Labeling Vegetable & Flower Seed for Home Gardeners in Colorado

35-27-105. Every container of seed which is sold, offered or exposed for sale, bartered, or distributed within this state for propagation shall conspicuously bear a legible and plainly written or printed label or tag in English which shall provide all information required by the commissioner. A label shall not bear false or misleading information.

Registration is required to label and sell seed in any quantity and to sell seed labeled by others in packaged quantities larger than 1 pound or in bulk

### LABEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND TURFGRASS SEED

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<tr>
<th>KIND:</th>
<th>VARIETY (or ‘VNS’ if variety unknown):</th>
<th>LOT NO.:</th>
<th>NET WT.:</th>
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<td>PACKED OR FOR SALE BY DATE:</td>
<td>NAME AND ADDRESS OF LABELER:</td>
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<td>For seeds which germinate less than the standard established in part 5 or 8 of the Seed Act Rules and Regulations 8 CCR 1203-6:</td>
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<td>PERCENTAGE OF GERMINATION</td>
<td>PERCENTAGE OF HARD OR DORMANT SEED IF PRESENT</td>
<td>THE WORDS, “BELOW STANDARD” IN NOT LESS THAN 8-POINT TYPE</td>
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- Kind and variety name or kind and the words “Variety not stated” or letters “VNS” if:
  - The variety name is not known or does not exist for a non-hybrid seed.
- “Blend” of varieties or a “Mixture” of kinds, must be identified.
- Coated seeds must list the weight of pure seed with coating material removed as well as the percentage by weight of the coating material.
- Year the seed was tested. Date may not exceed 13 months for all seeds except turfgrass which may not exceed 16 months.

### OTHER LABEL REQUIREMENTS

‘Treated’ means the seed has received an application of a substance or has been subjected to a procedure for which a claim is made. The name of the substance applied and the words “DO NOT USE FOR FOOD, FEED OR OIL PURPOSES” must be included in the labeling for the seed. If substance is poisonous, symbol must also be included per product label.

### PROHIBITED ACTS

- It is a civil violation for any person to sell, offer or expose for sale, barter or distribute any seed within this state if such seed contains:
  - More than 2% weed seed by weight
  - Prohibited noxious weed seed
  - More restricted noxious weed seed per pound than the amount declared on the label
  - More restricted noxious weed seed than the amount allowed by standards listed in part 7.2 of the Seed Act Rules and Regulations.

### RECORDS REQUIRED

- The initial labeler must keep a representative file sample for each seed lot for two years.
- Sales must be recorded on invoices that include lot number, name, kind and variety, amount of seed sold, name and address of buyer and seller.
- Copy of seed label
- The test information from which the labeling information was derived.

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Prohibited noxious weed seeds – The following species are not allowed in any seed offered for sale or distributed in the state.

Anoda, spurred (Anoda cristata)  
Bindweed, field (Convolvulus arvensis)  
Bouncingbet (Saponaria officinalis)  
Camlehorn (Aliaga pseudalhagi)  
Chamomile, scentless (Anthemis arvensis)  
Cinquefoil, sulfur (Potentilla recta)  
Clematis, Chinese (Clematis orientalis)  
Daisy, oxeye (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum)  
Goatgrass, jointed (Aegilops cylindrical)  
Halogeton (Halogeton glomeratus)  
Horsenettle, Carolina (Solanum carolinense)  
Horsenettle, white (Solanum elaeagnifolium)  
Houndstongue (Cynoglossum officinale)  
Johnsongrass (Sorghum halepense)  
Knapweed, black (Centaurea nigra)  
Knapweed, diffuse (Centaurea diffusa)  
Knapweed, Russian (Acroptilon repens)  
Knapweed, spotted (Centaurea maculosa)  
Knapweed, square (Centaurea virgate)  
Loosestrife, purple (Lythrum salicaria and L. virgatum)  
Mallow, Venice (Hibiscus trionum)  
Medusahead (Taeniatherum caput-medusae)  
Millet, wild proso (Panicum miliaceum subsp. ruderale)  
Nutsedge, yellow (Cyperus esculentus)  
Povertyweed, silverleaf (Ambrosia tomentosa)  
Povertyweed, woollyleaf (Ambrosia grayi)  
Rocket, Dame’s (Hesperus matronalis)  
Rue, African (Peganum harmala)  
Sage, Mediterranean (Salvia aethiopis)  
Saltcedar (Tamarix parviflora, Tamarix ramosissima)  
Skeltonweed, rush (Chondrilla juncea)  
Sorghum alnum (Sorghum alnum)  
Sowthistle, perennial (Sonchus arvensis)  
Spurge, cypress (Euphorbia cyparissias)  
Spurge, leafy (Euphorbia esula)  
Spurge, myrtle (Euphorbia myrsinites)  
St. Johnswort, common (Hypericum perforatum)  
Starthistle, yellow (Centaurea solstitialis)  
Tarweed, coast (Madia sativa)  
Thistle, Canada (Cirsium arvense)  
Thistle, musk (Carduus nutans)  
Thistle, plumeeless (Carduus acanthoides)  
Thistle, Scotch (Onopordum acanthium, O. tauricum)  
Toadflax, Dalmation (Linaria dalmatica)  
Toadflax, yellow (Linaria vulgaris)  
Whitetop (Cardaria draba)  
Whitetop, hairy (Cardaria pubescens)  
Whitetop, tall (Lepidium latifolium)  
Woad, Dyer’s (Isatis tinctoria)  

Restricted noxious weed seeds – The following species are allowed in seed offered for sale or distributed in the state, but only within the limitations per pound of seed listed:

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<td>Blueweed (Helianthus ciliaris)</td>
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<td>Mustard black (Brassica nigra)</td>
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<td>Burdock, common (Arctium minus)</td>
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<td>Mustard, India (Brassica juncea)</td>
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<td>Butterprint or velvet leaf (Abutilon minus)</td>
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<td>Mustard, wild (Sinapis arvensis)</td>
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<td>Dock, Curly (Rumex crispus)</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>Oat, wild (Avena fatua)</td>
<td>10 in barley, oats, rye, triticale</td>
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<td>Dodder (Cuscuta spp)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Plantain, buckhorn (Plantago lanceolata)</td>
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<td>Foxtail, giant (Setaria faberi)</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>Povertyweed, mouse-ear (Iva axillaris)</td>
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<td>Groundcherry, purple (Quinacula lobata)</td>
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<td>Puncturevine (Tribulus terrestris)</td>
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<td>Hemlock, poison (Conium maculatum)</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Quackgrass (Elytrigia repens)</td>
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<td>Henbane, black (Hyoscyamus niger)</td>
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<td>Sandbur, longspine (Cenchrus lonsinus)</td>
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<td>Lettuce, blue (Lactuca tatarica subsp. pulchella)</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>Thistle, bull (Cirsium vulgare)</td>
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