Recognize the problem
Several crops become sick because the seeds are of poor quality. Sometimes the plants do not develop at all or they grow already sick.

Background
Some seeds can carry diseases. For example, the bean virus and the potato virus can be inside the seed.

Certified seeds are produced in the fields of specialized farmers. They are seed producers registered in the Special Program for Seed Authority. These seed producers are supervised by certifying companies, which guarantee seed quality. These companies carry out field inspections to verify whether the crops are healthy. If a culture is infected, it cannot be used for certified seed.

Management
Certified seeds can be purchased from houses that sell agricultural products, from producers, or from the INIA and agricultural universities.

Certified seeds prevent the bean virus. (Photo by Jeff Bentley)

Certified seeds are inspected in the field to ensure they are healthy. (Photo by Jeff Bentley)

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