

# VDOT Green Tag Program How it works

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- Initiated in 1997-98
- Administered by VA Crop Improvement Association [VCIA]  
<http://www.virginiacrop.org/>
- Inspectors from VCIA
- All seed used on VDOT projects must be inspected to assure quality control
- More streamlined - No “middle men” steps, easier accountability, better state control, easier for inspectors.

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- **Turfgrass** seed must be “certified” before it is used in the “green tag” program
  - Certified seed = legally binding that material stated is what is in the bag
  - Less weed seed and “other seed”
- **Inspectors:**
  - Physically oversee the blending of seed
  - Record & place a green tag on the bags of seed
- **Simplifies field operations**
  - No on-site seed inspection needed

# VCIA procedures

- Inspectors' check list
  - Have all lots been approved by VDOT?
  - Attach VDACS lab report to each lot
  - Attach one VDOT tag per lot.
  - Are tagging area, mixing chamber and bagger clean prior to blending?
  - Do the variety and lot numbers on the bags (or attached tags) and Certification tags match variety and lot number on lab report and VDOT tag?
  - VCIA has a file every certified seed lot in Virginia.

# Green Tag Program Summary

- VCIA inspects all seed used on VDOT projects.
- Test for germination, purity and noxious weeds
- Oversees all blending
- Assures that only inspected “Green Tag” seed is used on VDOT projects

**Better control and procedures result in better  
quality and simplified on-site handling!**

Questions?

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