

Suggested 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 reservations 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 the following sister organizations:

- 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 (but not private) seed laboratories across the United States and Canada.

Phone: 202-870-2412

E-mail: aosa@aosaseed.com, scst@seedtechnology.net

Website: <https://analyzeseeds.com/?v=dfd44cc06c1b> (click 'About' for a directory of member labs)

- Society of Commercial Seed Technologists

A sister organization to AOSA, the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists (SCST) is comprised of commercial, independent, and government seed technologists.

Commercial labs themselves are not members of AOSA, but many of their employee seed technologists may be SCST certified. This is a possible standard public clientele may choose to include in their choice of a private seed testing lab.

Phone: 202-870-2412

E-mail: scst@seedtechnology.net

Website: <http://www.seedtechnology.net> (click 'About' for a directory of member technologists)

Texas Department of Agriculture (<https://texasagriculture.gov/Regulatory-Programs/Seed-Quality/Seed-Testing-Resources>)

Limited Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) seed testing services for public testing of seed samples for either standard germination or vigor only remain available at the Giddings seed lab.

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

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: 888-205-8417
E-mail: 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 in Adjacent States

Arkansas

- State of Arkansas—Plant Industries Seed Section
#1 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
Phone: 501-225-1598
Fax: 501-225-7213
E-mail: info@agriculture.arkansas.gov
Website: <https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/feed-and-fertilizer-section/seed-section/>
then click "Forms" for a list of services and 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: seed@ldaf.state.la.us
Website: <https://www.ldaf.la.gov/plants/seeds/sample-testing>

New Mexico

- New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture State Seed Laboratory
New Mexico State University
Mail: 973 Agriculture Way
Las Cruces, NM 88003
Phone: 575-646-3407
Overnight: PO Box 30005
Las Cruces, NM 88003

Fax: 575-646-1841 / 575-646-1540
E-mail: kwilley@nmda.nmsu.edu
Website: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/laboratories/state-seed-lab.html>

Oklahoma

- Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture Seed Division
2800 North Lincoln Blvd. / PO Box 528804
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4298
Phone: 405-522-5458
Fax: 405-522-1855
E-mail: tori.gillispie@ag.ok.gov
Websites:
General: <https://ag.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Request-for-Analysis.pdf>
Services: <https://ag.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Request-for-Analysis.pdf>
Fees: <https://ag.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Updated-09-25-23-Fee-Schedule-with-Changes.pdf>

Other Labs

The Texas Seed Trade Association (<https://texasseedtrade.com>) is a long-time valued partner of Texas A&M AgriLife on numerous issues related to seed and agribusiness in Texas. TSTA and its seed-producer members require large amounts of seed testing. TSTA lists their affiliate seed testing lab service members as “preferred seed labs” (see below) to the public at <https://www.texasseedtrade.com/SeedLabProfiles>

A) Current TSTA Seed Testing Service Affiliate Members

Indiana

- Indiana Crop Improvement Association (<https://www.indianacrop.org>, a non-profit association) is an affiliate member, but their bylaws only permit seed testing for seed companies, not individuals. The only testing they perform for individual clientele is GMO presence in crop seeds.

South Dakota

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E-mail: info@SoDakLabs.com
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