

Laboratory Accreditation

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national seed health system



- **Accredit private and public organizations to carry out tests for phytosanitary certification of seed crops under a defined set of standards for facilities, equipment, methods, and training of personnel.**
- **Develop and standardize seed health test methods and field inspections procedures for diseases in seed crops.**

Why have accreditation?

The NPDN mission statement implies that the system should be capable of:

- 1. Quickly and accurately detecting pathogens and pests that threaten national security.**
- 2. Communicating such information to agencies that can address the problem.**

Effective accomplishment of these objectives will require a diagnosis system that has common detection methods and comparable levels of quality for facilities, equipment, and trained personnel.







