

To: Washington State Crop Improvement Association

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Statement of origin and breeding history for 126 Oat

126 Oat (Sold under brand name as EverLeaf 126 oat but originally with research number of CROA 126 oat) was bred by Crop & Food Research of Christchurch, New Zealand by Kieth Armstrong in 1994. Parents were FINLAY X L84-1137,G1.

Areas of adaptation are: The Northern tier of states in the U.S.

Information of value to field inspectors:

- 126 oat has a compact panicle that riser only about 5 inches +/- above the leaf canopy.
- Seed head maintains green color until plant starts to mature and dry down. Most other oats have a silver green look to the seeds in the green panicle.
- 126 oat has similar plant growth and appearance characteristics as 114 oat except that 126 oat is 7-9 days later to head out and mature in the Northern Tier of States and 126 oat is roughly 15% taller than 114 oat.

Information of value to the seed analyst:

- Seed size from 2002 production was 36.0 grams per 1,000 seeds. (10.215 seeds/lb.)
- Traditional oat seed shape
- Seed color is variable but generally of the reddish brown color.

Statement relative to disease resistance:

- 126 oat has not been seen to be susceptible to any races of crown or stripe rust. However with so many races and mutations this cannot be a complete certainty.

Procedures for maintaining seed stock and seed classes to be recognized:

- ProGene will receive from Crop & Food Research Pre Breeders seed. ProGene will produce and maintain Breeders and Foundation seed through plot refinement method. Plantings of Breeders seed will be made and a portion will be carefully inspected and kept separate at harvest to maintain prime seed. Starting with Foundation seed the program will follow the Crop Improvement method of the state that the seed is being produced in.
- Classes of seed to be recognized are "Breeders" as designated by the breeder and their representative in North America (ProGene Plant Research L.L.C.), Foundation, Registered and Certified as designated by the Crop Improvement Association for the state where the seed was produced.

126 oats are P.V.P. applied for as of this date. The application is NOT as title V.