



# Grain Nutrient Analysis NZ

## 2026 Harvest

### How to collect & submit a grain or seed sample

- Sample & courier bags and lab submission forms can be requested pre-harvest so that you have these ready.
- Contact FAR 03-345-5783 or [donna.lill@far.org.nz](mailto:donna.lill@far.org.nz)

#### 1. Collect a harvest sample

- Have clean, labelled buckets ready in your yard
- Collect a representative grain or seed sample from each paddock or area you would like to test
  - o Take a cup full of grain from two different points in each trailer load (e.g. one third and two thirds through tipping) as it goes into the silo or shed and put these in a labelled bucket
- After the sample has been taken from the last trailer load, mix the grain in the bucket thoroughly.
- Store sample buckets in a dry, pest-proof place until you have samples for all the paddocks you wish to submit

#### 2. Send samples for analysis

- If you didn't receive sample bags & forms before harvest, contact Donna Lill for these
- Label each sample bag with:
  - o Grower Name, Paddock Name, Crop & Variety
  - o e.g. A Farmer, Pdk 3, Wheat Duchess
- Subsample 500g of grain/seed from each bucket into the sample bag & seal securely
- Complete the highlighted details required on the lab submission form
  - o Ensure that the Sample name on the lab form matches the name on the sample bag
- Take a photo of your lab form and send it to Donna Lill (email or text – 027-299-6706)
- Place your grain samples and lab form into courier bag and post

#### Crops which can be accepted:

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|---------------|----------------|
| - All Cereals | - Oilseed rape |
| - Linseed     | - Peas         |

#### Cost:

- Growers will be charged directed by Hill Labs for lab analysis costs, approx. \$105/sample for Cereals & Peas, \$176/sample for Oilseed rape & Linseed.

#### Reporting:

- This year reporting will be different from the previous two harvests. Growers will be able to calculate offtakes via a simple spreadsheet report. Seasonal nutrient ranges will be reported at the end of the season to all growers. Individual benchmarking reports are not able to be provided.

**To find out more or to submit a sample contact:**

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