

Cooperation with breeders in New Zealand DUS Testing



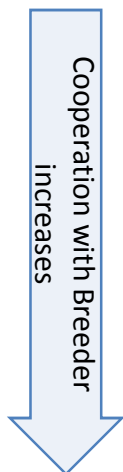
FEATURES

- The national scheme is relatively small with an average of 130 - 140 applications per year.
- The Office has limited staff and no field resources
- Cooperation and partnership with other organisations, including breeders, is a key element

Types of Cooperation

- Trial establishment and maintenance
- Species and variety expert advice
- Data recorders and observers in the field
- Agronomic and cultivation advice
- Variety Collections

The level of breeder cooperation depends on the Testing Procedure

	PROCEDURE	SPECIES
 Cooperation with Breeder increases	Central testing by the Office	Most agricultural varieties; ryegrass, clover, cereals, peas, potatoes, fungal endophytes
	Central testing by another organisation or institute	Fruit crops; apples, pears, <i>Prunus</i> , blueberry, avocado
	PVR Office testing on applicants property	Ornamentals and some fruit
	Breeder testing	Most vegetables and minor agricultural crops

BENEFITS

- Access to knowledge, skill and expertise the Office does not have
- Assists with obtaining expert opinion and advice
- Breeder understanding and knowledge of DUS testing
- A positive relationship with breeders and applicants

COMMUNICATION

- Technical Focus Group
Formal liaison and contact with breeding industry
- Technical Working Group for Pasture and Forage species
Specialist advice regarding these species
- Expert opinion
- Central testing newsletter
- Phone, email, website