

Certified Seed

Certified seed is produced and increased under a limited generation concept that is supervised by GCIA.

The three classes of certified seed are foundation seed produced from breeder seed, registered seed produced from foundation seed, and certified seed produced from registered seed. Each generation increase is field inspected by GCIA.

Seed meeting or exceeding GCIA quality standards (germination, no noxious weeds, varietal purity, other crop seed) are tagged with the appropriate certification tag.



Additional GCIA Services:



- Ag Audits, LLC
- Food Safety Inspections
 - Organic Certification



International Turfgrass
Genetic Assurance Program



Quality Assurance Program



Identity Preserved Program



*So You Think
“Home Grown”
Peanut Seed
Are For You?*



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REMEMBER:
**Certified Seed Doesn't Cost -
It Pays!**

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GCIA Certified Seed VS. Farmer -Saved Seed

Georgia peanut producers expect and demand high quality, genetically pure seed. Obtaining a uniform stand is one the keys to high peanut yields. Producing high quality, genetically pure peanut seed is both expensive and specialized. Producers should be knowledgeable regarding the real cost of shelling, treating and storage before planting non-professionally produced seed.

Saving one's own seed may not be as cost effective as it seems. Professionally grown seed requires:

- Seed certification inspections to assure genetic purity
- Proper drying techniques
- Isolation & identity of multiple varieties
- Storage & handling during shelling, treating, bagging and transport.



Significant legal issues exist that peanut producers must be aware of. Currently (with few exceptions), peanut varieties grown in Georgia have one or more forms of legal protection limiting or preventing producers from saving and using their own seed.

Varieties protected under the USDA Plant Variety Protection Act of 1970, amended in 1994, may not be sold, marketed, offered for sale, delivered, consigned or exchange without the explicit consent of the variety owner. IT IS ILLEGAL TO CONDITION (SHELL) THE VARIETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPAGATION. However, a producer may save seed for the sole purpose of planting his/her own holdings.

Seed varieties protected by a US Utility Patent issued by the US Patent & Trademark Office may not be saved for planting. There is NO farmer exemption. The only legal provision for peanut seed production of varieties covered by a patent is by a licensing agreement with the patent owner.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO CONDITION / SHELL A PATENT PROTECTED VARIETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPAGATION.

A variety may be protected by both the Plant Variety Protection Act and a Patent. Contact the owner of the variety or GCIA for additional information or clarification.



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