

# Judging Certified Seed

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*Samples are judged after a laboratory analysis and by visual appearance. The lab analysis provides the percentage of germination and the purity of the seed.*

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- ▶ **Germination Test**

The germination test tells how many healthy seedlings sprout from 100 seeds.

- ▶ **Purity Test**

A purity test checks for the presence of weed seeds or other crops, as well as inert matter, such as broken seeds and plant parts.

- ▶ **Visual Appearance**

Good color, uniform seed size, and general appearance are also factors in judging certified seed.