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 pubic 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.
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
  Website: [http://plantboard.arkansas.gov/Seed/LabServices/Pages/default.aspx](http://plantboard.arkansas.gov/Seed/LabServices/Pages/default.aspx)
  Access laboratory prices [HERE](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
  Phone: 225-925-4733
  Fax: 225-925-4124
  E-mail: seed@ldaf.state.la.us
  Website: [http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/ldaf-programs/seed-programs/seed-regulatory-and-testing/](http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/ldaf-programs/seed-programs/seed-regulatory-and-testing/)
  Access laboratory prices [HERE](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
  Phone: 575-646-3407
  Fax: 575-646-1841
  E-mail: kwilley@nmda.nmsu.edu
  Website: [http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/seed-lab/](http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/seed-lab/)
  Access the sample submission form [HERE](http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/seed-lab/)
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
  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

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
  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
  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
  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
  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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