



# Field Seed Program

## Certified Seed Conditioner Requirements

All field-inspected seed that is to be labeled must be conditioned to meet minimum seed standards and conditioning requirements for the specific crop and class. Field-inspected seed may be conditioned by the grower or a seed conditioning plant or mobile mill approved by the North Dakota State Seed Department.

### Conditioning by the Seed Grower

**Conditioning.** The seed grower does not need a conditioning plant permit if the grower conditions their seed on their premises with their own equipment. They **may not** condition seed for another seed grower.

**Sampling.** A two-pound sample and a completed sampler's report must be submitted to the seed department for testing.

### Conditioning at an Approved Seed Plant

**Grower's Declaration.** Seed growers are required to complete a grower's declaration if ownership of the seed is transferred to another entity. Transfer of ownership of [unconditioned] field-inspected seed is limited to an approved conditioner or bulk retailer unless the seed commissioner or the commissioner's agent has approved the transfer. The grower's declaration on the bottom of the sampler's report must be completed and signed when ownership of the seed lot changes and the seed is delivered for conditioning.

**Sampling.** All seed must be sampled at regular intervals by an authorized sampler during conditioning. The two-pound sample representative of the entire seed lot must be sent to the seed department with a completed sampler's report.

### Required Conditioning Equipment

Length and width graders with aspiration in line  
Reversible augers  
Capability to clean out bottom of legs  
Safe access into bins

### Facility Management

Permission to operate as an "Approved Conditioning Plant" will be granted and renewed on an annual basis if the facility meets the minimum requirements as follows:

- § Exhibits satisfactory performance in conditioning seed
- § Maintains a clean facility
- § Keeps accurate records of seed transactions
- § Follows state and federal seed laws including PVP

Call the seed department for more information on becoming an approved seed conditioner.