

Seed Testing Laboratory Service Providers for Texas Agriculture September 2015

All seed sold commercially in Texas must be labeled with a lab test from an official state seed laboratory (Texas or another state), or a Registered Seed Technologist/Society of Commercial Seed Technologist member laboratory.

Standards for Seed Testing

Like in soil testing, water sample testing, etc., a lab that is certified or has individuals who are certified, is a means of ensuring that a lab and/or its employees meets industry standards. So any seed lab that is either a member of Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) or has staff affiliated with Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST; these employ a Registered Seed Technician, or RST) has met industry standards for certification.

Each organization's additional seed testing resources include:

- Association of Official Seed Analysts, Inc.

The Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) is an organization of member laboratories, which include official state, federal, and university seed laboratories across the United States and Canada.

Phone: 202-870-2412

www.aosaseed.com (click 'Directories' for a list of member labs; the e-mail provided for Texas Dept. of Agriculture is in error, use the above e-mail)

- Society of Commercial Seed Technologists

A sister organization to AOSA, SCST is comprised of commercial, independent and government seed technologists. Though the labs themselves may not be members of AOSA, these technologists working there are certified.

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www.seedtechnology.net (click on 'Directories' then 'Members')

Texas Department of Agriculture (<http://www.texasagriculture.gov>)

Limited Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) seed testing services for public testing of seed samples for either standard germination or vigor only (\$50 for each test) are available at the remaining TDA seed lab in Giddings. This is after TDA closed their seed testing labs at Lubbock and Stephenville in 2011 due to budget cuts. You may review the current TDA "Request for Seed Testing" form (RST-1112A) for the type of test and pricing online at

http://www.texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/forms/REG/Seed/rst_1112a_Request_for_Seed_Testing_Schedule_A_Additional_Sample.pdf

If you have questions about Texas seed law or seed test certification you may contact the Giddings TDA Seed Lab.

- Texas Dept. of Agriculture—Giddings Seed Lab
P.O. Box 629
1010 CR 226
Giddings, TX 78942
Phone: 979-542-3691
Fax: 888-205-8417
E-mail: jeffery.claxton@TexasAgriculture.gov

Additional Seed Testing Laboratories

Producers and commercial interests, whether for individual samples or large-scale testing, may use numerous suitable public and private laboratories, especially since TDA has limited seed testing.

AOSA Certified Public Labs from Surrounding States

Arkansas

- Arkansas State Plant Board Seed Laboratory
Arkansas State Plant Board
#1 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AK 72205
Telephone: 501-225-1598
Fax: 501-219-1697
E-mail: info@aspb.ar.gov
<http://plantboard.arkansas.gov/Seed/LabServices/Pages/default.aspx>

Louisiana

- Louisiana State Seed Testing Laboratory
5825 Florida Blvd.
PO Box 3596
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Telephone: 225-925-4733
Fax: 225-925-4124
E-mail: seed@ldaf.state.la.us
<http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/ldaf-programs/seed-programs/seed-regulatory-and-testing/>

New Mexico

- New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture State Seed Laboratory
New Mexico State University
PO Box 30005, MSC 3190
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005
Telephone: 575-646-3407
Fax: 575-646-1841
E-mail: kwilley@nmda.nmsu.edu
<http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/seed-lab/>
Sample submission form,
<http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Seed-Sample-Submission-Form1.pdf>

Oklahoma

- Oklahoma State Dept. of Agriculture
Seed Laboratory, Laboratory Services Div.
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd.
PO Box 528804
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-8804
Telephone: 405-522-5431
Fax: 405-522-0543
E-mail: wade.krivanek@ag.ok.gov
Lab tests offered (seed test prices, page 6; out-of-state samples—double cost, page 1)
<http://www.oda.state.ok.us/lab/labfee.pdf>
Sample submission form, <http://www.oda.state.ok.us/lab/analysis.pdf>

AOSA Certified Private Labs

As noted above AOSA certifies public and private labs. Click on the Members link for further information.

Texas Seed Trade Association Member Suggested Seed Labs (Private)

The Texas Seed Trade Association (<http://www.texasseedtrade.com>) and its nearly 150 members, who require large amounts of seed testing, have provided a list of their own suggested seed testing laboratories (see below) for their members as well as the public at http://www.texasseedtrade.com/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=10

TSTA has been a valuable partner of Texas A&M AgriLife on numerous issues related to seed and general agribusiness in Texas. We respect TSTA's comments on seed lab services, and this list is provided as a courtesy from TSTA.

Texas

- Sorghum Partners, LLC
Parcel shipping: 403 South Monroe
New Deal, TX 79350
Mailing address: P.O. Box 189
New Deal, TX 79350
Phone: 806-746-5566 ext.1010
Fax: 806-746-5305
E-mail: mdemons@chromatininc.com
<http://www.chromatininc.com>

Indiana

- Indiana Crop Improvement Association
7700 Stockwell Road
Lafayette, IN 47909
Phone: 866-899-2518
Fax: 765-523-2536
E-mail: icia@indianacrop.org
<http://www.indianacrop.org/Lab-Services/Seed-Quality-Purity-Testing>

South Dakota

- SGS Mid-West Seed Services, Inc.

236 32nd Avenue
Brookings, SD 57006
Phone: 877-692-7611
Fax: 605-692-7617
E-mail: us.seedinfo@sgs.com
<http://www.seedservices.sgs.com/>

- NST Seed Labs
Parcel shipping: 340 North Main Ave.
Bridgewater, SD 57319
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 100
Bridgewater, SD 57319
Phone: 605-729-2000
Fax: 605-729-2001
E-mail: nstlabs@unitelsd.com
<http://www.nstseedlabs.com>

This list is not an endorsement of any particular seed lab by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, nor is it implied criticism of any lab not listed. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service assumes no responsibility for seed testing lab choices or laboratory results.

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