

NOXIOUS WEED SEED FREE FORAGE AND MULCH CERTIFICATION

There is a growing demand in North America for the use of certified noxious weed seed free forage and mulch as a preventative program to limit the spread of noxious weeds. This voluntary certification program is designed to assure that forage (straw, hay, cubes and pellets) and mulch sold with proper certification identification meets minimum standards designed to limit the spread of noxious weed seed. Buyers are provided assurance that forage and mulch certified through this program meets these minimum standards.

Ohio Seed Improvement Association has been designated as the official Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage and Mulch (NWSFF & M) Certification Agency in Ohio. Program standards comply with the Regional Weed Free Forage Certification Standards developed by the Regional Weed Free Forage Committee of the North American Weed Management Association. The Regional Weed Free Forage Committee has established minimum standards to allow uniform participation by states and provinces in the program. Forage and mulch certified under the OSIA certification program with proper certification documents or markings attached will be eligible to be shipped into restricted areas in the United States and Canada where only forage and mulch certified under the Regional Forage Certification Standards can be used.

The following producers have applied for certification of noxious weed seed free forage and/or mulch as of September 1, 2008.

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