



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Testing of Seeds Five Year Rule Review

The rules in this package have been reviewed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows. **The comment period will remain open through November 24, 2020.** Comments may be emailed to ecomments@agri.ohio.gov or mailed to Legal Section, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

OAC Chapter 901:5-27 is currently up for five-year review. The rules are being amended as follows:

Rule 901:5-27-02 provides for a uniform methodology for testing seeds offered for sale in Ohio. This rule is being amended to update the year for a publication.

Rule 901:5-27-03 sets forth the list of seeds which shall be labeled as to their variety. This rule is being amended to correct a typographical error.

Rule 901:5-27-04 establishes minimum germination standards for vegetable and herb seeds. This rule is being proposed as no change.

Rule 901:5-27-05 prohibits the disposal of screenings in a way which may be harmful to humans and livestock. This rule is being amended to correct a typographical error.

Rule 901:5-27-06 lists the restricted and prohibited seeds. This rule is being amended to remove Forage Kochia and add Waterhemp. An additional amendment is the removal of French weed.

Rule 901:5-27-07 establishes the process for obtaining a seed labeler permit. This rule is being amended remove redundant text.

Rule 901:5-27-08 establishes minimum germination standards for flower seeds. This rule is being proposed as no change.

Rule 901:5-27-09 sets forth the species of grass that are native and native grasses that establish high inert matter. This rule is being amended to remove unnecessary text.

