**ADV-CGN-PG-125 GERMINATION ADVICE FOR WILD RELATIVES OF LETTUCE**

Seed dormancy is quite common for wild relatives of cultivated lettuce. Based on experiences with several wild species, the following suggestions can be presented to enhance seed germination:

* All wild relatives of cultivated lettuce are sown on moist filter paper in Petri-dishes that are placed at 4°C for a few days.
* After swelling of the seeds, germination can be further enhanced by removal of the seed coat and fruit wall or cutting off a small part of the top of the seed.
* For species with seeds that are too small to remove the fruit wall and seed coat, such as for *L. biennis*, *L. dentata* and *L. tatarica*, the germination period is prolonged to at least 3 weeks.
* Repeated cold treatments may further increase germination.