

**GOOD PRACTICES**



Plant improved / certified seeds of the same variety with proper spacing



Step 1



Step 2

Apply fertilisers properly



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Weed on time

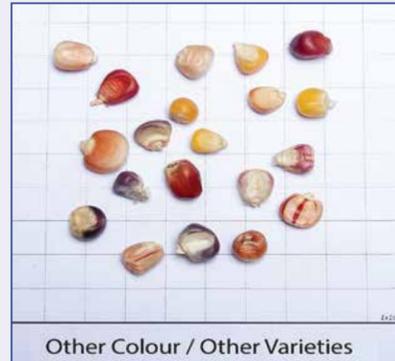


Control pests

**STANDARD IMPACTED**

**MAIZE OF OTHER COLOURS:**

Other colours means all good maize grains which have pink, yellow, or red colour that covers more than 50% of the surface of the grain.



Characteristic	Maximum Limit		
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Yellow, % m/m	5		
Red, % m/m	5		
White, % m/m	2		

**Note:** The parameter maize of other colours should only be tested after removal of defective grains.

**IMMATURE/SHRIVELLED GRAINS:**

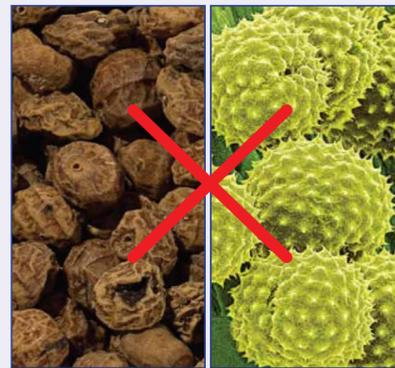
Grains which are under-developed, thin and papery in appearance (shrivelled over the entire surface and not just over the embryo area).



Characteristic	Maximum Limit		
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Immature/ shrivelled, % m/m	1.0	2.0	3.0

**FREE FROM TOXIC WEED SEEDS:**

These are seeds such as *Crotalaria* (*Crotalaria spp.*), Corn cockle (*Agrostemma githago L.*), Castor bean (*Ricinus communis L.*), Jimson weed (*Datura spp.*) which can have a damaging or dangerous effect on health, sensory properties or technological performance.



**BAD PRACTICES**



Do not plant mixed seeds



Do not harvest immature maize



Do not let weeds grow



Do not plant maize in the same field every season