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§ 201.22 Date of test.

(a) The label shall show the month and year in which the germination test was completed. No more than 5 calendar months shall have elapsed between the last day of the month in which the germination test was completed and the date of transportation or delivery for transportation in interstate commerce, except for seed in hermetically sealed containers as provided in §201.36c in which case no more than 24 calendar months shall have elapsed between the last day of the month in which the germination test was completed prior to packaging and the date of transportation or delivery for transportation in interstate commerce.

(b) In the case of a seed mixture, it is only necessary to state the calendar month and year of such test for the kind or variety or type of agricultural seed contained in such mixture which has the oldest calendar month and year.

§ 201.19 Inert matter.

The label shall show the percentage by weight of inert matter.

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§ 201.20 Germination.

The label shall show the percentage of germination each kind, or kind and variety, or kind and type, or kind and hybrid of agricultural seed present in excess of 5 percent or shown in the labeling to be present in a proportion of 5 percent or less: Provided, That this shall not apply to freshly harvested Kentucky bluegrass or sugar beet seed transported or delivered for transportation during the months of July, August, and September for seeding during the year in which the seed is produced.


§ 201.21 Hard seed.

The label shall show the percentage of hard seed, if any is present, for any seed required to be labeled as to the percentage of germination, and the percentage of hard seed shall not be included as part of the germination percentage.

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§ 201.18 Other agricultural seeds (crop seeds).

Agricultural seeds other than those included in the percentage or percentages of kind, variety, or type may be expressed as “crop seeds” or “other crop seeds,” but the percentage shall include collectively all kinds, varieties, or types not named upon the label.

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