

# Visual Rating System and Break Points

| VISUAL ISSUE                                   | 1                         | 2                          | 3                            | 4    | 5   |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------|-----|
| <b>Soil Flecks</b> ( <i>seeds with soil</i> )  | None                      | Trace ( <i>1-9 seeds</i> ) | High ( <i>&gt;10 seeds</i> ) | ..   | ..  |
| <b>Cracked Seed Coats</b> ( <i>#seeds</i> )    | None ( <i>0-4 seeds</i> ) | Trace ( <i>5-9 seeds</i> ) | High ( <i>&gt;10 seeds</i> ) | ..   | ..  |
| <b>Defects*</b> ( <i>diseased/discolored</i> ) | None                      | 0-4                        | 5-8                          | 9-12 | >12 |

\*Includes: Green seed, mildew encrusted seed, purple seed stain, fungal infected and weathered seeds.



**VR= 1** No apparent defects, appears nearly perfect, few cracked seed coats



**VR=2** Trace soil flecks or trace cracked seed coats or 0-4 visual defects



**VR=3** High soil flecks or high cracked seed coats or 5-8 visual defects



**VR=4** 9-12 visual defects



**VR=5** >12 visual defects