

# THE CANADIAN SEED INDUSTRY

Canada has one of the world's largest plant breeding capacities. This includes a large, public contribution to plant breeding, in addition to similar efforts by several private firms who are members of the Canadian Seed Trade Association (CSTA).

Canada's national seed regulations are recognized worldwide. Exacting standards for trueness to variety, purity, germination, seed health, and various important quality factors have been established by the federal government, and apply uniformly in all provinces.

Canada seed regulations have been granted equivalence to EEC (European Economic Community) rules and standards. Canada is a member of both the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) and the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA). Member-firms of the CSTA are active in the multiplication of large quantities of seed under contract to out-of-country customers. Production of varieties in Canada is controlled under the OECD scheme for varietal certification.

In total, the Canadian seed industry offers a comprehensive range of seed services to the world. Whether the need is for varieties and germ plasm, contract seed production, or an opportunity to market a new variety in Canada, CSTA firms are ready to meet your requirements.

## Forages

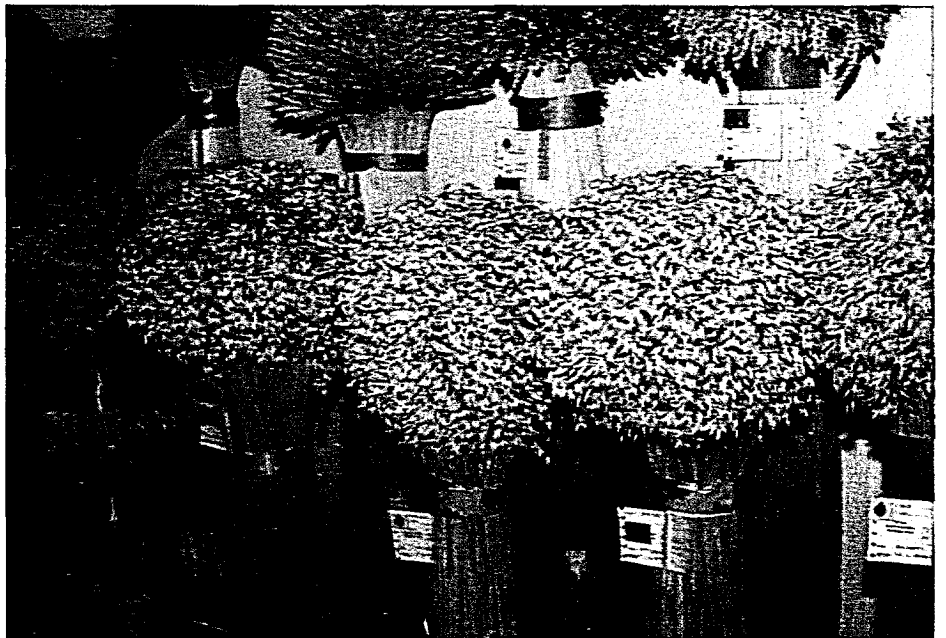
Forage seed production is a mainstay of Canada's agricultural industry. Large tracts of land - particularly in Western Canada - are ideally suited for growing forage seed crops.

Productive capacity is so great that annual output surpasses domestic forage seed requirements. Consequently, Canada is a major supplier of premier quality forage seed to world markets.

A large selection of both private and public varieties of forage species are produced in Canada. Canadians have developed a high level of expertise in the processing

and handling of these small-seeded crops. Combined with the Canadian government's very exacting standards and regulations, the industry's quality control assures customers of the best in forage seed purity and germination.

Large volumes of forage seed are also grown under contract to out-of-country clients. Federal and provincial government agricultural



Canadian breeders have developed a number of special-purpose oats varieties.