

TABLE I. STANDARDS: Seed standards for sod quality seed are as follows:

Variety	Minimum Purity	Minimum Germination	Maximum * Other Crop	Maximum *** Weed
Merion Kentucky Bluegrass	95%	80%	0.1% **	0.03%
Other varieties of Kentucky Bluegrasses	97%	80%	0.1% **	0.03%
Red Fescue	98%	90%	0.1%	0.03%
Chewings Fescue	98%	90%	0.1%	0.03%

* Must be free of ryegrass, orchardgrass, timothy, bentgrass, big bluegrass, Canada bluegrass, Poa trivialis, smooth brome grass, reed canary grass, tall fescue, and clover.

** Other Kentucky bluegrass — Maximum 2%.

Canada bluegrass — Maximum 0.1%.

*** Must be free of dock, chickweed, crabgrass, plantain, black medic, annual bluegrass, velvetgrass, and prohibited noxious weed seeds.

Seed Standards Into Use For State of Washington

Washington state's sod quality certified standards have been revised and recently went into effect. They include a number of changes. These along with the original proposal warrant review by sod growers.

Primary change has been the upgrading of purity requirements for all Kentucky bluegrass varieties with the exception of Merion. Several of the special turf type varieties, including Fylking, Sodco, Baron, Pennstar and others were previously included with Merion in the category requiring only a minimum

purity of 95%. The new requirements call for these varieties, including Fylking, to now have a minimum purity of 97% to qualify for Gold Sod Quality tags. The purity requirements for Merion will remain at 95% since there are years (hot, dry, climatic conditions) when Merion will be "lightweight" and have a higher percentage of inert material and, therefore, at lower purity.

Following are the standards set forth in the May 16, 1971 order by Donald W. Moos, director of agriculture for the state of Washington:

SOD QUALITY CERTIFIED SEED STANDARDS: The general rules for seed certification and grass

seed certification standards are basic and together with the following specific rules constitute the rules for sod quality grass seed certification.

VARIETIES ELIGIBLE, CERTIFICATION FEES, LAND AND ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS, AND FIELD TOLERANCES: The varieties eligible and certification scheme of each; the certification fees; the land requirements; the isolation requirements; and field tolerances shall be as listed in grass seed certification standards.

SOD SEED ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE: A sod seed analysis certificate, which is a 25 gram purity and includes noxious, all weed, all crop, 10 gram Poa annua check, and germination, will be the basis of determining seed standards.

SOD QUALITY SEED TAG: In addition to the certification tag, seed meeting sod quality certified seed standards will be tagged with a special "Sod Quality Seed" tag.

SERVICE FEE: Service fee for sod quality seed tags and tagging shall be \$0.25 per cwt.

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