



Memo to File

From: Jeff Squibb, Bureau Chief, Agricultural Products Inspection
Date: February 23, 2021
To: API File
RE: Pennycress, Fanweed, and/or Frenchweed as agricultural seeds

Field pennycress, fanweed, or Frenchweed (*Thlaspi arvense*) shall be considered agricultural seed (See 505 ILCS 110/2.102) in the following circumstances:

- (1) when distributed and planted intentionally as a cover crop or as an oilseed crop using cultivars developed for those purposes;
- (2) for use with farm-scale research and development planting using pre-cultivar selections; or
- (3) for seed increases necessary to fulfill farmer needs.

When distributed in Illinois, the distribution of these seeds shall be conducted in compliance with all relevant statutory and administrative rule requirements, including the Illinois Seed Law (505 ILCS 110) and its corresponding rules (8 IAC 230).

In all other considerations, field pennycress seed (*Thlaspi arvense*) is considered a common weed seed in Illinois and subject to all provisions of the Illinois Seed Law and its corresponding rules.