

Update on unsolicited, mislabeled packages of seed

NYSDAM releases update on unsolicited, mislabeled and/or unlabeled packages of seed

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The USDA is investigating this situation and has stated that it currently does not have any evidence indicating this is something other than a “brushing scam,” where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost sales. (Photo by Alexander Gamanyuk on Unsplash)

ALBANY — Due to the high volume of inquiries and reports from residents receiving unsolicited, mislabeled and/or unlabeled packages of seed in the mail, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, along with the United States Department of Agriculture, are asking that New Yorkers please mail the sealed package of seeds, the original packaging, the residents’ contact information, and any additional relevant details directly to the USDA at:

Office of the State Plant Health Director of New York c/o Christopher Zaloga,

United States Department of Agriculture

500 New Karner Rd.

Albany, NY 12205

Those who receive seeds should not use 9-1-1 to report the receipt of seeds.