



North Dakota State Seed Department Fact Sheet



Established 1931, ND Legislative Assembly

Major Program Areas

Statutory authority for all seed-related matters

- Seed certification (field crops and potatoes)
- State Seed Laboratory
- State and federal cooperative programs
- Enforcement of state and federal seed laws

Unique structure/mission among peers

- “One-Stop” function: Field crop and potato certification, seed regulatory enforcement, seed testing, foundation potato seed production
- Board of Directors, ag industry representation
- Self Funded- service fees

ND State Seed Commission (representing)

Doug Goehring (Chairman)	ND Dept. of Agriculture
Chris Alberty, West Fargo	ND Agriculture Assn.
Lance Fugleberg, Portland	ND Dry Edible Bean
Luke Anderson, Forman	ND Crop Improvement
Dr. Greg Lardy, Fargo	ND State University
Dan Mostad, Berthold	ND Grain Dealers Assn.
David Fedje, Crystal	ND Potato Council
Brad Nilson, Hoople	Northern Plains Potato Growers Assn.
John Thiele, St. Thomas	ND Certified Seed Potato Growers Assn.
Ken Bertsch (Commissioner)	State Seed Department

Field Seed Certification: Largest program in U.S.

- 275-325,000 acres inspected
- 25-30 crops inspected
- 2500-3000 fields inspected (1-3X)
- 7-8 million bushels certified

Potato Certification: Second largest program in U.S.

- 14-16,000 acres inspected
- 600-700 fields inspected (3X)
- 1.5-2 million cwt. potatoes inspected
- 8000 lbs. nuclear generation seed produced

Administration

- Budget and HR administration
- Technology
- Legal/Litigation
- Equipment and capital improvements

Field Seed Certification

- Field seed inspection
- Seed final certification
- Custom programming (IP, QA inspections)
- Certified seed promotion
- Seed conditioner & facility approval

Potato Seed Certification

- Potato field inspection
- Shipping point inspection (USDA grades)
- Post harvest testing
- Pre-Nuclear seed production/tissue culture
- USDA GHP/GAP audit programs

Laboratory Services

- Seed Laboratory:** support for field seed certification program. Germination, purity, noxious weed, seed count, trait bioassay testing
- Diagnostic Laboratory:** support for field seed and potato certification programs. Seed health testing, variety identification, GMO testing, potato virus and disease testing.

Seed Regulatory

- Seed law enforcement programs
- Seed conditioner & dealer licensing

Main Office: Fargo ND

- Administration
- Program and services management
- Seed quality and Diagnostic laboratories
- Potato tissue culture lab and greenhouse

Regional Office: Grafton ND

- Potato field staff
- USDA shipping point inspection and audits
- Soil survey warehouse