

## Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage & Mulch

Iowa Crop Improvement Association began offering a certification program in 2006 to assure forage and mulch is free of noxious weed seed of 54 noxious or undesirable plants. The program that is offered complies with the Weed Free Forage Standards developed by the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA).

In other Midwestern states this program has been used as an additional marketing opportunity for hay and straw producers. Potential markets include customers seeking clean hay, people that need certified hay for their horses on visits to national parks, and contractors using straw for road construction erosion control projects.

For more information about this program visit the ICIA website at <http://www.agron.iastate.edu/icia> or contact the ICIA office. The following producers have applied for inspection of their forage and/or mulch in this program:

### FORAGE

COUNTY	CONTENT	GROWER
Cedar	Alfalfa	Goss, Tom & Carole
Montgomery	Alfalfa	Shipley, Stan & Barb
Montgomery	Alfalfa/Grass	Shipley, Stan & Barb
Sioux	Grass	Vermeer Inc
Story	Alfalfa/Grass	Murken Agriculture LLC

### MULCH

COUNTY	CONTENT	GROWER
Emmett	Wheat	Gardner, Charles
Jo Daviess, IL	Oats	Donar, Dan
Linn	Native Prairie	Linn County Secondary Road Dept
Story	Oats	Murken Agriculture LLC
Polk	Big Bluestem	Overturff, Paul