

New Zealand Crop Quality Assurance Scheme
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Dear Grain Grower

Following considerable industry consultation the NZCQA Task Force agreed to proceed with the establishment of a registration based QA system to operate from the 2004 harvest onward.

The new system replaces the previous NZCQA diary system and operates on the following basis:

- Growers are required to register with the scheme, agreeing to abide by the scheme rules. On receipt of registration form, each grower will be invoiced an initial entry registration of **\$250 plus GST**. This amount is to be paid before they can be issued with their QA number.
- Each grower will undergo an initial audit, after which random audits will be carried out annually. This is likely to be a simple request for diary type information to be furnished.
- Growers required to furnish diaries to grain processors and required to keep all relevant information on crop inputs & grain handling in a form that is ultimately auditable.
- Growers will be invoiced \$90 plus GST annually, commencing the following year after their registration. This assists the costs of random audits being carried out.
- Grain processors will have access to the registration database to confirm individual grower registration and may choose to make the furnishing of further information a contractual obligation.

The NZCQA Taskforce urges all growers to support this industry initiative so that consumers may have ultimate confidence in locally produced grain. This scheme will hopefully satisfy the needs and concerns of all industry participants.

Please return the attached registration form as soon as possible so that registration numbers may be allocated.

Yours faithfully

BRIAN LEADLEY
Taskforce Chairman

New Zealand Crop Quality Assurance Scheme Registration Form

Grower/Grain Trading Business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

QA manager: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cellphone: _____

Email: _____

Farm Road Address: _____

Average area of cereals grown (ha): _____

Average area of maize grown (ha): _____

Production Region (please tick appropriate region):

- Northland
- Waikato
- Bay of Plenty
- Gisborne/Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
- Taranaki/Rangitikei/Manawatu
- Northern South Island (above Waimakariri River)
- Eastern North Canterbury (Waimakariri River to Rakaia River east of SH1)
- Western North Canterbury (Waimakariri River to Rakaia River west of SH1)
- North East Mid Canterbury (Rakaia River to Ashburton River east of SH1)
- North West Mid Canterbury (Rakaia River to Ashburton River west of SH1)
- South East Mid Canterbury (Ashburton River to Rangitata River east of SH1)
- South West Mid Canterbury (Ashburton River to Rangitata River west of SH1)
- Northern South Canterbury (Rangitata River to Pareora River including Fairlie)
- Southern South Canterbury/North Otago (Pareora River to Dunedin)
- Southern & Central Otago
- Southland

Declaration:

I undertake to ensure crop input and traceability information is sufficiently documented to allow for occasional verification by auditors.

I undertake to follow the rules of the NZ Crop Quality Assurance Scheme and understand that these rules may be altered from time to time.

I understand that failure to follow these rules and meet scheme requirements could lead to deregistration.

Signed:

Date:

Explanatory Notes

Grower/Grain Trading Business:

The grower name or entity that holds the NZCQA registration should be the grower name or entity that normally markets grain to processors or merchants. A grower with more than one farm, but who markets grain through only one entity, can use one registration.

However, should a grower have more than one marketing entity, more than one registration should be made.

QA manager:

This will be the person who will take responsibility on the farm for the day to day QA requirements and occasional verification by audit.

Average area of cereals/maize grown (ha):

This figure will be the area in hectares that reflects the long term annual average area of cereals grown on the farm, or farms, that will be able to be covered by the NZCQA registration. This will enable monitoring of scheme uptake by growers and will not be disclosed to any party on an individual basis.

Production region:

This will enable the scheme to efficiently categorise grower registrations in production areas. Should growers have minor proportions of their farms in an adjacent region, the major region farmed within should be selected.

However, should growers have significant farming operations in more than one region, they should be selected and the areas of cereals grown in each should be noted on the registration form.

Returning the registration form:

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