Iowa Crop Improvement Association, a nonprofit organization, has been designated as the official seed certifying agency in Iowa. Its membership is made up of farmers, seed producers, and others interested in crop improvement. The Board of Directors is elected from the membership. The officers are elected by the Board of Directors.

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Iowa Seed Production Procedures

1. Contact Iowa Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) before planting for an application to grow Registered, Certified, Quality Assurance, or Native Species seed.

2. For Registered seed production, plant Foundation seed. For Certified seed production, plant Foundation or Registered seed. For Quality Assurance seed production or for Native Species seed production, call the ICIA office to discuss appropriate seed sources.

3. Select clean, weed-free ground. Check ICIA regulations to see if the field meets all of the requirements, such as isolation from other varieties and crop history of the land for the previous year.

4. Clean the planting equipment before planting.

5. Submit proper application and fee.

6. Rogue the field for other crops, varieties, and weeds.

7. Make sure the field inspection by an ICIA representative is complete before harvesting.

8. Clean the combine, transporting equipment, and storage facilities to remove crop and weed seeds before harvesting seed fields.

9. Have the seed conditioned by an approved seed conditioning plant or by conditioning equipment owned and supervised by the applicant.

10. Complete and send in a Lot Conditioning Record. An official sample will be taken and tested. If you participate in ICIA’s Approved Conditioner program you may be able to submit your own samples and print your own labels. For Native Species call the ICIA office to discuss current conditioning procedures.

11. The seed production process is completed only when Registered, Certified, Quality Assurance, Source Identified, or Selected labels are attached to the seed bags.