rigorous production standards.

Who produces quality assured Sod?

Quality assured sod is produced by careful, conscientious sod producers who make use of

approved seed mixtures and follow required sod production practices to meet program standards.

Why use quality assured sod?

Salt-tolerant sod is suitable for use along streets, parking areas, and roadsides where saline soil conditions frequently occur. This sod type has been approved by MnDOT and is required where MnDOT projects specify salt- or shade-tolerant sod. Sod products developed through this program will continually evolve and improve as better suited turf seed varieties become available.

What should I look for?

A Sod Quality Assurance Certificate must accompany each sod delivery as proof of conformance to program standards.



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Buyer Name	Buyer Address	Seller Name	Seller Address
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	
Sod type	Amount of shipment (sq. ft.)	Date of harvest	Number of pallets / large rolls shipped
Field Number			
Shipping method	<input type="checkbox"/> Flatbed <input type="checkbox"/> Large Roll <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Description of pallet/roll marking system used:			
<small>This sod has been produced in conformity with standards and procedures specified by the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association Standards - Sod Quality Assurance.</small>			
Date	Seller's Signature		
<small>One original Certificate - Sod Quality Assurance must accompany each shipment of sod.</small>			
<small>This sod is approved for use in accordance with Minnesota Department of Transportation specifications for the sod type indicated. NO CONNECTION WITH THIS SOD WILL BE MADE AS TO LIABILITY OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING FOR THE SOD, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE USE OF THIS SOD FOR PAVEMENT, FOR USE IN LANDSCAPE, OR FOR USE IN ANY OTHER MANNER. The seller, whose name appears above, is solely responsible for the information herein and for the proper use of this certificate.</small>			
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QUALITY ASSURED SOD PRODUCERS

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KLM Farms Inc 8597 400th St North Branch MN 55056	Kevin Mann	651-674-4321	Chisago	MNST-12
Helen M. Nagel, Inc. dba Nagel Sod 6119 66th St NW Medford MN 55049	Helen Nagel	507-451-9605	Steele	MNST-12

All the above sod types are approved for use on MnDOT projects requiring Salt Tolerant Sod. This listing is current as of October 1, 2023. This listing will be periodically updated on the MCIA website, www.mncia.org.



SOD QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

Developed through a collaboration of:

MN Sod Producers Assn,
University of Minnesota,
Minnesota Department
of Transportation, and
Minnesota Crop
Improvement Association

For more information or for a list of producers contact:

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Insist on this certificate for assurance of Salt Tolerant Sod

- ▶ **Grown from premium quality seed**
 - Selected turf grass varieties
 - Quality assured seed mixes from approved vendors
- ▶ **Comprehensive sod production standards**
 - Professionally grown by qualified producers
 - Stringent sod quality requirements
- ▶ **Rigorous third party quality assurance process**
 - Seed to harvest oversight
 - On-site inspections
- ▶ **Certificate of Assurance with each delivery**
 - Identifies sod that has met all requirements

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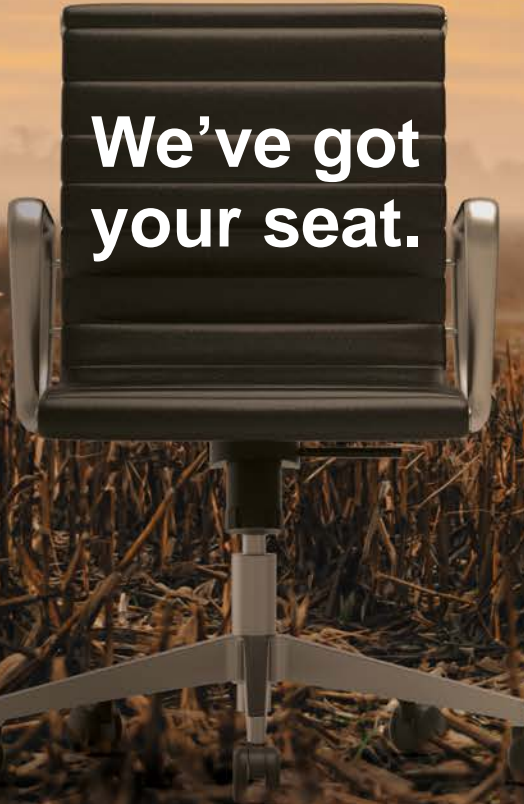
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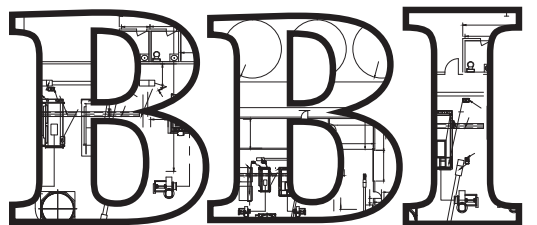
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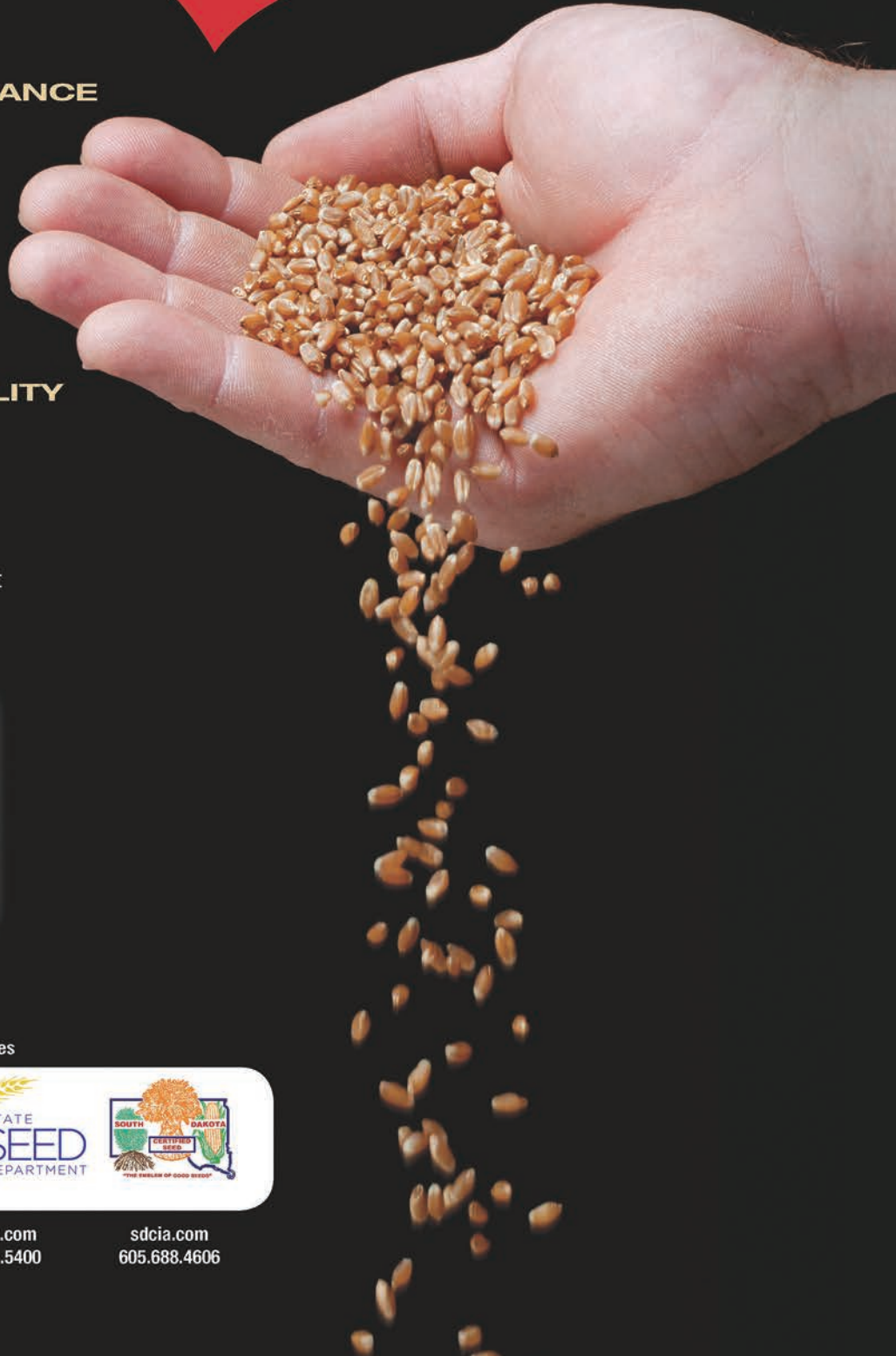
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