MINNESOTA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

QUALITY ASSURED SOD

Improving your process · Enhancing your products · Increasing your profits

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.





MCIA
CERTIFICATE
SOD QUALITY ASSURANCE

Buyer		Seller	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip		City, State, Zip	
Sod type		Amount of shipment (sq. ft)	
Field Number		Date of harvest	
Shipping method	☐ Palletized ☐ Large Roll ☐ Other	Number of pallets / large rolls shipped	

Description of pallet/large roll marking system used: _____

This sod has been produced in conformity with standards and procedures specified by the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association *Standards - Sod Quality Assurance.*

Date _____ Seller's Signature _____

One original *Certificate – Sod Quality Assurance* must accompany each shipment of sod.

The sod represented by this certificate conforms to MN Department of Transportation specifications for the sod type indicated. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SOD, MCIA MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR PURPOSE, OR OTHERWISE. MCIA only certifies that the sod met the Sod Quality Assurance Standards at the time the inspections were made. The seller, whose name appears above, is solely responsible for the information hereon and for the proper use of this certificate.

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QUALITY ASSURED SOD PRODUCERS

NAME, ADDRESS		TELEPHONE	COUNTY	SOD TYPE
Central Turf Farms 13655 Lake Dr NE Forest Lake, MN 55025	Earl Haley Sr. or Earl Haley Jr. (Duke)	651-464-2130	Chisago	MNST-12
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



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

PROGRAM PROCEEDS HELP FUND UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESEARCH TO IMPROVE TURF AND SOD PERFORMANCE.

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

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