MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
NOXIOUS WEED SEED FREE PROCESSED FEED/MULCH PRODUCTS

BUSINESS NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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PHYSICAL PLANT ADDRESS: _____

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CONTACT PERSON: _____ TITLE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

TYPE OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCT AND PROCESS

Please check what product(s) and process the facility will use to make certified product. See back of form for a description of the standard pelleting process.

☐ **Cubed** feeds from certified weed seed free forage. *(MDA inspector will schedule a facility inspection to verify NWSFF materials and markers are being used.)*

☐ **Wattles** from certified weed seed free straw or other materials. *(MDA inspector will schedule a facility inspection to verify NWSFF materials and markers are being used.)* Indicate which type below *(select one)*

☐ Certified Weed Seed Free Forage ☐ Other materials _____

GRAIN CONCENTRATES: *(select one)*

☐ Using entirely certified weed seed free grain concentrate (grain from a certified weed seed free field - *MDA inspector will schedule a facility inspection to verify NWSFF product and markers are being used*.)

☐ Using grain concentrate from a NON-CERTIFIED field:

1. Attach documentation describing the method of cleaning to remove noxious weed seeds,
2. Requires an annual production plant inspection by a certified MDA inspector, and
3. Requires a purity test be sent to the Montana State Seed Lab.

PELLETS: *(see back of form for information on the standard process.)*

Pelleting Forage Type: *(select one)* ☐ **Certified** Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage (alfalfa, grass, etc.)
☐ NON-CERTIFIED Forage

(select one)

☐ Using standard pelleting process - **ALL** processing steps in ARM 4.5.306 (2) (a-e).

☐ Using equivalent pelleting process - Attach documentation describing the equivalent pelleting procedures for Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) approval.

(MDA Inspector will schedule a time to collect product samples for a germination test to ensure the pellets are greater than 99% free of viable noxious weed seeds ARM 4.5.305 (1) (b) and verify NWSFF markers are being used.)

List or attach a list of Pellet Product Name(s) for Montana NWSFF Certification:

1) _____ 4) _____
2) _____ 5) _____
3) _____ 6) _____

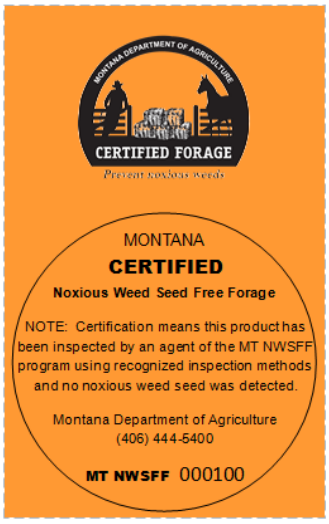
NWSFF Twine: $50/box or $40/roll - big square. Twine types: 170/9600, 140/20,000, 210/9600, 400/4000.

DEPARTMENT APPROVED NWSFF MARKERS

All manufacturers of NWSFF pellets, cubes, grain and wattles must purchase approved NWSFF orange labels, tags, or twine (orange & blue) from the Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA). Only product bearing official MDA markers will be recognized as Montana Certified NWSFF.

NWSFF Tags: $0.50/tag
100/bag for cost of $50/bag

NWSFF Label:
$0.40/label (non-certified forage used)
$0.15/label (certified forage used)
$0.20/50 lbs. (bulk loads)



$0.40/sewn-in tear & weather resistant label (size: 3.75x5.75 in.)
($0.25/label if certified forage used)

Application for Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage (NWSFF) certification is required on an annual basis.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Standard Pelleting Process:

Montana Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage Act and Administrative Rules
ARM 4.5.306 (2) (a-e):

(2) Persons desiring to certify processed pellets must meet the following criteria:

(a) Equipment is cleaned of any noxious weed seeds prior to processing forage for certification. Cleaning the entire feed manufacturing system through the bagging operation or bulk bins is required to prevent contamination of pellets for certification. A minimum of 500 pounds of the feed to be certified must pass through the system including the pelleter to purge the system. The feed used to purge the system will not be certified.

(b) The forage must be pelleted following the standard pelleting process.

(c) All screens must be maintained in a good operating condition.

(d) The forage pellets must be reground with a number six (6/64 inch) screen or smaller.

(e) The forage material from (2) (d) must be re-pelleted using steam and temperature in the process. The temperature of the pellets extruded from the die shall be greater than 140 degrees Fahrenheit.