

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEED ARBITRATION INITIAL FIELD INSPECTIONS

1. OBSERVATION FIELD:

Summarize what you see. If more space is needed, continue on back or another sheet of paper and attach. Determine growth stage and planting depth and record on form.

2. COUNTS

As conditions are observed, counts should be made to show the intensity of the factors involved. Make random counts across the field. The method will vary depending on the issue. List the observed factor(s) at the top of the count column(s).

Examples: Varietal Issue: Make ten random 10-foot of row plant counts across the field. List the off types observed per count. Write in "Other Varieties" or "Off-types" at top of column.

Germination Issue: Make ten random 10-foot of row counts randomly throughout the field. List the average number of plants per foot at each count. Write in "Plants per foot" at top of column.

3. COMMENTS ON COUNTS:

Give any information regarding how counts were made, such as area per count or how widespread the factor is throughout the field, etc.

4. MAP OF FIELD:

Draw a map of the field. Show location of factor(s) (if only a portion of the field is affected). Show approximately where counts were made. Give latitude/longitude coordinates from center of field.

5. TAKE PICTURES FOR DOCUMENTATION:

Take pictures of the field showing details of the factor(s) observed. WHEN YOU HAVE THE PICTURES DEVELOPED, HAVE THREE ADDITIONAL SETS OF COPIES MADE. Mount one set (or portion of set) on white paper listing name of farmer, field number, etc. and brief description of what the picture shows.

Note: If taking pictures of more than one field, be sure to identify the field in the picture so you can easily determine which picture goes with which field when the pictures are developed.