

# Seed Label Requirements

## All seed labels must have the following information:

- 1) Name of each kind and variety of seed in the package.
- 2) Lot number or other similar unique identification.
- 3) Name and address of the distributor.
- 4) Percent of germination and the calendar month and year the test was done, *except* for vegetable and flower seeds for home gardens, which may state the year for which the seeds were packaged and the "sell by" year. "Vegetable seeds" include the seeds of those crops which are grown in gardens and on truck farms and are generally known and sold under the name of vegetable or herb seeds in this State. "Flower seed" includes seed of herbaceous plants grown for their blooms, ornamental foliage, or other ornamental parts, and commonly known and sold under the name of flower seed.

"Agricultural seed" includes grass, forage, cereal, oil, fiber, and other kinds of crop seeds commonly recognized as agricultural seeds, lawn seeds, and combinations of such seeds, and may include noxious weed seeds used as agricultural seed. **Agriculture, hemp, and grass seed additional requirements:**

- 1) Percent by weight of all crop seeds, weed seeds and inert material.
- 2) Percent of germination of agriculture seed, except for hard seed.
- 3) Percent of germination of and grass seed, except for hard seed.
- 4) Percent of weight of hard seed.
- 5) Origin (state or foreign country).
- 6) Name and percent of weight of any noxious weed.

"Genetically engineered (GE) seed" means seed produced using a variety of methods, as identified by the National Organic Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, used to modify genetically organisms or influence their growth and development by means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes. **Genetically engineered seeds additional requirements:**

- 1) Must identify the traits or characteristics.
- 2) Must list any safety requirements for handling, shipping and storage of the seeds.
- 3) Contact for further information (name and address of manufacturer, distributor or supplier of the seed).

## Treated seed of any type additional requirements:

- 1) Must state that the seeds have been treated.
- 2) Common chemical name of the applied substance.
- 3) Any cautionary statements if the substance is harmful to humans or vertebrate animals.
- 4) If substance is toxic, a poison statement or symbol must be on the label.
- 5) If an inoculant has been used, the date of expiration of the inoculant must be on the label.