

**Wyoming Forage Certification Standards  
For Noxious Weed Free Forage  
[Feed, Hay Cubes, Pellets, Straw or Mulch]  
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Forage (Feed, hay, cubes, pellets, straw or mulch) shall be free of noxious weeds or undesirable plant species pursuant to W.S. 11-5-102(a)(x) and the current Regional Weed Free Forage Weed List.

1. Forage shall be inspected in the state of origin by proper officials or authority.
2. Forage will be inspected to North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA) standards and the field may be rejected for any Wyoming designated or declared weeds.
3. Forage shall also be inspected in the field of origin (field shall include surrounding ditches, fence rows, roads, easement, right-of-way, or a buffer zone surrounding the field).
4. Field shall be inspected prior to cutting or harvesting by the proper officials or authority.
5. Forage that contains any weed species, as classified above, may be certified if the field upon which the forage was produced was treated to prevent the dissemination of viable plant parts.
6. Certificate shall document that the above requirements have been met (1...4) based upon a reasonable and prudent visual inspection.
7. Certified forage shall be accompanied by a transit certificate, certification tag, or appropriate official colored twine or wire. These articles shall be issued by proper officials or authority in the state of origin. Shipments into restricted areas not accompanied by one of these articles may be rejected.
8. Proper officials or authority:
  - a. In-State: 1) Representative from one of the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control Districts, or 2) Representative of the Wyoming State Department of Agriculture.
  - b. Out of State: 1) Representative of that State's Department of Agriculture, or 2) Weed Supervisor and Weed Superintendent, or 3) University Extension Agent, or 4) an individual designated by that state's law or regulations.

9. Processed feeds including pellets and pelleted milled feeds may be certified based on official testing completed annually by a state or federal seed lab for weed seed viability. Proof of results shall be submitted to the Wyoming State Department of Agriculture.

10. Special Exemptions:


c Interstate: Special exemption to portions of the Certification Standards may be granted by the affected District, County, or State in consultation with the Wyoming State Department of Agriculture on a case by case basis.


d. Intrastate: Special exemption to portions of the Certification Standards may be granted by the affected District in consultation with the Intrastate District on a case by case basis.

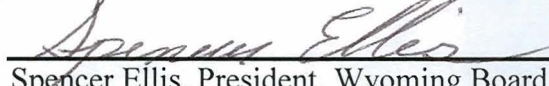
11. Only the original or official Certificate of Inspection and Transit Certificate will be accepted in Wyoming.

For additional information, contact the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control District in your area or Wyoming Department of Agriculture (307) 777-6585 or 7321.

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