Organization and Purposes of
Iowa Crop Improvement Association

Iowa Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) is a nonprofit organization designated by Chapter 177 in the Iowa Legislature as the official seed certifying agency in Iowa. ICIA is composed of member companies and individuals working in the seed industry and advancing seed and crop improvement.

The purpose of ICIA is:

- To promote the production and use of improved seed stocks.
- To provide seed certification and quality assurance services.
- To conduct, in cooperation with Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Science, testing and disseminate information regarding the adaptation and performance of crop cultivars.
- To support research, educational, and leadership opportunities regarding crop improvement.
- To provide other related services to benefit its members and the seed industry.

Additional Requirements for Native Species certification

Refer to the Approved Conditioner Handbook for general requirements and guidelines for Approved Conditioners.

To finish certification for Native Species seed lots:

- Condition seed.
- Submit a seed sample to a seed testing laboratory on the approved list below. Tests required include purity, germination, and noxious weed exam.
  - Illinois Crop Improvement Association
  - Indiana Crop Improvement Association
  - Iowa State University Seed Lab
  - Minnesota Crop Improvement Association
  - North Dakota State University Seed Lab
  - South Dakota State University Seed Testing Laboratory
  - Wisconsin Crop Improvement Association
- Print and attach labels for seed.
- Prepare and submit a Pre-Labeling Record to ICIA along with a copy of the label, laboratory results, and a reference sample of 2,500 seeds.
Source Identified Label Formatting Examples

1. Example of a Source Identified Label for privately collected seed, with an unspecified Iowa origin.

   SPECIES NAME: [LATIN NAME]
   COMMON NAME: [COMMON NAME]
   SOURCE/G0: */[STATE]
   GROWN IN: [COUNTY, STATE]
   LOT: [INTERNAL LOT#] - ICIA LOT#
   GROWER [GROWER#]
   APPROVED CONDITIONER [CONDITIONER#]
   *Contact the ICIA office (515)294-6921 to verify source county.

   **SOURCE IDENTIFIED CLASS**

   SPECIES NAME: ELYMUS VIRGINICUS
   COMMON NAME: VIRGINIA WILDRYE
   SOURCE/G0: */IOWA
   GROWN IN: STORY COUNTY, IOWA
   LOT: ELYMUS-61
   GROWER: 21
   APPROVED CONDITIONER: 321
   * Contact the ICIA office (515) 294-6921 to verify source county

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2. Example of a Source Identified Label for privately collected seed with seed’s origin county listed.

**SPECIES NAME:** [LATIN NAME]
**COMMON NAME:** [COMMON NAME]
**SOURCE/G0:** [COUNTY, STATE]
**GROWN IN:** [COUNTY, STATE]
**LOT:** [INTERNAL LOT#] - [ICIA LOT#]
**GROWER** [GROWER#]
**APPROVED CONDITIONER** [CONDITIONER#]
3. Example of a Source Identified Label for seed produced from Zone 2 of the Iowa Ecotype Project.

SPECIES NAME: [LATIN NAME]
COMMON NAME: [COMMON NAME]
SOURCE/G0: IOWA ECOTYPE PROJECT
   CENTRAL IOWA – ZONE 2
GROWN IN: [COUNTY, STATE]
LOT: [INTERNAL LOT#] - ICIA LOT#
GROWER [GROWER#]
APPROVED CONDITIONER [CONDITIONER#]
4. Example of a Source Identified Label for seed produced from Zone Iowa of the Iowa Ecotype Project.

**SPECIES NAME:** [LATIN NAME]
**COMMON NAME:** [COMMON NAME]
**SOURCE/G0:** IOWA ECOTYPE PROJECT
   IOWA ZONE
**GROWN IN:** [COUNTY, STATE]
**LOT:** [INTERNAL LOT#] - ICIA LOT#
**GROWER:** [GROWER#]
**APPROVED CONDITIONER:** [CONDITIONER#]

![Example of a Source Identified Label](source_identified_class.png)