

SEED DEALER CONTACT INFORMATION

Albert Lea Seed House
1414 West Main
P.O. Box 127
Albert Lea, MN 56007
800-352-5247
www.alseed.com

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
2278 Baker Creek Road
Mansfield, MO 65704
417-924-8917
www.rareseeds.com

Croplan Genetics
Box 489
Mentor, MN 56736
218-574-2624
www.croplangenetics.com

Crosbyton Seed
306 East Main
Crosbyton, TX 79322
800-628-6551

Eckroat Seed Company
1106 North Martin Luther King Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
800-331-7333
www.eckroatseed.com

Griffin's Seed House
119 South Nickerson
PO Box 379
Nickerson, KS 67561
620-422-3416

Johnny's Selected Seeds
955 Benton Avenue
Winslow, ME 04901
207-861-3900
www.johnnyseeds.com

Kansas Foundation Seeds
2200 Kimball Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66502
785-532-6115

MFA, Inc.
201 Ray Young Drive
Columbia, MO 65201
573-874-5111
www.mfa-inc.com

Minn-Dak Growers, Ltd.
Highway 81 North
Grand Forks, ND 58201
701-746-7453

Missouri Southern Seeds
2050 Old St. James Road
P.O. Box 699
Rolla, MO 65402
800-844-1336

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Rolla, MO 65402
800-844-1336

Monsanto Company
P.O. Box 999
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
512-778-5316
www.monsanto.com

Mycogen Seeds
9330 Zionsville Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268
800-MYCOGEN

Nu-World Amaranth
P.O. Box 454
Earlville, IA 52041
563-923-3675
www.nuworldamaranth.com

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
125 Clydesdale Court
Grass Valley, CA 95945
www.groworganic.com

Pennington Seed, Inc.
P.O. Box 290
Madison, GA 30650
800-285-SEED
www.penningtonseed.com

Pioneer Hi-Bred International
7100 NW 62nd Avenue
Box 1150
Johnston, IA 50131-1150
800-247-6803
www.pioneer.com

Reimers Seed Farm
7074 Highway 9
Carrington, ND 58412
701-652-3322

Rupp Seeds
17919 County Road B
Wauseon, OH 43567
877-591-7333
www.ruppseeds.com

Sanders Farm--Phil Sanders
Certified Seed Grower
Dalton, NE 69131
308-377-2231

Seedland, Inc.
9895 Adams Road
Wellborn, FL 32094
888-820-2080
www.seedland.com
www.wildlifeseeds.com

Seeds of Change
P.O. Box 15700
Santa Fe, NM 87592-1500
888-762-7333
www.seedsofchange.com

Sesaco Corporation
700 W Center Street
Paris, TX 75460
800-527-1024

Siemer Enterprises
6300 Collinsville Road
East St. Louis, IL 62201
800-467-7333

Southern States Cooperative
P.O. Box 26234
Richmond, VA 23260
804-281-1000
www.southernstates.com

Territorial Seed Company
PO Box 158
Cottage Grove, OR 97424-0061
800-626-0866
www.territorial-seed.com

Triumph Seed Company, Inc.
Box 1050
Ralls, TX 79357
800-530-4789
www.triumphseed.com

University of Idaho Foundation Seed
3793 North 3600 East
Kimberly, ID 83341
208-423-6655

Vesey's Seeds, Ltd.
P.O. Box 9000
Calais, ME 04619-6102
800-363-7333
www.veseys.com

Vermont Bean Seed Co.
334 W. Stroud St.
Randolph, WI 53956
800-349-1071
www.vermontbean.com



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Obtaining Seed for Specialty Crops

One of the challenges in working with many new or alternative crops is finding sources of seed. With a few exceptions, most of these crops are not easily available from local seed dealers, and must be ordered from regional or national distributors. In some cases, there may be only one regular distributor of bulk seed for a specialty crop. When ordering larger quantities of seed from out-of-state, shipping can become a considerable expense, making it important to plan in advance so lower cost (and slower) shipping methods can be used.

In general, seed dealers are either distributors of "bulk" seed for multi-acre plantings, or garden seed distributors. There are some seed dealers, such as Johnny's Selected Seed and Peaceful Valley Farm Supply, that sell to both audiences and thus have seed in a range of quantities. This guide provides listings of seed distributors of both bulk and garden-sized seed packages.

For less common crops, there may be only one readily available variety, or all seed of that crop may be generic or "common" seed, which is the case for many cover crops or seed sold for wildlife plantings. Where named varieties are available, however, it often pays to research which ones will perform best in your area. Variety tests conducted by the Jefferson Institute and university partners have shown that some varieties can get up to twice the yield of other varieties, making a huge difference in their potential profitability. In some cases, certain varieties may be faster maturing, which can help fit the crop into a double crop system.

The ten alternative grains, oilseeds, and legume crops listed in this guide are ones that have been determined by the Jefferson Institute to be economically viable alternatives for at least some Midwestern locations. Over 60 alternative crops were field-evaluated before identifying these ten. However, farmers are encouraged to consider other alternative crop enterprises, including fruits, vegetables, native plants, forage and grass seed crops, and agroforestry crops.

The Jefferson Institute staff have fielded a number of calls about wildlife seed and cover crops, so listings of seed sources for these crops are included. Some of the wildlife seed companies have websites with lists of recommended plants for wildlife. For cover crop use, a number of options are available, including buckwheat, rapeseed (canola), rye, oats, and several legumes, such as red clover, crimson clover, sweet clover, hairy vetch, and Austrian winter peas. Remember to obtain inoculum to mix with legume seeds, to enable them to form root nodules that can fix nitrogen for the plants.

Seed costs obviously vary by dealer and season. Be sure to inquire about the germination percentage of the seed (in most cases it should be 85% or above). Most alternative crop seed is not coated with a fungicide, but a dealer may be able to provide coated or uncoated seed. Some dealers will have both organic and conventionally-grown seed. Finally, remember to order seed in advance of the growing season, because sometimes supplies will be used up or sold out early in the season.

Note: This directory is not intended by the Thomas Jefferson Institute to be an endorsement of any company, nor is it an exhaustive list of all seed dealers supplying these crops.

AMARANTH

(Plant 2 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Albert Lea Seed House
Nu-World Amaranth
Sanders Farm

Garden Quantity Sources

Albert Lea Seed House
Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
Johnny's Selected Seeds

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply

(Grain & Ornamental Varieties)

Seeds of Change

(Ornamental Varieties)

BUCKWHEAT

(Plant 55 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

named varieties from

Albert Lea Seed House
Minn-Dak Growers, Ltd.
(for contract growers or research only)

"common" buckwheat from

Missouri Southern Seeds
MFA, Inc.
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
Pennington Seed

Garden Quantity Sources

Johnny's Selected Seeds
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply

CANOLA

(Plant 6 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Kansas Foundation Seeds
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
Pennington Seed

Garden Quantity Sources

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply

COWPEA*

(Plant 50 lbs/acre; higher for forage types)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Missouri Southern Seeds
(Forage Variety)
Pennington Seed
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply

Garden Quantity Sources

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
Vermont Bean Seed Company

DRY EDIBLE BEANS*

(Plant 50-100 lbs/acre, depending on seed size)

Bulk Quantity Sources

for additional sources, contact

University of Idaho Foundation Seed Program

Garden Quantity Sources

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
Johnny's Selected Seeds
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
Seeds of Change
Vermont Bean Seed Company

FLAX

(Plant 50 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Albert Lea Seed House
Reimers Seed Farm
Pennington Seed

Garden Quantity Sources

Albert Lea Seed House
Johnny's Selected Seeds

MUNGBEANS*

(Plant 15-20 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Eckroat Seed Company
Pennington Seed

Garden Quantity Sources

Johnny's Selected Seeds
Vermont Bean Seed Company

PEARL MILLET

(Plant 4 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Albert Lea Seed House
(Forage Variety)
Crosbyton Seed
(Grain Hybrid)
Missouri Southern Seeds
(Forage Variety)
Pennington Seed

Garden Quantity Sources

Johnny's Selected Seeds
(Ornamental Grain Hybrid)

SESAME

(Plant 2 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Sesaco Corporation
(for contract growers or research only)
Pennington Seed

Garden Quantity Sources

Seeds of Change

OILSEED SUNFLOWER

(Plant 3-4 lbs/acre)

Bulk Quantity Sources

Croplan Genetics
Missouri Southern Seeds
(Seed for Wildlife Food Plots)
Monsanto Company
Mycogen Seeds
Pennington Seed
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
Triumph Seed Company

Garden Quantity Sources

Johnny's Selected Seeds
(Ornamental, Pollenless Varieties)

Seeds of Change
(Ornamental Varieties)

Vesey's Seeds Ltd.
(Ornamental, Pollenless Varieties)

EDAMAME SOYBEANS*

Bulk Quantity Sources

Rupp Seeds

Garden Quantity Sources

Johnny's Selected Seeds
Territorial Seed Company

COVER CROPS

Common Midwest Cover Crops

Legumes:

Austrian Winter Peas, Cowpeas, Crimson Clover,
Hairy Vetch, Red Clover, Sweetdove

Grasses:

Foxtail Millet, Oats, Rye

Other:

Buckwheat, Rapeseed

Cover Crop Seed Sources

Johnny's Selected Seeds
MFA, Inc.
Peaceful Valley Farm Supply
Seeds of Change
Siemer Enterprises

WILDLIFE SEED

Food Plot Seed Sources

Missouri Southern Seeds
Pennington Seed
Seedland, Inc.
Siemer Enterprises
Southern States Cooperative

**Legume seed should be inoculated. Specialty inoculum can be purchased through Johnny's Selected Seeds and Peaceful Valley Farm supply, or check with your seed dealer to obtain commercial quantities..*