



# Fact Sheet: North Dakota State Seed Department

## Major Program Areas

### *Administration*

Budget and HR administration  
Technology  
Legal/Litigation  
Equipment and capital improvements

### *Field Seed Certification*

Field Seed Inspection  
Seed Final Certification  
Custom Programming  
Certified Seed Promotion  
Seed Conditioner & Facility Approval

### *Potato Seed Certification*

Potato Field Inspection  
Shipping Point Inspection  
Post Harvest Testing  
Pre-Nuclear Seed Production  
GHP/GAP Audit Programs

### *Laboratory Services*

**Seed Laboratory:** support for field seed certification program. Germination, purity, noxious weed, trait bioassay testing

**Diagnostic Laboratory:** support for field seed and potato certification programs. Seed health testing, variety identification, GMO testing, potato virus and disease testing.

### *Seed Regulatory*

Seed Law Enforcement programs  
Seed conditioner & dealer licensing

### **Main Office:** Fargo

Administration  
Diagnostic/Seed Health Laboratory  
State Seed Laboratory  
Potato Tissue Culture and Greenhouse

### **Regional Office:** Grafton

Potato Field Staff  
Shipping point inspections  
Soil Survey Warehouse

Established 1931, ND Legislative Assembly

Statutory authority for all seed-related matters

Seed certification (field crops and potatoes)  
State Seed Laboratory  
State and Federal cooperative programs  
Enforcement of state and federal seed laws

Unique structure/mission among peers

“One-Stop” function: Field crops, potato, seed regulatory, seed testing, foundation potato seed production

Board of Directors, ag industry representation

Self Funded- Service Fees

## **ND State Seed Commission**

Bob Christman (Chairman)	ND Dept. of Agriculture
Kim Alberty, West Fargo	ND Agriculture Assn.
Lance Fugleberg, Portland	ND Dry Edible Bean
Mark Birdsall, Berthold	ND Crop Improvement
Dr. Ken Grafton, Fargo	ND State University
David Fiebiger, Finley	ND Grain Dealers Assn.
Nick Otto, Crystal	ND Potato Council
Brad Nilson, Hoople	Northern Plains Potato Growers Assn.
John Thiele, St. Thomas	ND Certified Seed Potato Growers Assn.
Ken Bertsch	State Seed Commissioner

**Field Seed Certification:** Largest program in U.S.

270-300,000 acres inspected  
25-30 crops inspected  
2500-3000 fields inspected  
7-8,000,000 bushels certified

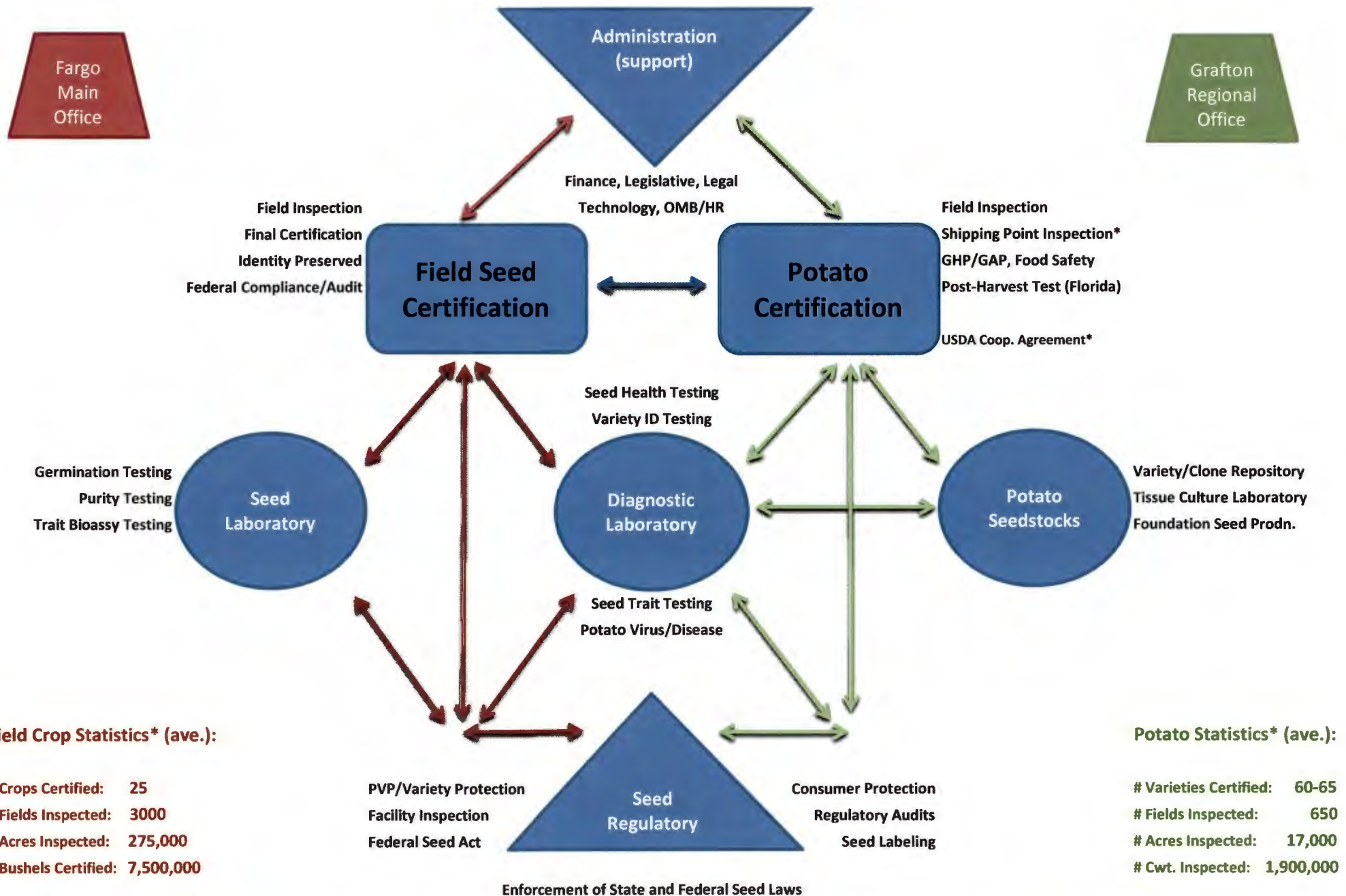
**Potato Certification:** Second largest program in U.S.

16-18,000 acres inspected  
600-700 fields inspected (3X)  
1,900,000 hundredweight inspected

# North Dakota State Seed Department

*"To assure integrity of the seed industry through commitment to client service and product quality."*

## Comprehensive Seed Certification, Testing, Regulatory and Foundation Seed Agency Program Flowchart



\* Largest Field Crop certification program in U.S.

\* 2nd largest Potato certification program in U.S.