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Use of certified seeds

Certified seeds (CS) are 98% pure, clean, full, and uniform in size and have a minimum germination of 85%.

Importance of using certified seeds

- ✓ Can contribute to 5-10% increase in grain yield.
- ✓ Harvest from certified seeds can be used as seeds for 1-2 seasons with proper roguing and processing

Classes of seeds

Seed Class	Source	Color of tag
Breeder Seed	comes directly from plant breeder	White
Foundation Seed	grown from breeder seed	Red
Registered Seed	grown from foundation seed	Green
Certified Seed	grown from either foundation, registered, or certified seed	Blue

Source:

Alejar M, Arocena E, Ayos E, Padolina T, Elep J, & Pamplona A. 2010. *Seed Quality: Variety and Seed Selection*. Rice Self-Sufficiency Plan Rice Technology Updates Seminar.