

# Seed certification

## Summary

- Seed certification is a programme to ensure variety identity.
- It is run byASUREQuality NZ Limited for the NZ Seed Quality Management Authority.

## What does certified seed mean?

A crop must be grown to specific standards (e.g. to grow *Bronsyn*, the paddock must have been free from any other ryegrass for at least the previous two seasons). This eliminates risk of contamination.

A crop must pass inspection of crop purity by ASUREQuality NZ staff in the field before harvest.

The resultant seed is tested after harvest, cleaning and packaging, by the National Seed Laboratory and must be of sufficient purity (e.g. for perennial ryegrass of first generation a minimum of 98% pure seed and a maximum 0.7% other seed). Full guidelines for certification requirements are available from the National Seed Laboratory.

(See also seed analysis certificates on page 156).

All Agriseeds seed is certified with certification tags attached to sacks. Certification certificates are available on request.

