

## 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.

*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.*

### Standards for Seed Testing

Like in soil testing, water sample testing, etc., a certified lab or has individuals who are certified, is a means of ensuring 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

E-mail: [aosa@aosaseed.com](mailto:aosa@aosaseed.com)

Website: <https://analyzeseeds.com/?v=dfd44cc06c1b> (click 'Membership Directory' 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: 202-870-2412

E-mail: [scst@seedtechnology.net](mailto:scst@seedtechnology.net)

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) remain available Giddings seed lab in Giddings. Most of TDA's seed testing is for regulatory and certification needs. You may review the current TDA "Request for Seed Testing" form (RST-1112A) for the type of test and pricing 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 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: ?  
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 suitable public and private laboratories.

#### *AOSA Certified Public Labs from Surrounding States*

##### Arkansas

- State of Arkansas—Plant Industries' Seed Section  
#1 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AK 72205  
Phone: 501-225-1598  
Fax: ?  
E-mail: [info@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:info@agriculture.arkansas.gov)  
Website:  
<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/feed-and-fertilizer-section/seed-section/>  
then access "Lab Services" and "Seed Testing Fees"

##### Louisiana

- Louisiana State Seed Testing Laboratory  
5825 Florida Blvd./Suite 3004  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Phone: 225-925-4733  
Fax: 225-925-4124  
E-mail: [Lester\\_c@ldaf.state.la.us](mailto:Lester_c@ldaf.state.la.us)  
Website:  
<https://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: 575-646-1540

E-mail: [kwilley@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:kwilley@nmda.nmsu.edu)  
Website: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/laboratories/state-seed-lab.html>

### Oklahoma

- The Oklahoma Crop Improvement Association is no longer accepting seed samples for testing. Public non-commercial samples should be sent to a commercial lab of your choice.  
For seed related questions: 405-744-7108  
E-mail: [wade.krivanek@ag.ok.gov](mailto:wade.krivanek@ag.ok.gov)  
Website: <http://okcrop.okstate.edu/Home/seed-testing>

### *AOSA Certified Private Labs*

As noted above AOSA certifies public and private labs. Click on the Members link for further information.

The Texas Seed Trade Association (<http://www.texasseedtrade.com>) and its 90+ members, require large amounts of seed testing. TSTA names their own suggested seed testing laboratories (see below) for their members and 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)

*\*\*\*Chromatin, New Deal, TX and Hulsey Seed Laboratory, Decatur GA are no longer active.*

TSTA is a valuable partner of Texas A&M AgriLife on numerous issues related to seed and agribusiness in Texas. We respect TSTA's comments on seed lab services. This list is provided as a courtesy from TSTA.

### Texas

- The Chromatin/Sorghum Partners (now part of S&W Seed Company) is no longer active. It is still listed on the TSTA website.

### Georgia

- Hulsey Seed Lab is no longer in business.

### 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: <https://indianacrop.org>

### Nebraska

- Nebraska Crop Improvement Association  
266 Plant Sciences Hall  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0911  
Phone: 402-472-1444

Fax: 402-472-8652  
E-mail: [steven.pageler@unl.edu](mailto:steven.pageler@unl.edu)  
Website: <http://necrop.org>

South Dakota

- SoDak Labs, Inc.  
263 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Brookings, SD 57006  
Phone: 605-692-2758  
Fax: 605-692-2756  
E-mail: [info@SoDakLabs.com](mailto:info@SoDakLabs.com)  
Website: <http://www.sodaklabs.com>

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