



**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SEED INSPECTION REPORT
JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015
FY2015**

Seed inspections were conducted at approximately ninety-five locations this fiscal year with seed belonging to seedsman, seed producers and seed dealers. The inspections included examinations of documents, labels and seed. Two hundred and fourteen of the lots were sampled. The samples selected represented over thirty different agricultural and vegetable crop kinds. There were twenty samples that did not pass the laboratory analysis. This resulted in eighteen warning letters being issued along with two stop-sale orders.

The most common violation was purity out of tolerance, followed by germination out of tolerance and noxious weed seed out of tolerance. Warning letters were sent in response to seed permit violations resulting from the monitoring of seed advertisements.

In fiscal year 2015 there were 170 seedsman, 93 seed producers and 908 seed dealer permits. South Dakota seed permits are biennial, with license fees as follows: seed producers and seed dealers, \$75; seedsman, \$500.

The Department of Agriculture also conducted investigations to determine compliance with the seed laws.

For the upcoming year, the Department of Agriculture is planning to do routine seed inspections for retail stores and garden centers, to check for proper labeling and current test dates. We will issue notices of violations on lawn seed, vegetable seed, and wildflower seed.



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Kinds of seed that did not pass analysis

Mixed Seed - Lawn - 6	Alfalfa - 4
Winter Wheat - 3	Clover - 1
Wheatgrass - 2	Turnip - 1
Kentucky Bluegrass - 1	Triticale - 1
Pasture Grass Seed - 1	

Reasons for seed not passing lab analysis

1. Pure seed out of tolerance - 7 samples
2. Germination - out of tolerance - 5 samples
3. Noxious weeds out of tolerance - 5 sample
4. Inert material out of tolerance - 4 samples

Reasons for stop sales

1. Germination out of tolerance - 2
2. Pure seed out of tolerance - 1