

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is required for all growers and/or conditioners who make certified seed production and/or seed conditioning a definite part of their farm program. Any other person or firm interested in promoting the objectives of the Association and in receiving its benefits may become an Associate member without voting privileges by paying the membership fee.

An application for either membership may be accepted or rejected by the Board of Directors.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

1. Applications for membership and crop inspection will be provided on request.
2. Final dates for filing: (Late applications may be returned)

February 1	Rye, Triticale, Canola & Lupine
March 1	Turfgrass (Zoysia and Bermudas)
March 15	Pecan Trees and Miscanthus
April 1	Grasses: Bermuda, Bahia, Tall Fescue, Clovers, Oats, Wheat, & Barley
May 15	Hybrid Corn (South Georgia)
June 1	Hybrid Corn (North Georgia), Tobacco, Okra, and Forest Trees*
June 15	Peanuts
July 1	Cotton, Sorghums, Southern Peas, and Lespedeza
August 1	Soybeans and Millet
March 15	Final date for making reservations for foundation seeds for spring planting.
September 15	Final date for making reservations for foundation seeds for fall planting.
*October 15	Forest Tree - for initial inspection 21 months prior to seed collection.
3. Late applications: When received more than three weeks after the dates specified applications may be accepted only if the Association has the time and personnel to make the necessary inspections. See fee schedule for late charges.

- E. **APPLICATION FEE:** Minimum \$150.00 (this does not include membership)
 Except for hybrid corn
 *Pecans - \$500.00 application fee plus travel for onsite visit
 (this does not include membership), \$250.00 for desk audit (this
 does not include membership)
 **Miscanthus - \$500.00 application fee for 1st acre or part
 thereof (this does not include membership) plus \$8.00 per acre
 for each additional acre
- F. **TAG FEE:** \$.10 per tag; Pecans - \$0.50 per tree sold

*****Note:** In lieu of tag fee – All classes of certified tree seed will be assessed a fee of \$.10 per pound of conditioned seed.

- G. **BULK CERTIFICATES:** Fees for bulk certificates will be calculated by dividing the pounds in the bulk container by 50 and multiplied by the current certified tag rate. Preprinted unused bulk certificates will be billed at \$2.00 per certificate.

- H. **LATE FEES:** (Per application)

1 st week	\$50.00
2 nd week	Each additional week past due date – add \$25.00
3 rd week or later	\$75.00 plus \$.30/A for 1 st 50 acres and \$.15/A for additional acreage over 50 acres.

If late adding a grower: \$25.00 plus \$.10 / A

No late fee is charged on additional acreage of grower or farm if application is submitted on time or if late fee has been charged against original application. If application is made on time, but is incomplete then a ten-day grace period is provided from the day completion is requested. Late fee charges will be imposed on all incomplete applications after the ten-day grace period.

- I. **APPROVED SEED CONDITIONING PLANT FEES:** \$300.00 * Initial fee.
 \$150.00 ANNUALLY
 *\$300 for those being reinstated after having been removed from the approved plant list.
- J. **PEANUT BUYING POINT FEE:** \$100.00 annually
- K. **RE-INSPECTION FEES:** \$50.00 plus mileage – per reinspection for all crops

L. **SPECIAL SERVICES:** Inspection charges for companies who do not purchase certification tags - previous years cost analysis, plus 25%

HYBRID CORN: Field inspection only - \$12 per A with minimum \$500.00

RETURN TAG FEE SCHEDULE

Return tags must be received by:

Spring crops:	Small Grains, Grasses, etc.	January 1
Summer crops:	Peanuts	July 15
	Soybeans	August 1

Definition of Terms Used for Purposes of the Georgia Certification Program

1. *Bare Root Plant*
A plant grown from seed, in soil, and pulled or undercut for transplanting purposes.
2. *Conditioning*
Conditioning is the mechanical handling of seed from harvest until marketing.
3. *Double Cross*
A double cross is the first generation hybrid between two single crosses.
4. *Field*
An area with clearly defined borders i.e. roads, ditches, bare ground, woods, etc. In any case the minimum width of a field “border” will be two feet.
5. *Foundation Backcrosses*
 - a. A foundation backcross shall be the first generation cross between a foundation single cross and an inbred line. The inbred line shall be the same as one of the inbreds in the foundation single cross.
 - b. A second generation foundation backcross shall be the cross of a first generation Backcross (ear parent) with its recurrent inbred parent (pollen parent).
6. *Foundation Single Cross*
A foundation single cross is a single cross used in the production of double, three way or top crosses.
7. *Inbred Line*
An inbred line is a relatively true – breeding strain resulting from at least five successive generations of controlled self-fertilization or of back-crossing to recurrent parent with selection or its equivalent.
8. *Off-Types*
Off –Type means a plant or seed which deviates in one or more characteristics from that which has been described in accordance with section 201.68 (c) of the Federal Seed Act as being usual for the strain or variety.
9. *Open Pollination*
Open Pollination seed is a seed produced as a result of natural pollination as opposed to hybrid seed produced as a result of a controlled pollination.
10. *Plant Breeder*
Person or organization actively engaged in the breeding and maintenance of varieties of plants.

11. *Plug*
A small seedling grown from seed, that is approximately four weeks old and is to be used in the production of finished plants for transplanting purposes.
12. *Preprinted Bags*
The certified blue tag with analysis is printed on the bag by the bag manufacturer. Variable data, i.e. test date, lot number will be added by the conditioner
13. *Seedling*
A young plant grown from seed, or plugs, which is being offered for sale for transplanting purposes.
14. *Single Cross*
A single cross is the first generation hybrid between two inbred lines.
15. *Three Way Cross*
A first generation hybrid between a single cross and an inbred line.
16. *Top Cross*
A top cross is the first generation hybrid of a cross between an inbred line and an open-pollinated variety or the first generation hybrid between a single cross and an open – pollinated variety.
17. *Variants*
Variants are defined as seeds or plants which are:
 - a. Distinct within the variety but occurs naturally in the variety.
 - b. Stable and predictable with a degree of reliability comparable to other varieties of the same kind, within recognized tolerances, when the variety is reproduced or reconstituted.
 - c. Originally a part of the variety seed as released.
 - d. A variant is not an offtype.
18. *Variety*
The term variety (cultivar) denotes an assemblage of cultivated individuals which are distinguished by any characteristics (morphological, physiological, cytological, chemical, or Others) significant for the purposes of agriculture, forestry, or horticulture and which, when reproduced (sexually or asexually) or reconstituted, retain their distinguishing features.