

**ARTICLE 74-01  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**CHAPTER 74-01-01  
ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION**

**74-01-01-01. Organization of seed commission.**

1. History. The State Seed Department was established by the 1931 legislative assembly. The main office was designated to be at North Dakota State University. Branch offices are maintained in ~~Grand Forks and~~ Grafton to more efficiently serve the potato industry with official grade inspection services. The department is governed by the state seed commission.
2. Commission. The State Seed Commission consists of a representative of the North Dakota Crop Improvement Association, a representative of the North Dakota Certified Seed Potato Growers Association, ~~a representative of the North Dakota Dry Edible Bean Seed Growers Association~~, a representative of the North Dakota Agricultural Association, an elected member of the North Dakota Potato Council selected by the North Dakota Potato Council, a representative of the ~~Red River Valley Northern Plains~~ Potato Growers Association who is a North Dakota resident, a representative of the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association who also operates a state-approved seed conditioning plant, selected by the board of directors of the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association, and the Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chairman. The ~~Dean and Director of the Experiment Station, or the Director's designee~~, of the College of Agriculture of the North Dakota State University of Agriculture and Applied Science is ~~an advisory, nonvoting~~ a voting member of the Commission.
3. Functions. The Seed Department enforces state seed laws, inspects and analyzes seed offered for sale, provides a public laboratory service for examining and analyzing seed and commercially produced crops for planting and consumption purposes, maintains a seed certification system for field seeds and potatoes, inspects and grades potatoes and other produce, regulates wholesale potato dealers, and establishes grade standards and grades commodities not in the federal grain standards.
4. Seed commissioner. The commission appoints the seed department manager, who is the State Seed Commissioner.
5. Inquiries. Inquiries regarding the seed department may be addressed to the commissioner:

State Seed Commissioner  
State Seed Department  
State University Station  
Fargo, ND 58105

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