

VELVET BEAN SEED
CERTIFICATION STANDARDS (1988)

I. Application and Amplification of General Certification Standards

The General Seed Certification Standards, as adopted by the association are basic and together with the following specific standards constitute the standards for certification of velvet bean seed.

II. Land Requirements

The crop shall not be grown on land on which velvet beans were grown the previous year unless that crop was grown from certified seed of the same variety.

III. Field Inspections

A. Handling the crop prior to inspection

Off – type velvet bean plants must be removed from the field.

B. Time of Inspection

A field inspection shall be made each year by an inspector of the certifying agency at blooming time, when varietal identity can be determined.

IV. Field Standards

A. Unit of Certification

The unit of certification shall be a field, but a portion of a field may be approved for certification provided the remainder is harvested separately and the seed eliminated for certification.

B. Isolation Requirements

Isolation necessary on velvet beans is 100 feet from any other variety of velvet beans, or non-certifiable velvet beans of the same variety.

V. **Seed Standards**

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Standards permitted in each class</u>		
	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Certified</u>
Pure Seed (Min.)	97.0%	97.0%	97.0%
Inert Matter (Max.)	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
*Other Varieties (Max.)	None	0.2%	0.5%
Other Crops (Max.)	1 / lb.	2 / lb.	2 / lb.
Weed Seed (Max.)	5 / lb.	5 / lb.	10 / lb.
**Noxious Weeds	None	None	None
Germination (Min.)	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%

*Off-Colored beans due to environmental factors shall not be considered other varieties.

**See General Standards for list of noxious weeds.