

Who should purchase noxious weed free forage and straw?

- Consumers who wish to prevent the spread of noxious weeds on their land and that of their neighbors;
- Entities that need third party certification to comply with contracts issued by federal, state and local authorities requiring the use of noxious weed free mulch; and
- Forage producers who must have third party documentation to comply with rules and regulations governing the transport of forage to some parks and lands controlled by the Bureau of Land Management.



Additional GCIA Services:

Seed Certification

Turfgrass Certification



Ag Audits, LLC

- Food Safety Inspections
- Organic Certification



International Turfgrass
Genetic Assurance Program



Identity Preserved Program



Want to prevent the introduction of noxious weeds on your property?

Ask for GCIA Quality Assured Noxious Weed Free Forage & Straw



QA is a third party inspection service offered by GCIA.

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GCIA's Quality Assurance Noxious Weed Free Forage & Straw Program

Preventing the introduction of undesirable weeds is one way that we, in the agricultural community as well as consumers, can help protect the environment. Weeds compete with crops and reduce yields, displace native desirable species and can be costly or difficult to eradicate.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture has developed a list of Noxious Weeds. Weeds on this list are injurious to agricultural crops, natural habitats, humans or livestock.

Noxious weeds may be spread by many different methods; farm and construction equipment, contaminates in seed sown for erosion control, vehicles, animal manure, mulch, feed (hay), etc.






The Georgia Crop Improvement Association, through our Quality Assurance third party inspection service, offers a program designed to provide assurance that forage and straw sold with the proper documentation meets minimum standards designed to limit the spread of noxious weeds. Please visit www.georgiacrop.com for the specific standards that relate to this service.



Each shipment of Quality Assured Noxious Weed Free forage or straw must be accompanied by a GCIA certificate that identifies the product as meeting all QA standards (see example below).

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 **NOXIOUS WEED FREE FORAGE & MULCH** 
QUALITY ASSURANCE DOCUMENT

Kind: _____

Quantity: (bales, pounds, size of bale, etc.)

Field ID: _____

The forage/mulch represented by this document was produced in accordance with published standards that may be viewed at www.georgiacrop.com.

This document must be completed and attached to each bill of lading or invoice.

I certify the information provided is true and meets the Georgia Crop Improvement Association requirements for noxious weed free forage/mulch.

Grower/Producer Name & Address: _____

Grower/Producer Signature: _____

Certification Warranty Disclaimer
The products this document represents was produced in accordance with the published standards of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association ("GCIA"). The GCIA makes no warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, including merchantability, or fitness for purpose. The grower/producer whose name appears on this document is solely responsible for the information thereon and for the proper use of this form.

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