

## Seed Testing Laboratory Service Providers for Texas Agriculture

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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

Website: <http://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.

Phone: 202-870-2412

Website: <http://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](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](mailto: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  
Phone: 501-225-1598  
Fax: 501-219-1697  
E-mail: [info@aspb.ar.gov](mailto:info@aspb.ar.gov)  
Website: <http://plantboard.arkansas.gov/Seed/LabServices/Pages/default.aspx>  
Access laboratory prices [HERE](#)

##### Louisiana

- Louisiana State Seed Testing Laboratory  
5825 Florida Blvd.  
PO Box 3596  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Phone: 225-925-4733  
Fax: 225-925-4124  
E-mail: [seed@ldaf.state.la.us](mailto:seed@ldaf.state.la.us)  
Website: <http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/ldaf-programs/seed-programs/seed-regulatory-and-testing/>  
Access laboratory prices [HERE](#)

##### New Mexico

- New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture State Seed Laboratory  
New Mexico State University  
PO Box 30005, MSC 3190  
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005  
Phone: 575-646-3407  
Fax: 575-646-1841  
E-mail: [kwilley@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:kwilley@nmda.nmsu.edu)  
Website: <http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/seed-lab/>  
Access the sample submission form [HERE](#)

## Oklahoma

- Oklahoma State Dept. of Agriculture  
Seed Laboratory, Laboratory Services Div.  
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd.  
PO Box 528804  
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-8804  
Phone: 405-522-5431  
Fax: 405-522-0543  
E-mail: [wade.krivanek@ag.ok.gov](mailto:wade.krivanek@ag.ok.gov)  
Website: <http://www.oda.state.ok.us/lab/>  
Access lab tests offered and prices [HERE](#) (seed test prices, page 6; out-of-state samples—double cost, page 1)  
Access the sample submission form [HERE](#)

## *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](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](mailto:mdemons@chromatininc.com)  
Website: <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](mailto:icia@indianacrop.org)  
Website: <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](mailto:us.seedinfo@sgs.com)  
Website: <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](mailto:nstlabs@unitelsd.com)  
Website: <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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