



Canadian Grain
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Defining quality



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The Canadian Grain



Who we are

The Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) is the federal agency that regulates and certifies the quality and quantity of grain and its handling in Canada.

We are a scientific and technical organization. Our scientific work is completed by our Grain Research Laboratory, dedicated to advancing grain science and research for the benefit of producers and the Canadian grain industry.

As a technical organization, the CGC also supports the grain industry through inspection and grading and by certifying grain quality and quantity to meet customer needs.



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Why we're here

The CGC was created in 1912 to provide oversight to the Canadian grain industry through a grading and inspection system for 21 grains under the *Canada Grain Act*.

This system of grading and inspection is still in place today and continues to evolve to meet industry needs. It is used to determine grain quality, regulate handling and ensure Canadian grain is a dependable commodity for domestic and export markets.



What we do

From farm to market and every stage in between, the CGC contributes to the Canadian grain industry and its success. Our contributions include gathering crop quality data, defining grain quality, providing quantity assurance, monitoring grain safety and researching end uses for grain.



Canadian grain meeting

Why do customers choose Canadian grain? It's about quality.

Thanks to Canada's grading system, customers know exactly what they're getting when they buy Canadian grain. The CGC establishes grain grades and sets limits for factors that could diminish grain quality and affect end-use performance. Grain grades provide customers with an assurance that Canadian grain will consistently meet their expectations year to year.



Working together for effective grain grading

The Eastern Standards Committee, made up of members of the grain industry, grain producers and government representatives, regularly reviews the grading system. The Eastern Standards Committee brings forward industry concerns, makes recommendations on grain grades and recommends studies into grading issues.

For example, these studies can look at adjusting tolerances to reflect the evolving nature of toxins in Eastern wheat or examining the impact of mildew on end-use performance.



customers' needs

Identity preservation

Canadian grain customers may have specific quality needs that can include assurances that the grain is a specific variety or is not genetically modified.

The CGC offers identity preservation certification to the grain industry through the Canadian Identity Preserved Recognition System (CIPRS) to meet these needs. Under CIPRS, we certify companies that segregate grain and document its movement from seed to production, handling and transportation. The CIPRS program is voluntary and is an effective way for the grain industry to meet customer requirements for identity-preserved grain.

Monitoring the quality of grain export shipments

The CGC also certifies the quality of export vessel shipments by sampling and analyzing grain samples as shipments are loaded. This monitoring allows us to issue Certificate Finals for shipments as confirmation of grain quality. The CGC also oversees the weighing of grain. We are responsible for complete and accurate weighing of grain for export and for providing assurances that customers will receive the quantity they have ordered.



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Safe grain

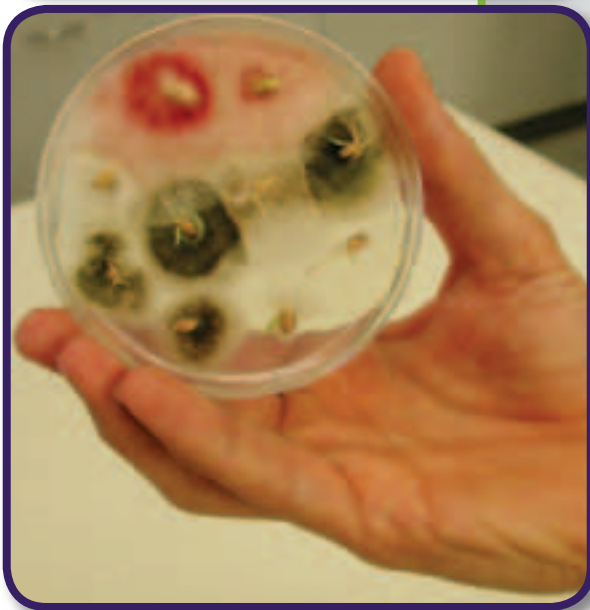


Quality grain means safe grain

Working together, each member of the grain industry contributes to Canada's grain safety. The CGC's contributions to grain safety include researching factors that affect grain safety and providing answers to questions such as:

- What are some best practices to prevent mycotoxin growth in your bins?
- What's the best way to prevent insect infestations?

The answers to these questions, as well as more resources and grain safety information can be found at www.grainscanada.gc.ca.



Harvest samples

Send us your grain sample, get a free grade

Each year, we ask producers from across the country to send in samples of their grain for our annual Harvest Sample Program. For sending in their samples, producers receive a free CGC grade, protein information and other quality data.

Producers' grain samples help us:

- Assess the quality of each year's harvest
- Research new uses for Canadian grain which could lead to finding new markets
- Evaluate and improve grain grading
- Study issues that can affect the end-use quality of Canadian grain

If you'd like to participate in the Harvest Sample Program, visit www.grainscanada.gc.ca or call 1-888-324-2248 to sign up and receive a kit.



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