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Is the Cover Crop seed you use tested for Grass Weeds?



Only source seed tested by ISTA for Blackgrass, Sterile Brome & Wild Oats



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CHECK THE LABEL

NEW Cover Crop HVS Scheme

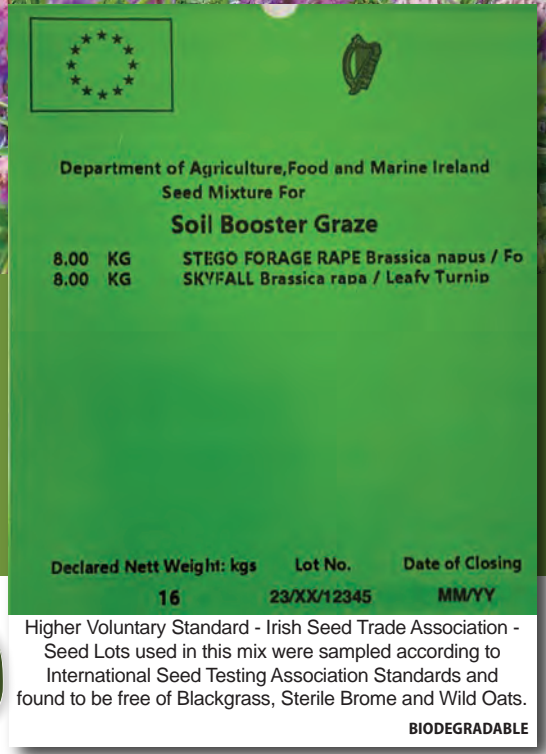
This Irish Seed Trade initiative is a HVS (Higher Voluntary Standard) to play our part in the control of grass weeds.

The Vast Majority of Seeds (straights) for cover crops, wild bird measures and other arable margins are imported. Where possible ISTA members will use Irish Certified Seed.

ISTA Members assembling or importing Cover Crop Mixes or straights will ensure each lot is tested. This is an Internationally recognised Orange Certificate for presentation to the Department of Agriculture Officials ahead of sale or certification in the Republic of Ireland.

The official search will include blackgrass, wild oats & sterile brome.

Only ingredient lots with zero Blackgrass test results assembled/ imported by ISTA members will be used in mixtures for sale to Irish farmers.



Combinable Crops - Never scrimp on the seed

Seed is the most important input in crop production - With certified seed only costing between 8-12% of direct inputs, nobody should take a risk with the seed.

The Irish Seed Trade – Investing in Tillage

8301ha

to Certified
Cereal Seed
Production in 2023

14

Members

29

Site
Trials

50

Cereal Varieties
in Commercial
Production

14

New
Varieties
this year

>25

Plant
Breeders

>150

Varieties currently
listed under PBR

(Plant Breeders Rights IP Protection)

Irish Certified Blue Label Seed is first generation seed, with a Higher Voluntary Standard due to our zero tolerance for Blackgrass in the field and in the seed.



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The Irish Seed Trade Association represents licensed multipliers of certified seed. The association promotes the use of certified seed and advocates for further development of the tillage sector through its contribution to policy and investment in plant breeding and research.