

## 6 Cowpea Seed Certification Standards

### I. Land Requirements

Cowpeas shall not be grown on land which was planted to cowpeas the previous year unless the preceeding crop was grown from certified seed of the same variety.

### II. Field Inspection

Seed fields shall be inspected at least once prior to harvest, preferably after pods are well developed.

### III. Field Standards

#### A. General

##### 1. Unit of certification

The unit of certification shall be a field, but a portion of a field may be approved provided the discarded portion can be harvested separately and is eliminated from certification.

##### 2. Isolation

A field of cowpeas for certification must be separated by at least ten feet from any other variety or uncertified field of the same variety.

#### B. Specific Requirements

Factor	<i>Maximum permitted in each class</i>		
	<i>Foundation</i>	<i>Registered</i>	<i>Certified</i>
Other varieties: Variety	1:2000	1:1000	1:500
Other crops (inseparable)	None	1:2000	1:1000

### IV. Referee Sample

A representative sample of at least two-pounds as the seed is to be sold shall be submitted to the Association for laboratory analysis.

### V. Seed Standards

Factor	<i>Standards for each class</i>		
	<i>Foundation</i>	<i>Registered</i>	<i>Certified</i>
Pure seed (minimum)	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%
Inert matter (maximum)	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Weed seed (maximum)	None	None	0.10%
Prohibited weeds (maximum) <sup>1</sup>	None	None	None
Other kinds including other varieties (maximum)	0.05%	0.10%	0.20%
Other crop seed (maximum)	None	0.05%	0.10%
Disease lesions (maximum) <sup>2</sup>	0.10%	0.10%	0.50%
Total germination and hard seed (minimum)	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%

<sup>1</sup>See Section XLI P.

<sup>2</sup>Diseases that cannot be controlled by a suitable fungicide.