

Seed Certification Information System (SCIS)





Reference User Guide for: Merchant Role



This reference user guide is to help users operate the functions available to **Merchants** within the SCIS system.

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Glossary

Click / Clicking This means the left side mouse button. Those that use the mouse in their left hand and have changed the mouse button configuration would use the right side button. Cursor This is the mouse cursor which moves around the screen when you move the mouse (or when something goes wrong you curser!) FD Seed line Seed harvested from crop production site Seed line When the FD Seed line is receipted in at the Processor, It becomes the Seed line MD Lot When the Seed line has been cleaned, packaged and labeled, it becomes the MD Seed Lot. Organisation A role within SCIS – see Table 1. Clicking on this button reveals more information Open v Clicking on this button closes the revealed information Close ^



Introduction

To use SCIS, you must belong to an Organisation. SCIS has 8 Organisation role types it recognizes (see table 1). The National Seed Certification Office (NSCO). NSCO is the only organisation that can register users roles.

A new Organisation must contact the NSCO to get a copy of the 'Add New Organisation' form to complete and return to NSCO. An organisation may have multiple Roles. If the organisation has sites in multiple locations, these can be identified as separate locations. Once the Organisation is registered, NSCO can then registered the users and their allocated role. **Each user should have their own individual login. This protects the confidentiality of each user.**

Table 1 – Organisation Roles

NSCO	NSCO National Seed Certification Office - operates the administrative functions of SCIS.			
MPI	Ministry for Primary Industries – approves final verification release of MD seed lots labelled			
	with OECD and OECD-EU labels			
IVA	Inspection Verification Agency - operates the administration, inspection and official			
	verification of SCIS			
Grower Plants, maintains and harvests production sites to create FD seed lines				
Merchant	contracts Growers to produce seed for domestic and international market requirements			
Processor	Receives, cleans, packages, labels and stores seed produced by Growers			
FISP	Field Inspection Service Provider - inspects production sites during the growing season to			
	ensure they meet the required rules, regulations and standards of the applicable			
	certification schemes.			
LTSP	Laboratory Testing Service Provider - tests MD seed lots to ensure they meet the required			
	seed certification scheme seed lot purity and germination standards applicable to the			
	labelled certification scheme			
The NZSA has contracted AsureQuality to operate the NSCO, IVA, FISP and LTSP roles within SCIS				



Logging in

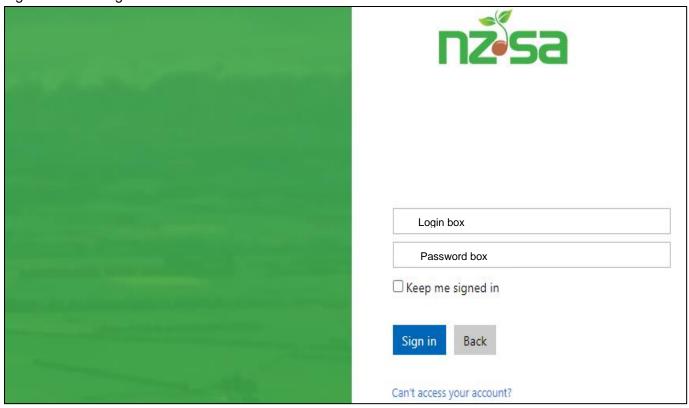
Open the NZSA web page screen (https://nzseedsauthority.com) then click on the sign in button to open the SCIS login screen.

Figure 1. NZSA web page screen for SCIS with the Sign In button to the SCIS login screen.



The opened SCIS Login screen – enter your user login and password then click on Sign in button or use the Enter key on the keyboard.

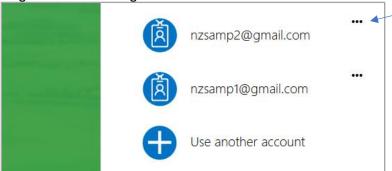
Figure 2. SCIS login screen





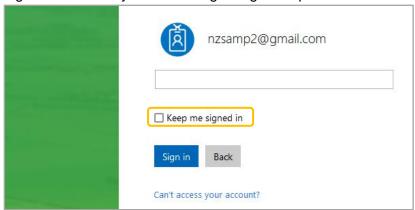
Note: Once you have logged in the first time, your email may be there next time you login (there could be multiple logins depending on how many users use the same computer/laptop. The email at the top of the list may be highlighted in blue).

Figure 3. Saved login Email address's



The row of 3 small black dots on the top right of your email allows you to remove the email box from the screen – when you click on the 3 dots the word 'Forget' appears. Click on 'Forget' to remove email. You then have to re type your login next time.

Figure 4. Click on your email Login to get the password box to appear

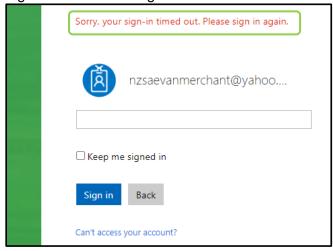


After typing your password in, you can hit the enter key on the keyboard or click on the Sign In button (click on the Back button to go back to the login screen). You'll also see Keep me signed in click in that box after you type your password and before you click the Sign In button or the 'Enter' key and you'll remain signed in.

NB. If you choose 'keep me signed in', be aware of security breaches if the device you are logged in on, is used by other staff.

If you have been logged in for some time without any activity, SCIS may log you out. When you go back to login, you may see this message. If you do, just re-enter your password.

Figure 5. Timed out sign in box





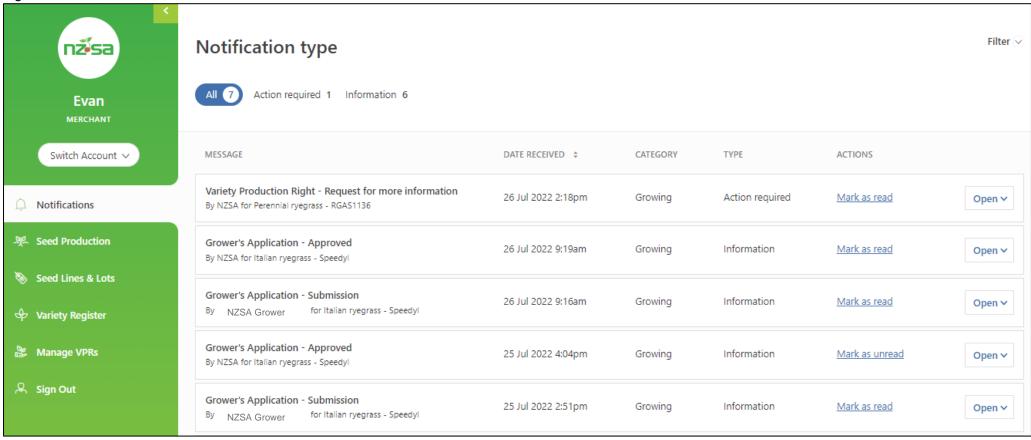
Logged In

You should be logged in now and viewing the 'Home' (Landing) screen (figure 12). The green bar on the left side of the home screen lists the various data screens available to the Merchant role. These are: Notifications, Seed Production, Seed Lines and Lots, Variety Register, Manage VPRs and Sign Out.

The 'active' screen will be highlighted in white as showing in figure 12 (Notifications). The first time you log in, you may or may not have notifications already showing. Figure 12 already has notifications showing.

To open the other screens, move the mouse cursor onto the screen title in the green bar and click the left side mouse button.

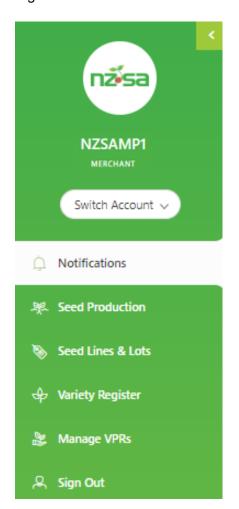
Figure 6. Home screen





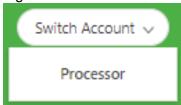
Home Screen for SCIS Merchant

Figure 7. Green bar



- 1. Closes the green bar to maximise screen size
- New Zealand Seeds Authority logo
- 3. NZSAMP1 The logged in user
- 4. MERCHANT Organisation type
- 5. Drop down box to switch user organisation role if user has multiple roles
- 6. Notifications Receive notifications from other Organisations
- 7. Seed Production View all your seed production sites
- 8. Seed Lines & Lots View all your seed lines and lots
- 9. Variety Register List of all registered varieties
- 10. Manage VPRs Set up Variety Production Right(s)
- 11. Sign Out Logs you out and returns to the SCIS sign in screen

Figure 8. Switch Account



Clicking on the 'Switch Account' button reveals the other role(s) that the user has been given. In this example, the other role is a Processor.

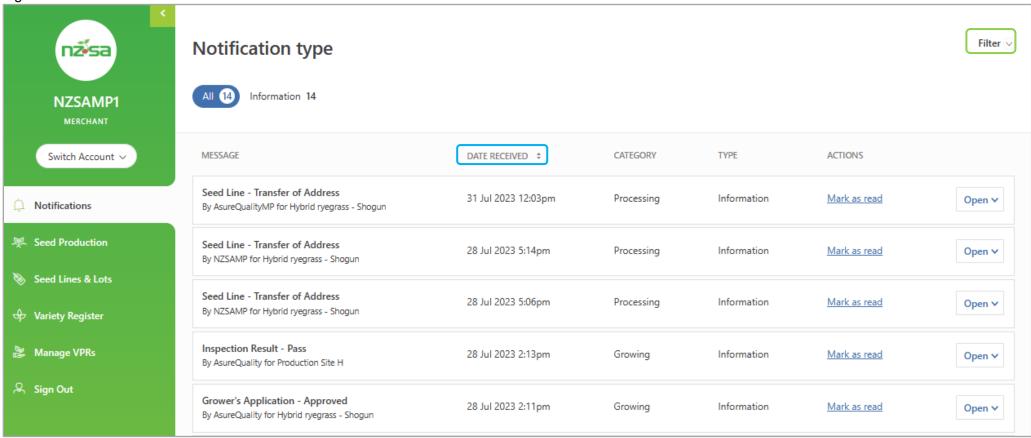
The next sections will cover each data screen in more detail.



Notification Screen

The 'Notification' screen confirms the status of Grower applications, new variety listings and withdrawn crops. The screen has 2 filters available. The first is the Date Received column that allows for ascending or descending date order. The default is descending (most recent at the top).

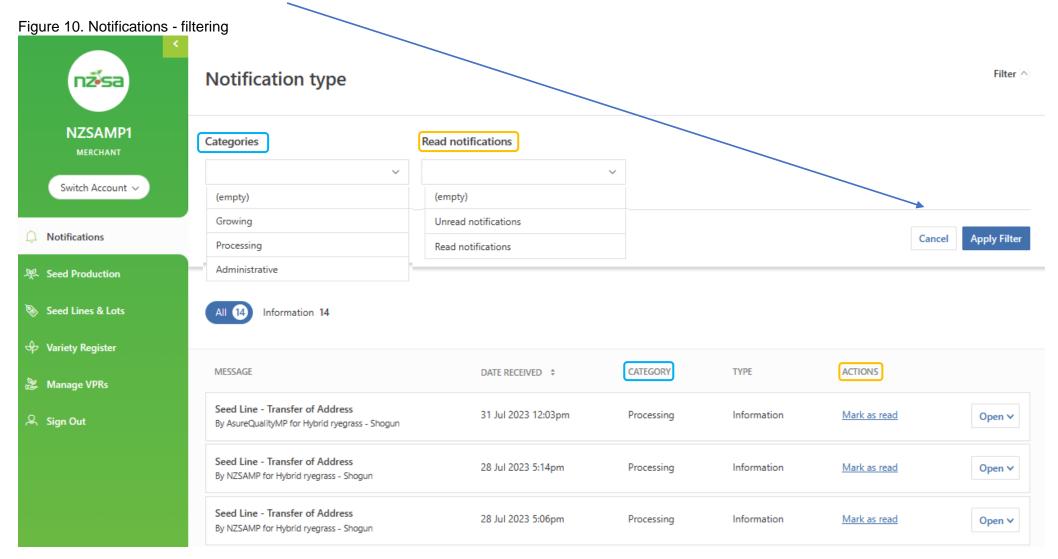
Figure 9. Notifications screen



The second is Filter located top right side of screen. Move the mouse cursor onto 'Filter' and click left side button. This opens filter options on 2 other columns as shown on figure 15 on the next page.



The first is the Category column with categories of - 'All', 'Growing', 'Processing' and 'Administrative'. The second is the Actions column and filters on 'All', 'Unread notifications' or 'Read notifications'. Move the mouse cursor onto one of the options of either Categories or Read notifications and click on it. Then move the mouse cursor to the Apply Filter tab on the right hand side.





At the end of each notification box there is button with on it. Clicking on this expands the box and reveals additional information. It may also have another button to click on which could be a copy of the Grower's application or to view a variety registration. Clicking on the box to normal.

This is a Grower application "Open" notification box. This is a new variety "Open" notification box.

Figure 11. Notifications - Opening a row in notifications

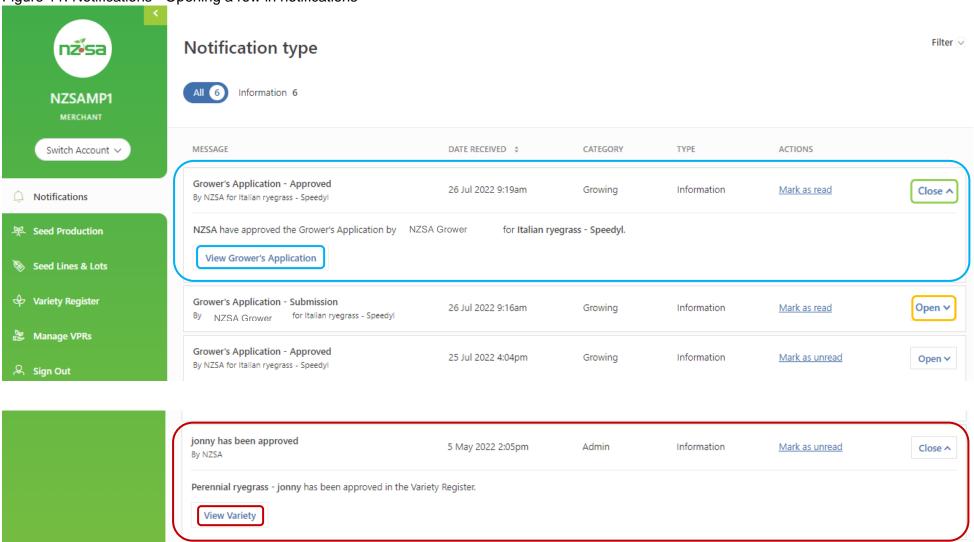




Figure 18 is a view of the Grower's application from the first line of the Notification screen shown in figure 13 on the previous page (highlighted by the large blue rectangle).

Things to note:

- i. The Grower's application (GA) opens in the Seed Production screen. Quickest way to get back to Notifications is to click on Notifications.
- ii. The GA has the official crop ID (official reference number for the FD seed)
- iii. There is a flow chart showing the progress of the crop on the left of the map. This also allows a view of any documentation generated at different stages.
- iv. The map defaults to Satellite view but could be Street view by clicking on Satellite view button.

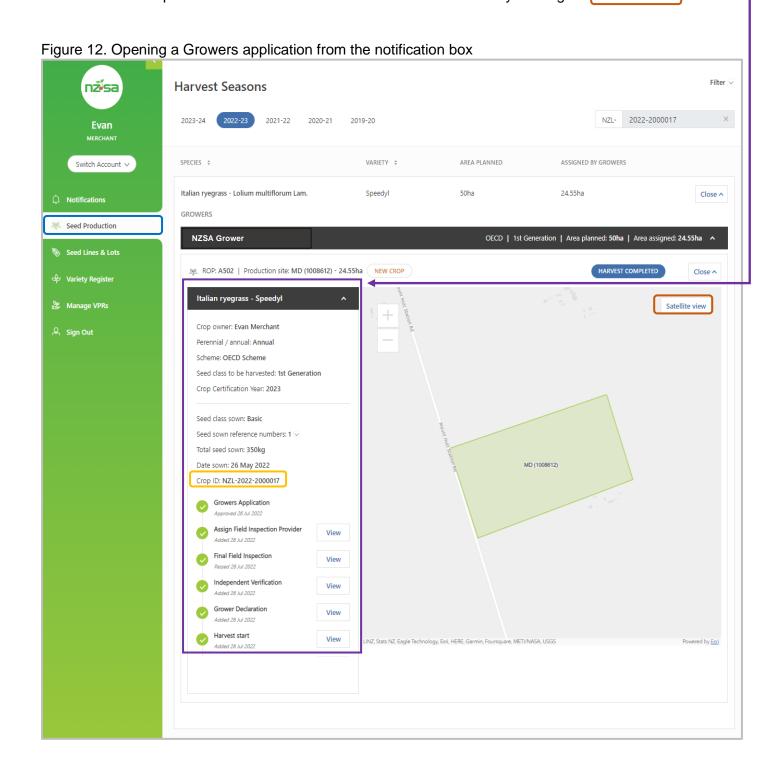


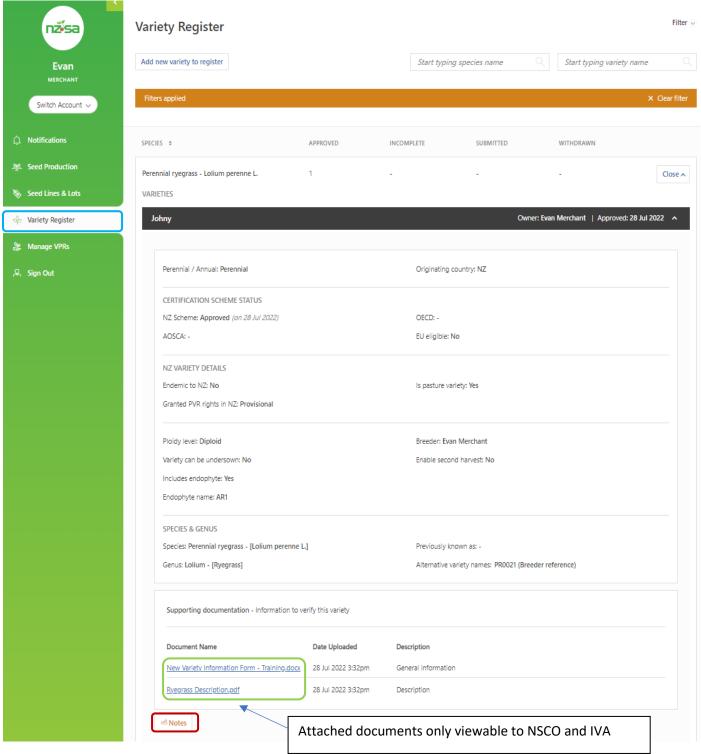


Figure 19 shows the 'View Variety' of Johny perennial ryegrass from the bottom of page 13 which has been approved.

Things to note:

- i. The view variety opens in the Variety Register screen. Quickest way to get back to Notifications is to click on Notifications.
- ii. Clicking on Clicking on Clicking on Clicking on Clicking in the orange bar closes the filter and leaves you on the variety register.
- iii. At the bottom of the variety page there are pdf documents and a Notes button that can be clicked on and opened. In the case of "Notes", this may have comments from the NSCO.

Figure 13. Opening a new variety application from the notification box.





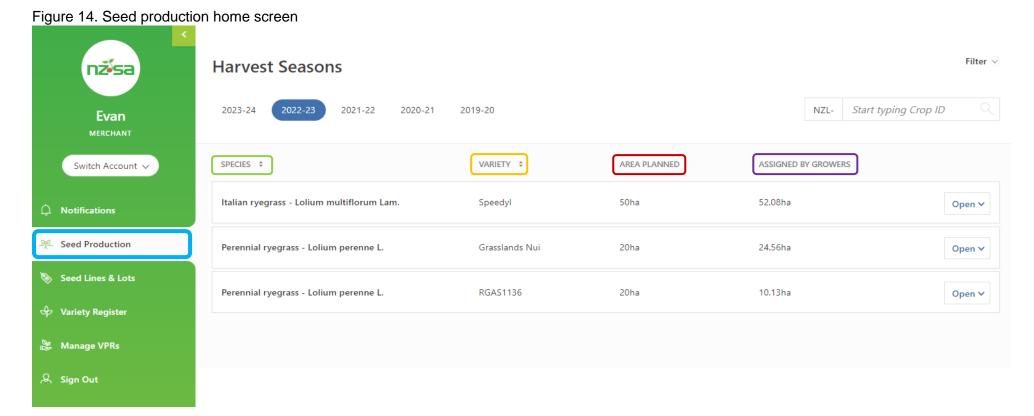
Seed Production

The Seed Production screen displays your current production sites. These are based on the VPR's (Variety Production Right) you have generated. The first 2 columns show the Species and Variety. The 3rd column is Area Planned and from your VPR for that variety. The Assigned by Growers is the area that has been allocated by those Growers. This figure will update as the Growers enter your crops. SCIS does not control the area planted by the allocated Growers. However, the area planted is visible to you as you can see by looking at the Area Planned and Assigned by Growers columns in figure 19.

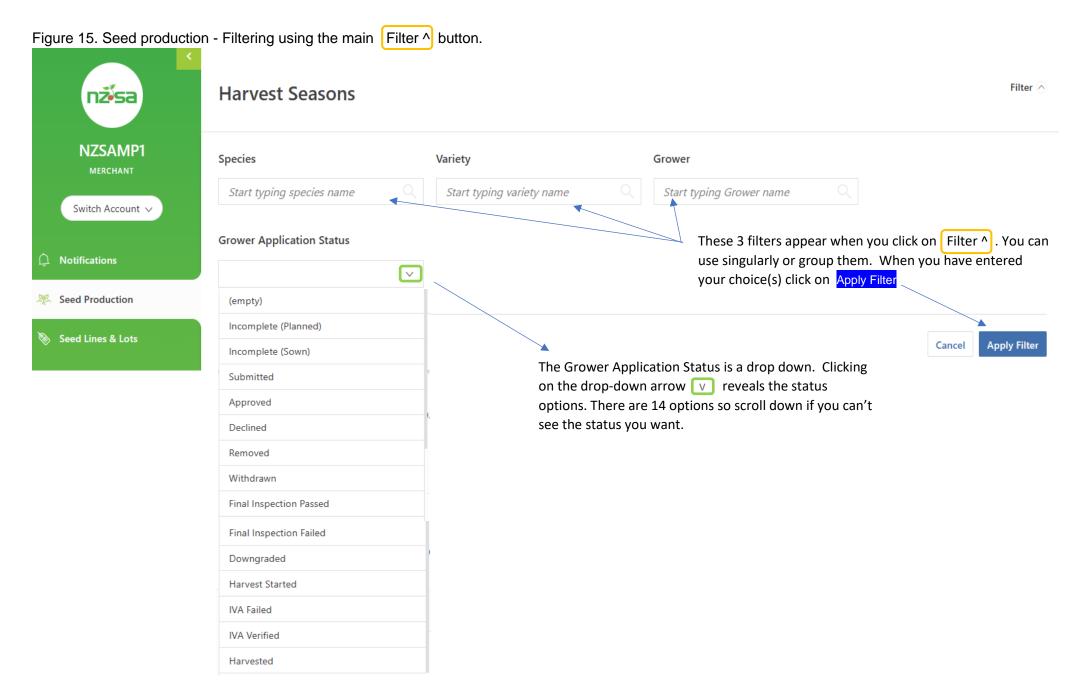
This screen will fill up fast, so there are several filters to assist you find specific crops quickly. These are:

- 1. Filter ^ (when you click on Filter ^ there are another 3 filters Variety, Grower and Grower application status)
- 2. Crop ID, the columns SPECIES and VARIETY. See figure 20.

NB. If there are multiple Merchants growing the same variety with the same Grower, you will only see your crops.









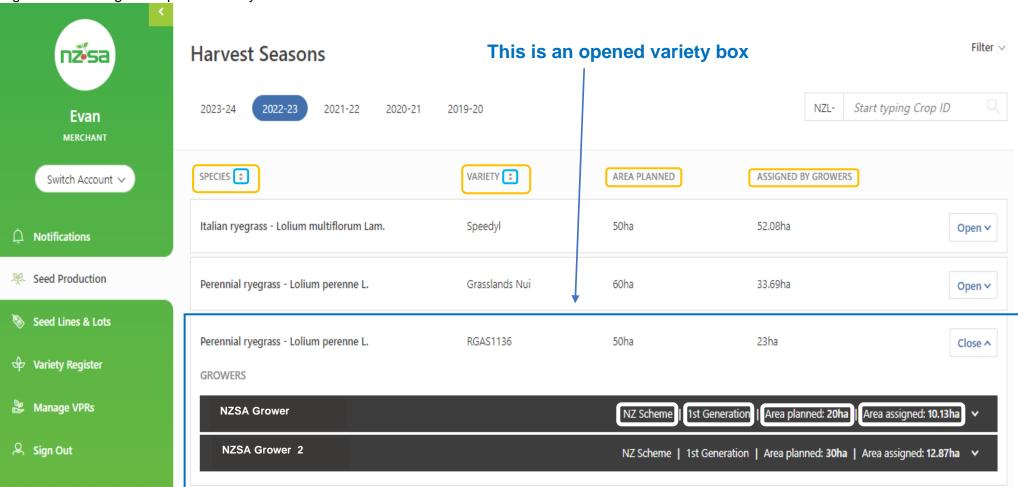


Figure 16. Filtering for a specific variety and or Grower

This screen will list all your seed variety productions. The main screen lists all the varieties (this could be many pages). This has 4 columns , with the first 2 columns having an alphabetical ascending or descending filter. Columns are Species, Variety, Area planned (through your VPR's) and area Assigned by Growers.

Opening a variety box will reveal all the Grower(s) production(s) with that variety. In the example above, the species is Perennial ryegrass, variety is RGAS1136, scheme is NZ, harvest class is 1st Generation and 50ha is planned. There are 2 Growers assigned – NZSA Grower has 20ha allocated with 10.13ha assigned, NZSA Grower 2 Ltd has 30ha allocated and 12.87ha assigned.



NZSA Grower

NZ Scheme | 1st Generation | Area planned: 20ha | Area assigned: 10.13ha v

Click on the v at the right side end of the black bar and you get another bar appearing



Clicking the Open button and the production site map opens. If a Grower has multiple paddocks of the variety, these will all show in the same window that opens from the black bar.

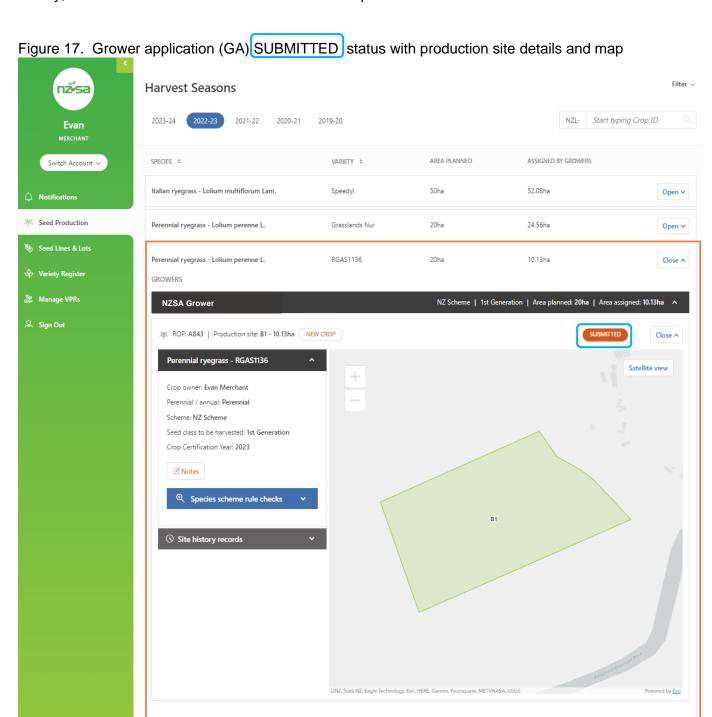
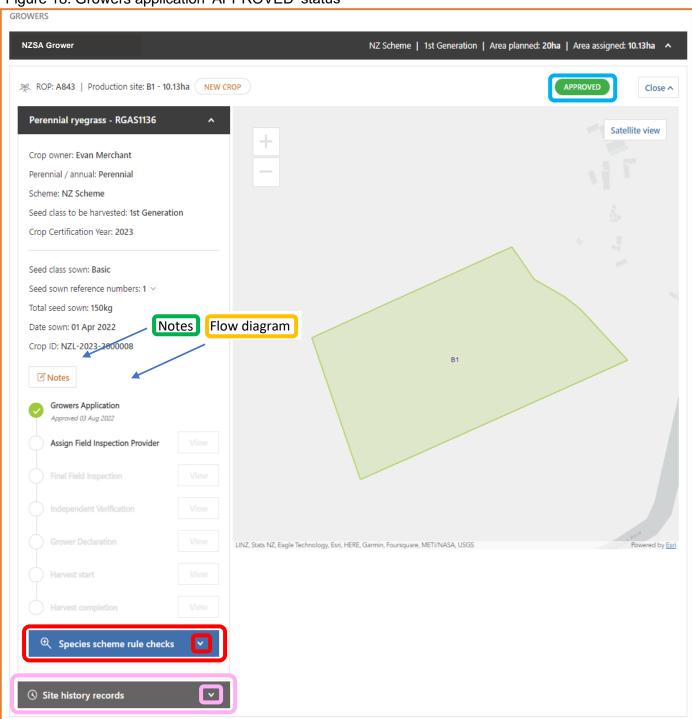




Figure 22 is the same GA as figure 21 but has now been Approved by the NSCO (National Seed Certification Office). Points to note are:

- 1. There is now a flow diagram indicating the current stage of production.
- 2. There is a Notes box you can click on to open a text box to allow notes to be entered.
- 3. A Secies scheme rule checks button allows you to check if there is any history or isolation issues.
- 4. A Site history records button allows you to view the production site history details.

Figure 18. Growers application 'APPROVED' status



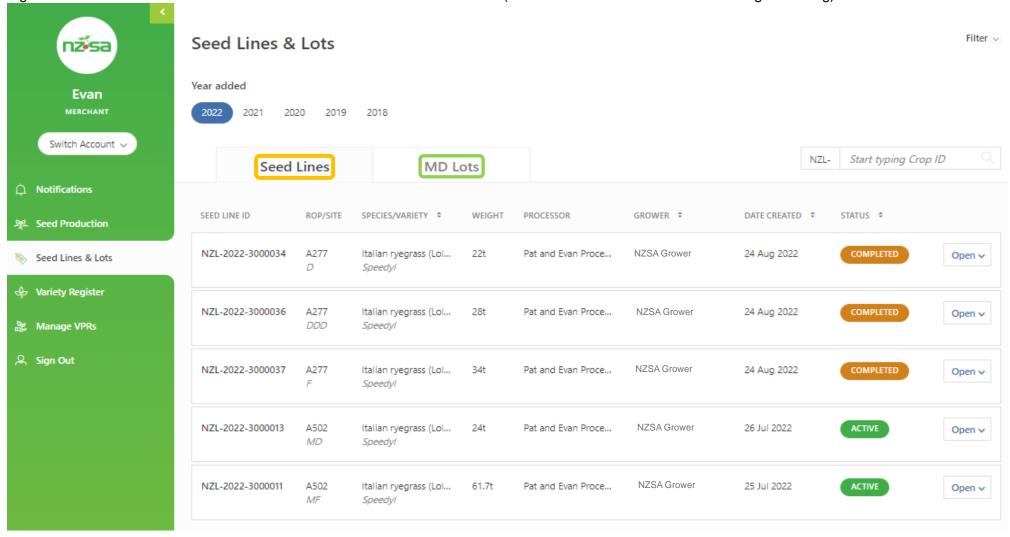


Seed Lines and Lots

The Seed Lines and Lots screen allows you to follow your crop through the processing and testing stages. This screen has 2 tabs:

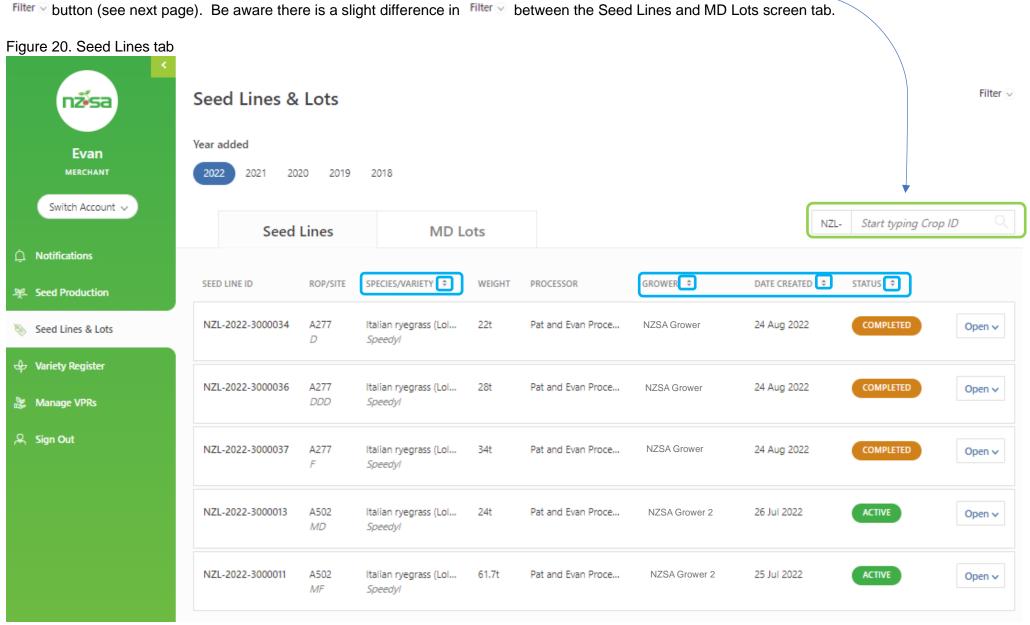
- 1. Seed Lines when the FD Seed line is receipted in at the Processor, it becomes a Seed line.
- 2. MD Lot when the Seed line is cleaned and packaged it becomes an MD Lot.

Figure 19. Seed Lines and Lots home screen with Seed Lines the active tab (Seed Lines is in bold and tab has a slight shading)





Seed Lines will become a large list and MD Lots will become a very large list. Filtering will be very important to find specific lines / lots quickly. There are 4 columns that have an alphabetical ascending / descending option. Use the **crop id** as a filter by typing it in the box below. Finally, you can click on the



Start typing Crop ID



Figure 21 is showing the **Seed Lines tab** filter options from clicking on the filter option on page 24. Most of the filter boxes are self-explanatory. You can choose 1 or multiple options to zero in on specific data. Once you have selected your filter(s), click on Apply Filter

Figure 21. Seed Lines tab - filter options Seed Lines & Lots Filter 🔿 nzisa Evan Species Variety Grower Start typing species name Start typing variety name Start typing Grower name Switch Account V Processor Status Notifications Start typing Processor name (empty) Active Seed Lines & Lots **Apply Filter** Cancel Completed Variety Register Withdrawn **NB** This filter is the **Crop ID**. **Crop ID** is the first reference number issued when the GA is approved and Superseded Manage VPRs Year added represents the FD Seed line from the production site. 2021 2020 2019 😞 Sign Out

The Status box is a drop down. Click in the box and select the one you want. This is the **Seed Lines tab** drop down Status box (the MD Lots tab 'Status' box options are different).

MD Lots

Active = a Seed Line that has been receipted in by the Processor.

Seed Lines

Completed = a Seed Line ap the Processors that has been cleaned and labelled so now called an MD Lot.

Withdrawn = a Seed Line at the Processors but has been withdrawn before labelling has occurred.

Superseded = an FD Seed Line at the Growers that has been Blended into another FD Seed Line.



The MD Lots tab will most likely be a long list so filtering will be a must to quickly locate specific lots. There are 3 columns that have an alphabetical ascending / descending option. Use the crop id as a filter by typing it in the box below.

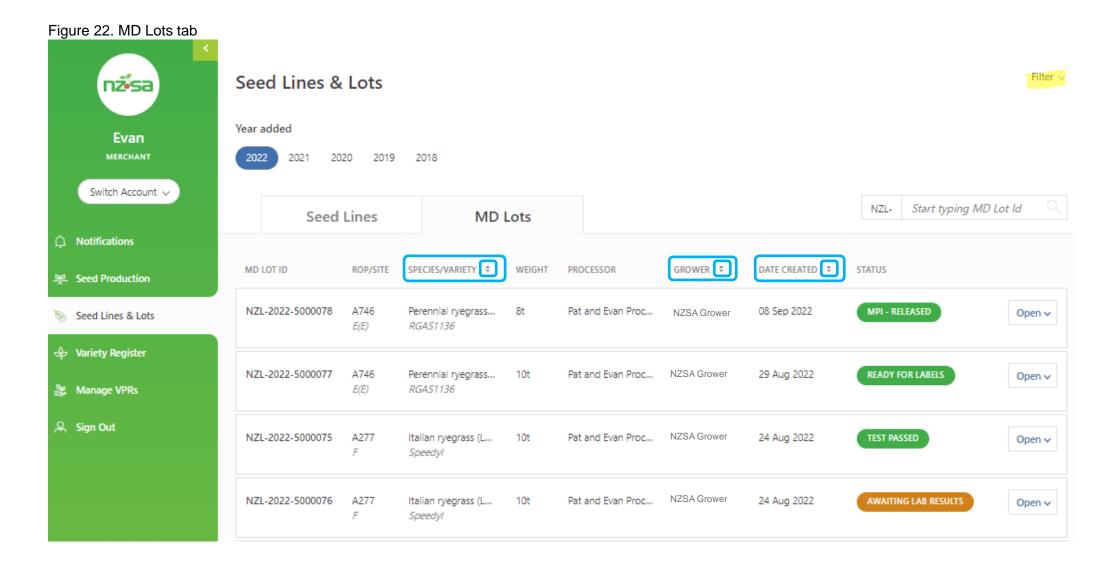
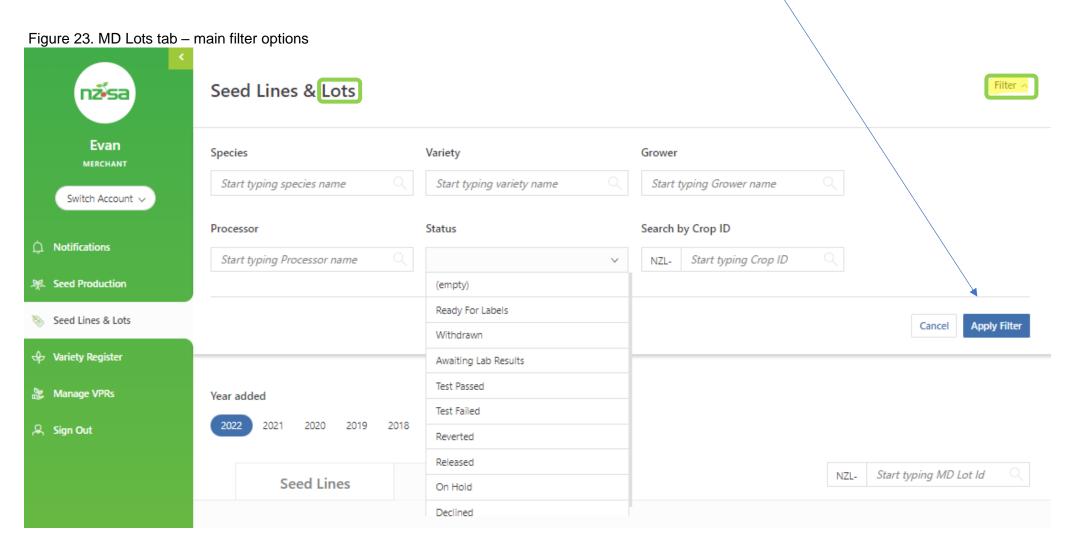




Figure 23 is showing the **MD Lots tab** main filter options from clicking on the Filter option on page 25. Most of the filter boxes are self-explanatory. You can choose 1 or multiple options to zero in on specific data. Once you have selected your filter(s), click on Apply Filter

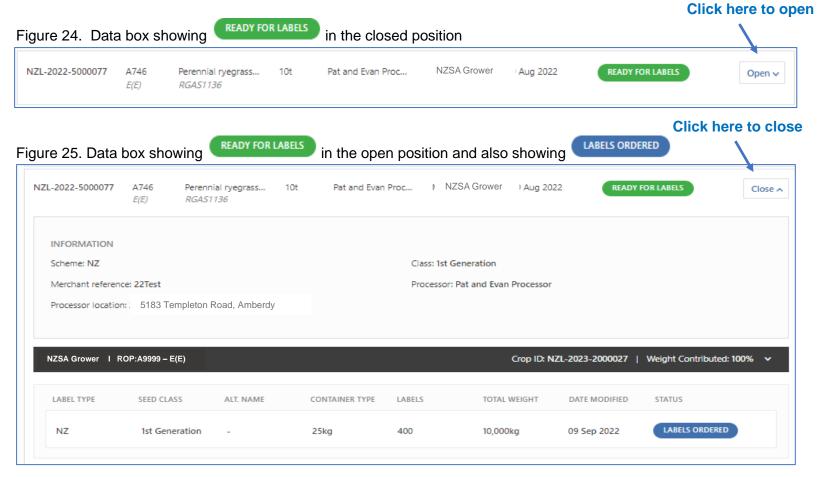


The Status box is a drop down. Click in the box and select the one you want. This is the **MD Lots tab** drop down Status box options and are different from the Seed Lines options.



Ready For Labels = the Processor can apply for MD labels.

MB. When the seed has gone to the processor and the READY FOR LABELS tag is showing, open the data box to check for LABELS ORDERED or LABELLED tags showing. These 2 tags only show on the open data box.



Withdrawn = the Processor has withdrawn it

Awaiting Lab Results = the Laboratory has not finished the testing

Test Past = the Laboratory has finished the test for the MD Lot and it has passed the required testing standard

Test Failed = the Laboratory has finished the test for the MD Lot and it has failed the required testing standard

Reverted = the MD Lot has been reverted back to a Seed Line (this could be for re cleaning, blending etc)

Released = MPI have released the MD lot

On Hold = MPI have put the MD lot on hold. There should be a note

Declined = MPI have declined to release the MD lot



Variety Register

The variety register lists all the varieties that have been listed. To add a new variety to the register you click on the Add new variety to register button and a form will pop up. Complete the form, attached the appropriate documentation and submit the form to the NSCO.

There are several filters to help navigate the register. The first column Species, allows alphabetical ascending or descending. The next 2 filtering options are Start typing species name and Start typing variety name. These 2 have 'predictive' typing, meaning keep typing and you will eventually get there!!

The final filter option is the actual Filter v button on the top right side of the screen. See next page for these options.

Figure 26. The Variety Register screen

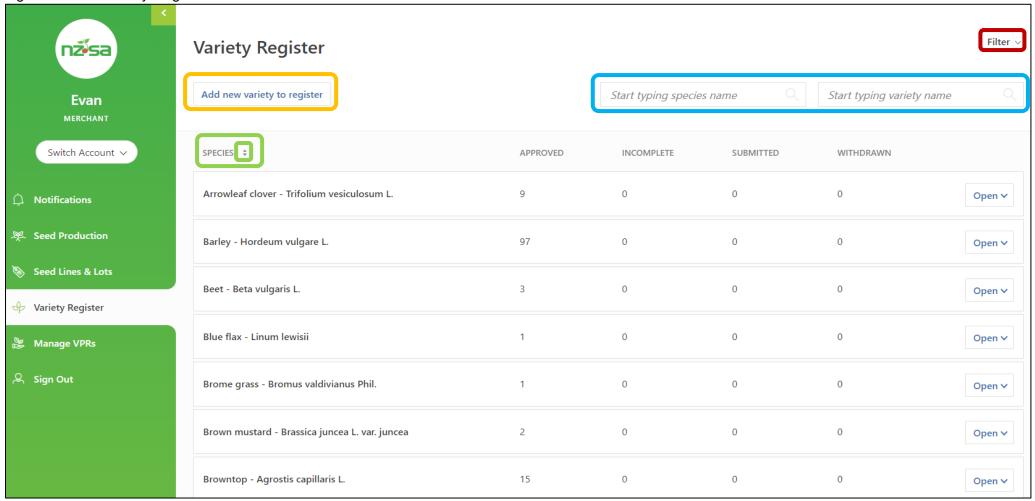




Figure 27. Filter v button drop down nzisa Filter / Variety Register Evan Switch Account V Certification scheme Where variety is from Variety status \vee \vee Seed Lines & Lots Variety Register These 5 filters appear when you click on Filter \(\frac{1}{2} \). You can Variety owner Submitted by use singularly or group them. Variety status, Certification Manage VPRs scheme, Where variety is from, and Submitted by are drop boxes. Variety owner you begin typing and a list will appear. 😞 Sign Out Start typing Variety owner name Click on the one you want. When you have entered your choice(s) click on Apply Filter Apply Filter Cancel Add new variety to register Start typing variety name Start typing species name SPECIES \$ **APPROVED** INCOMPLETE SUBMITTED WITHDRAWN 9 Arrowleaf clover - Trifolium vesiculosum L. 0 0 0 Open v Barley - Hordeum vulgare L. 97 0 0 0 Open 🗸



The next 3 pages contain the 'Add new variety to register' form

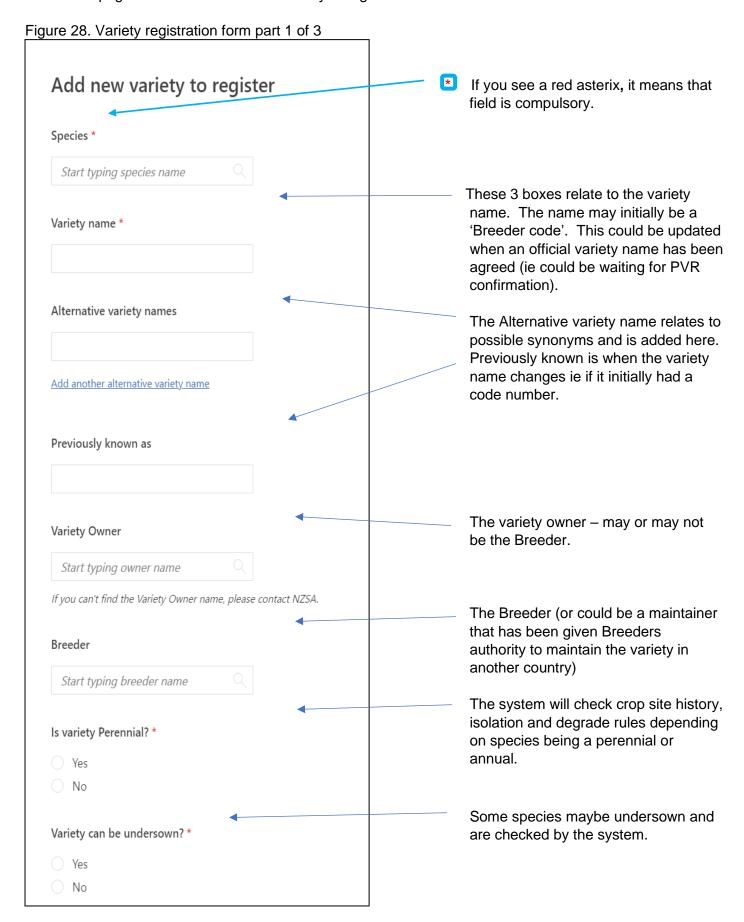




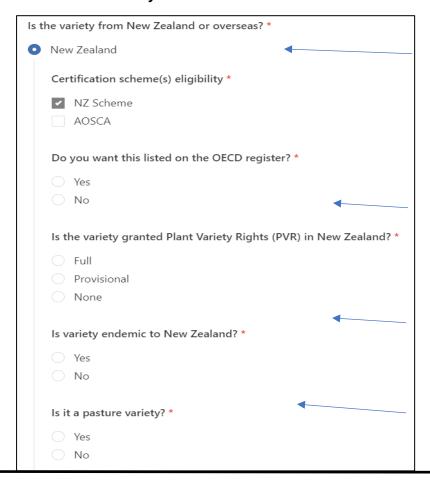
Figure 29. Variety registration form part 2 of 3

Enable second harvest in th	ne same season? *	Some species and varieties maybe
Yes	←	eligible for a second harvest in the
○ No		same season and are checked by the system
Does variety include endop	hyte? *	
Yes	•	This relates to novel endophytes
○ No		
Ploidy Level *		The ploidy of some species can impact
O Diploid	•	on the isolation requirements. The system will check for this in the future.
○ Tetraploid		system will check for this in the future.
Other		
Is the variety from New Zea	aland or overseas? *	Additional information is required dependent on the variety being bred in
New Zealand	•	New Zealand or overseas. See next
Overseas		page.
Origin and Breeding History Agronomic value information Uniformity and stability information Morphological (variety) description Special field and laboratory Upload supporting docume	on primation scription vistandards entation (max 5mb)	domestic market, this additional information is required. For all varieties, a morphological (variety) description is required.
Choose document	Browse	
Document description		Uploaded document(s) description is required (short one)
		The Cancel button deletes the application. The Save button allows you to go back and add data. The
	Cancel Save Submit for approval	Submit for approval sends the application to the NSCO.



Figure 30. Variety registration form part 3 of 3

New Zealand variety additional information



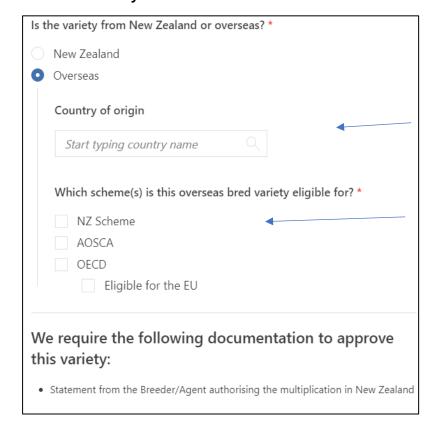
NZ operates in 4 seed certification schemes – NZ domestic, AOSCA (USA), OECD (International) and EU (European Union). The expectation is NZ bred varieties would initially be domestic market. That variety may also want to be eligible for international markets later.

A NZ bred variety must show it is distinct, uniform and stable to get OECD registration. (for EU, it must be entered into the EU national trials)

Has the variety been entered and accepted for PVR (Provisional) or granted PVR (Full)

Has the variety been sown all over NZ for a very long time (ie G.Nui and G.Huia)

Overseas variety additional information



This could be identified on the phytosanitary certificate if not obvious on any other documentation

If the OECD option is selected, the EU tick box will pop up.

NB1. Also refer to Appendix 1 MPI Seed Field Production Standards

NB2. A standard seed reference sample to be sent to AsureQuality Lincoln

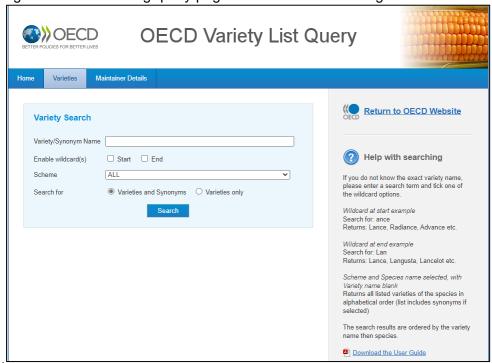


Overseas variety additional information - continued

To minimise delays for getting overseas varieties that are OECD and/or OECD-EU listed, it is recommended you supply evidence of the OECD and EU listings. This is found on the following web sites.

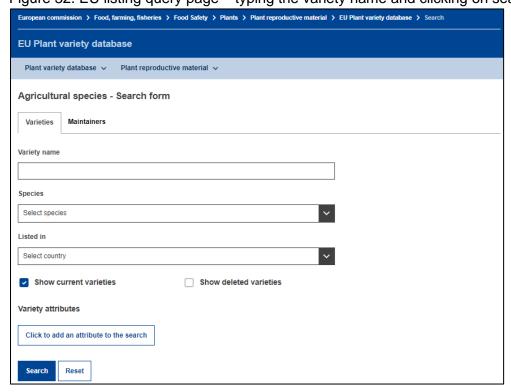
OECD Variety list query: OECD Variety Query (niab.com)

Figure31. OECD listing query page - there is a PDF user guide at the bottom right of the page



EU variety query: EU Plant variety database (v.3.4) (europa.eu)

Figure 32. EU listing query page - typing the variety name and clicking on search should be enough





Here is an OECD and EU search result from typing in Nui.

Figure 33. OECD variety search on Nui

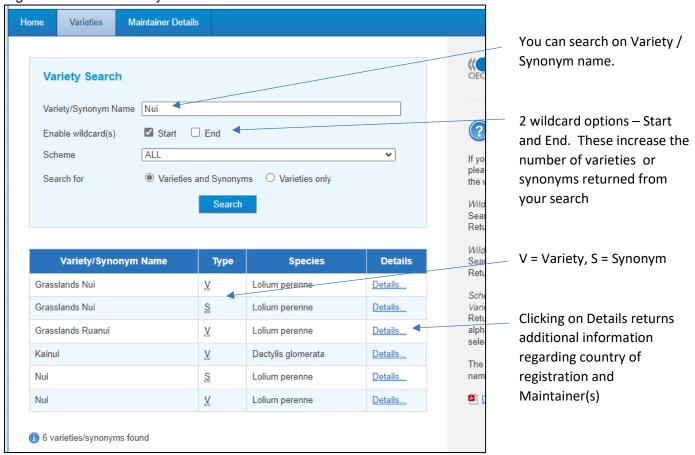
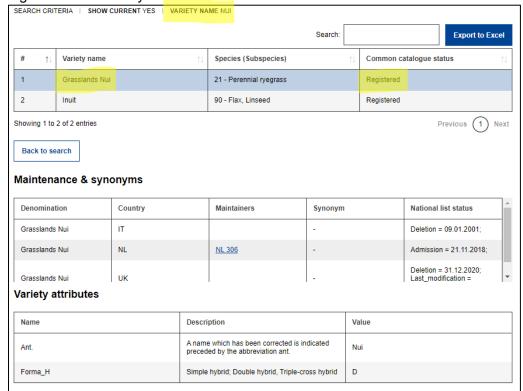


Figure 34. EU variety search on Nui





Manage VPRs (Variety Production Rights)

There must be a VPR generated for each variety. The VPR allows you to follow your production crop as it moves through each stage to final release
Merchant —— Grower —— INSpector —— IVA —— Transport —— Processor —— Seed Testing —— MPI final release.

The exception is public varieties, you need to contract the grower through a VPR if you want to follow its progress as above. VPRs for public varieties are automatically approved. The VPR can be set for 1 year or indefinitely. **Manage VPR's is where the Merchant actions the re-entry of an eligible crop site**.

Figure 35 is the VPR home screen. This has 2 application buttons – Add a new VPR and Add a new variety to register, click on the one you want to open. The screen has 3 tabs - Active - Inactive - Expired. Clicking on the tab opens that screen (the default screen is **Active**).

There are 3 filter options – the first 2 columns - Species and Variety can be ascending or descending. The 3rd is Filter v - see page 30.

Figure 35. VPR home screen - the default screen tab is Active



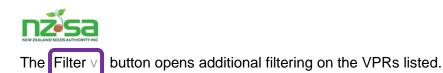
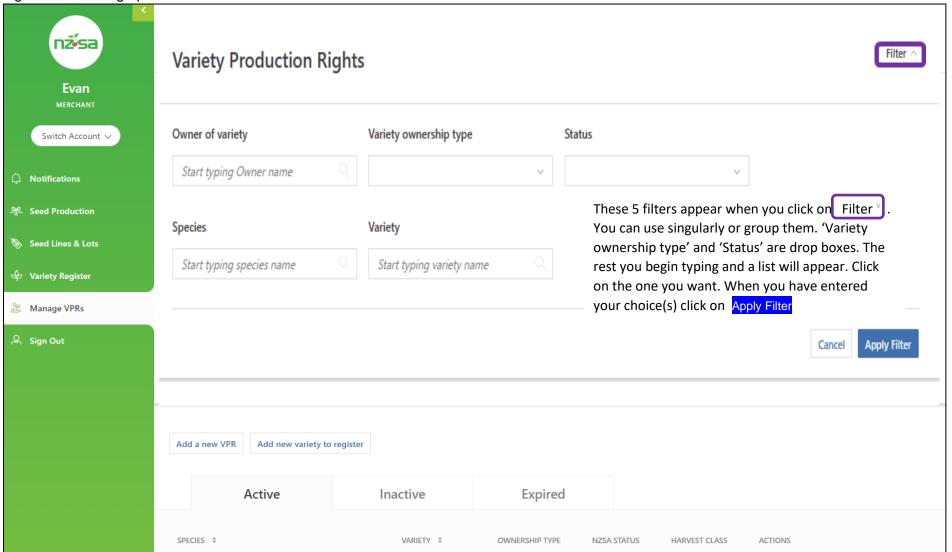


Figure 36. Filtering options for the VPR list.





Adding a new VPR – clicking on the VPR button opens the Add a new Variety Production Right application form (figure 37). These 3 figures show the progression from entering the species and variety data.

Begin typing either common name or genus (Latin) name of the species – it has predictive typing so the more you type the closer you get. When you enter the variety name in, the full application opens up – see page 37.

Figure 37. Add a variety production right 1 of 3



1. Click on
Add a new VPR
Button (from page
33) to open this
screen

Figure 38. Add a variety production right 2 of 3



 Begin typing either common name, or the species (Latin) name – it has predictive typing.

 Click on the pop up box that has the correct species showing (there maybe a selection depending how many letters you typed.

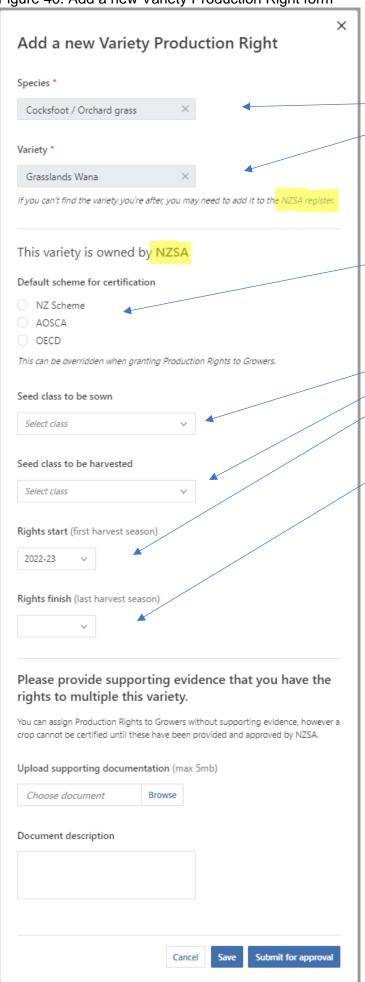
Figure 39. Add a variety production right 3 of 3



- 4. Repeat step2 and3 for the Variety.
- When the variety is entered, the full VPR form will open – see page 30.



Figure 40. Add a new Variety Production Right form



From page 35 - continue completing the form

1. Species and variety filled in as per page 35.

NB. Ignore the references to NZSA register or owned by NZSA – these screen shots are from the UAT test version

- 2. Click in the beside the scheme required. This can be changed when adding a Grower.
- 3. Click in each of the boxes to reveal and choose the required option.
- If your VPR has a set number of production years, click in this box and select that last eligible year. If it is your propriety variety you can leave this blank and it will be active indefinitely.

Upload the appropriate documentation(s) to support the VPR request. For examples – Breeder authority, OECD varietal certificate, variety description, photo of label attached to the bag and /or a production authority from the DA (designated Authority) from the country of origin.

- 5. Brief description of the documents uploaded
- Click on Save if you are awaiting additional information to add or Submit for approval if you have all the documentation you need.



The status of your submitted VPR's will be on the Manage VPR home screen under the Active tab and Status column. There are 4 status options:

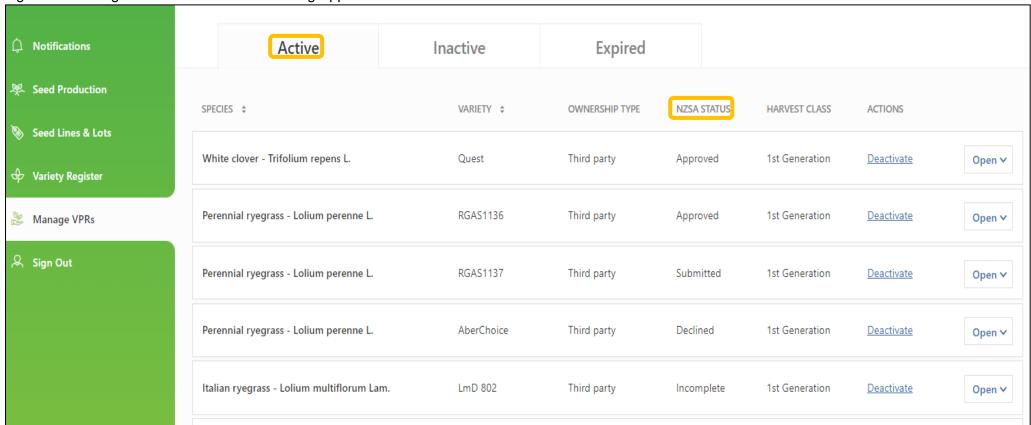
Approved: Your VPR has been approved. This allow your productions to progress through the SCIS process (providing the Grower application is approved)

Declined: Your VPR has been declined. There is an unresolvable issue that cannot allow your VPR to be approved. You will have been sent a notification advising you.

Incomplete: Your VPR application is missing information required by the NSCO and you will have been sent a notification advising you.

Submitted: Your VPR application has been submitted for approval to the NSCO but has not been actioned yet.

Figure 41. Manage VPRs home screen showing Approved and Submitted status





An **Incomplete** or **Declined** status means the NSCO has sent you a notification. Remembering that SCIS opens Notifications when you log in, you may see the notification from NSCO before you open Manage VPRs (ensure the Date Received column is in descending order). Clicking on Open v reveals the message sent by NSCO.

Figure 42. Part of Notifications home screen showing a Declined message and a Request for more information message



Figure 43. Part of Notifications home screen showing the Declined message and a Request for more information message opened



Figure 44. A 'Request for more information' from the NSCO Grower application screen





The Active screen is also where you action the re-enter of a production site if eligible. The Re-entry button is found inside an eligible data box.

To open the data box, click on the Open v tab at the right end of the box.

Figure 45.Manage VPR screen – Active tab – Allow Re-entry

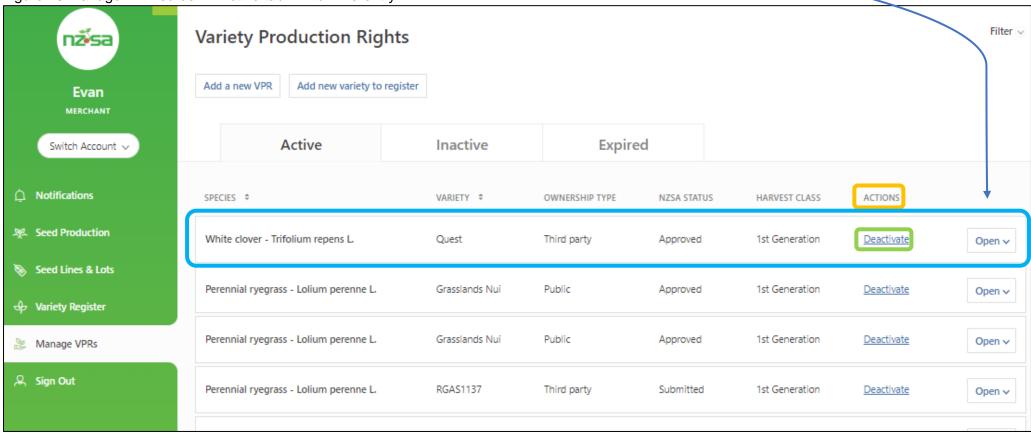




Figure 46. VPR locating the Re-enter button to allow a Grower to send a re-entry to the NSCO

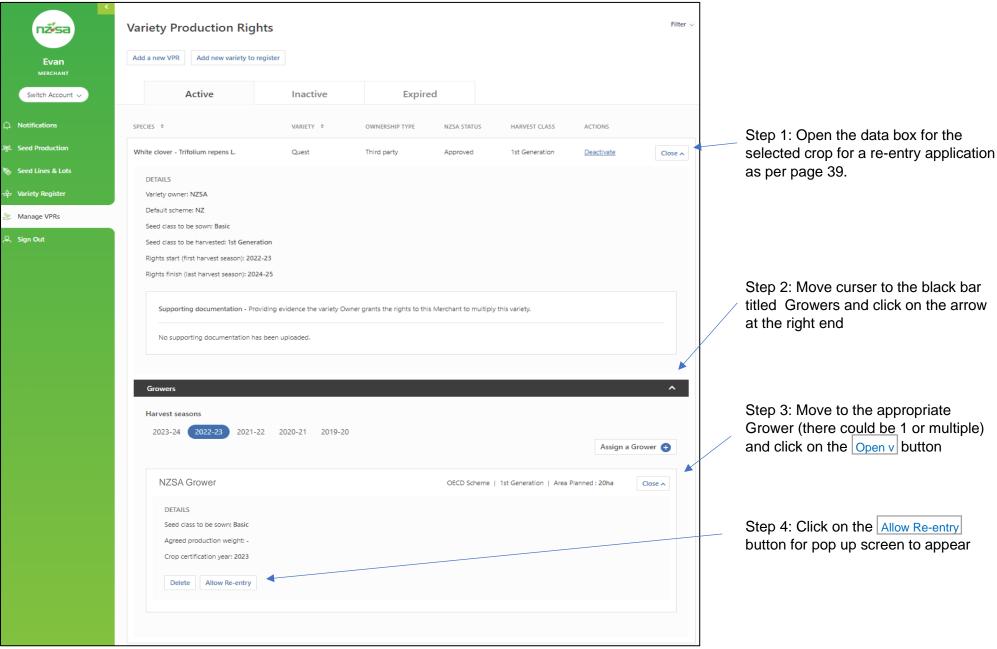
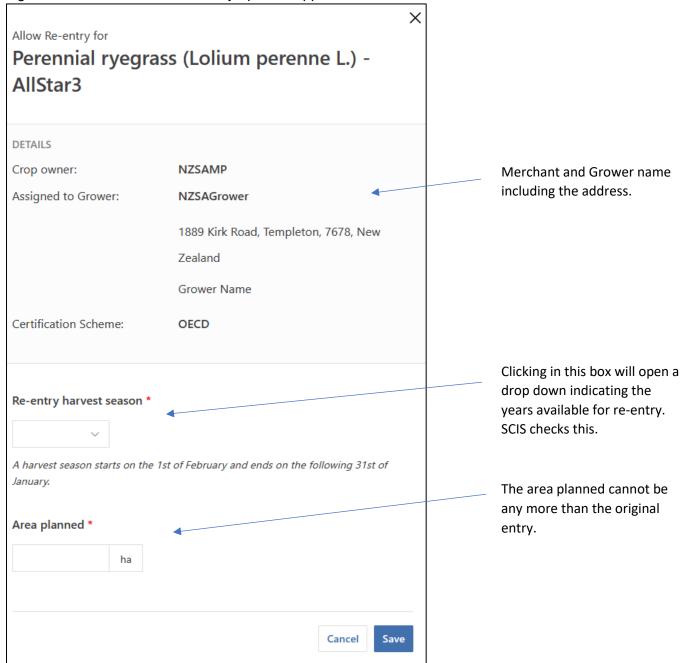




Figure 47 is the Merchants pop up screen to add details for your Grower to be able to re-enter a crop if it is eligible. Eligibility relates to your Merchant/Grower contract and the species is eligible for re-entry relating to number of production years and downgrade status.

Figure 47. Allow Grower a Re-entry option if applicable





The last column in the Active tab screen is Actions and has the word Deactivate in each box.

Figure 48. Manage VPR's screen on Active tab with Actions column showing Activate I Remove



If you click on <u>Deactivate</u>, the box will disappear from the Active tab screen and reappear in the Inactive tab screen. When the box appears in the Inactive tab screen, it will now read <u>Activate I Remove</u> in the Actions column. Click on Activate to re-activate and this puts it back on the Active tab. Click on Remove and puts it in the 'Expired' tab.

Figure 49. Manage VPR's screen on Inactive tab with Actions column showing

