

Suggested Seed Laboratory Testing Service Providers for Texas Agriculture

In August 2011 the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) closed their seed testing labs at Lubbock and Stephenville due to budget cuts. Seed testing services at the remaining lab in Giddings will be used only for internal TDA testing in support of regulatory issues and evaluation. Producers and commercial interests—whether for individual samples or large-scale testing—must now use other suitable laboratories. If you have questions about Texas seed law or seed test certification you may contact the Giddings TDA Seed Lab at 979-542-3691.

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

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 suggested seed testing laboratories (see below) for their members as well as the public.

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: 607-256-3313

www.aosaseed.com (click 'Directories' for a list of member labs)

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: 607-256-3313

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

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 AOSA or has staff affiliated with SCST (e.g. Registered Seed Technician, or RST; etc.) has met industry standards for certification.

Texas Seed Trade Association Member Preferred Seed Labs

http://www.texasseedtrade.com/cms/images/stories/Docs/Texas_Seed_Trade_Association_Seed_Lab_List.pdf

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

Fax: 806-746-5305

E-mail: terry.dunfield@sorghum-partners.com

<http://www.sorghum-partners.com> (then click 'Services')

South Dakota

SGS Mid-West Seed Services, Inc.

236 32nd Avenue
Brookings, SD 57006

Phone: 605-692-7611

Fax: 605-692-7617

E-mail: us.seedinformsgs.com

<http://www.seedservices.sgs.com>

NST Seed Labs

Parcel shipping: 530 East 3rd Street, Suite #3
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>

Additional AOSA Certified 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: 501-225-3590

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: 225-237-5803

E-mail: seed@ldaf.state.la.us

<http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/portal/Offices/AgriculturalEnvironmentalSciences/SeedPrograms/tabid/121/Default.aspx>

New Mexico

New Mexico 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://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu/laboratory-services/Seed%20Lab.html>

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Dept. of Agriculture

Seed Laboratory, Laboratory Services Div.

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd.

PO Box 528804

Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4298

Telephone: 405-522-5452

Fax: 405-522-0543

E-mail: wade.krivanek@ag.ok.gov

Lab tests offered (see page 6 for seed tests; out-of-state samples are double cost),

<http://www.oda.state.ok.us/lab/labfee.pdf>

Sample submission form, <http://www.oda.state.ok.us/lab/analysis.pdf>

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

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