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Export Program
Manual

General Procedures

Testing

Testing **must** be done at a USDA or State laboratory, or a USDA accredited facility.



Testing conducted by any private entity **must** be accredited by the USDA. Currently only the National Seed Health System (NSHS) provides specific standards for laboratory seed health tests and seed crop field inspections that may be used for the issuance of a phytosanitary certificate to meet international regulations regarding export of seed from the United States. For more information on accreditation issues please contact Michael Ward, Senior Accreditations Program Manger at michael.d.ward@aphis.usda.gov or 301-734-5227.

Refer to “**Step 2:Determine Lead Time and Time Limits**” on **page-3-5-4** for further information.

For information on accreditation, refer to the USDA accreditation website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/accreditation.shtml.

