



CERTIFIED SEED POTATO INFORMATION

Are you selling potatoes for planting? If so, these are considered seed potatoes, and must be certified and originate from a certified seed grower.

What are certified seed potatoes? Certified seed potatoes are produced by a certified seed grower and have been entered into and issued tags from a certification program. Certified seed potatoes are derived from disease free material inspected in the field and storage and have met all the requirements of Certification of the state or country of origin.

How do I know I am purchasing certified seed potatoes? Certified seed potatoes purchased bulk from a certified seed grower must include the certification document from the certification agency of the state or country of origin. Certified seed potatoes offered for sale must have attached to each container or display, the applicable certification tag or identification issued by the official certification agency of the state or country of origin. The State of Alaska Seed Certification tags are blue in color.

Planting only certified seed contributes to the stability and health of the potato industry.

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State of Alaska Statutes and Regulations for the Sale and Labeling of Seed Potatoes

Alaska Statutes

- AS 03.05.030. Rules for grading and classification of agricultural products. The commissioner may adopt rules, regulations, and procedures requiring the classification, grading, and inspection of agricultural products sold or offered for sale for general consumption before they are sold, and requiring the marking or labeling of any sack, box, carton, or other container of agricultural products to show the kind, grade, or other prescribed classification of the contents.
AS 03.05.090. Penalties for violations. (a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter or a regulation, order, or quarantine made under authority of this chapter, or violates a provision of a permit issued under this chapter, or sells seeds failing to meet the labeling requirements, standards, and tests provided for by regulation of the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner of environmental conservation is guilty of a class A misdemeanor for each offense.

Alaska Regulations

- 11 AAC 32.050. Label required (b) Potatoes represented as seed potatoes must have attached to each container or display the applicable certification tag or identification issued by the official certification agency of the state or country of origin.
11 AAC 34.075 Prohibited acts (j) No person may sell, offer for sale, or represent potatoes as seed potatoes unless the potatoes have been certified by the official seed certifying agency of the state or country of origin.