



WARNING

Cleaning seed this spring? Is your seed legal?

Review this checklist to be sure you stay onside with Plant Breeders' Rights

Situation	Is this legal?	Considerations
I purchased Certified seed and am cleaning grain for my own seed use.	YES	Producers can use farm-saved seed for their own purposes, on their own farms. This is included in legislation as "Farmer's Privilege." As long as you are compliant with any seed purchase contract such as a VUA or stewardship agreement.
A local farmer, agronomist, seed retailer, custom seeder or seed cleaner connected me with another farmer who has non-Certified seed of the variety I want to plant.	NO	Sale and/or exchange of seed produced from grain of PBR protected varieties is not permitted. The buyer, seller, and cleaner may all be held liable for damages. <u>ALWAYS</u> purchase seed from authorized sellers.
I purchased Certified seed with a VUA (Variety Use Agreement) and I want to use my grain as seed.	YES	For varieties with a VUA, you're required to report any farm-saved seeded acres annually and pay the nominal per acre fee. This permits you to use saved seed of this variety.
I received some seed from a neighbour to plant for silage or green feed.	NO	Unauthorized sales of PBR protected varieties are not permitted, by law, regardless of the intended use of the crop or grain. The seller, cleaner, and buyer can all be held liable under the PBR Act for damages.
I run a mobile seed cleaner – is this OK?	CAUTION	If the seed you are cleaning was purchased legally and won't be sold to a third party, no problem. If not, you and your customers can be held liable for damages.
I'm planning to save seed of a Midge Tolerant Wheat (MTW) variety.	CAUTION	The Stewardship Agreement for MTW varieties limits the use of farm-saved seed to one generation past Certified to preserve the resistance of the genetics. Saved seed is strictly for own use and cannot be sold or exchanged.
My seed cleaner asked me to sign a declaration that I obtained the seed legally.	YES	Declarations are used by many legitimate cleaners to ensure their clients are aware and compliant with Plant Breeders' Rights.



It's your responsibility to know.

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