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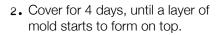
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Mold breaks down the gel sack encasing each seed. The gel sack contains enzymes that promote seed germination and can interfere with seed drying.

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