

FARM SAVED SEED

# A FAIR RETURN



The Plant Variety  
Development Office

*Farmer's are obliged by law to pay royalties on Farm-saved seed (FSS). These are an investment in plant breeding to allow for higher yielding, resilient and more disease resistant varieties.*

**SELF-DECLARATION  
IS REQUIRED BY LAW.  
DECLARE NOW IN EITHER  
OF 3 WAYS:**

- Online at [pvdo.ie](http://pvdo.ie)
- Using the form overleaf
- By phone 01-5414445

# Self Declaration of Farm Saved Seed Use

Name for Invoicing: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Eircode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Seed Cleaner / Processor / Dresser: \_\_\_\_\_

Season (please tick): Winter (June-Jan sown)  or Spring

If this is a return for Winter sown seed, please tick if you saved any seed from harvest for potentially sowing in the Spring

	Variety Sown	Tonnes Used	Royalty per tonne	Amount
BARLEY				
WHEAT				
OATS				
BEANS				
TRITICALE				
SPELT				
OIL SEED RAPE				
OTHER			(Contact us)	
			<b>Total Ex VAT</b>	
			plus 23% VAT	
			<b>Total Payment Due incl. VAT</b>	

## Nil Return — please tick

I have not used Uncertified Seed this sowing season

I have used the above seed but the size of my holding does not exceed 12 ha

I declare the above correct regarding my use of Farm Saved Seed:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# What you need to know

Farmers must declare use of FSS for Winter sown crops by 31st January and Spring sown by 30th June each year.

*(Please note if you have a nil return for 5 years we may not issue self declaration forms, but should you use FSS in future, it is your obligation to declare its use)*

The Plant Variety Development Office is authorised under SI No. 273 2007 to collect royalties on FSS.

Penalties for non-compliance with seed related legislation include a €5000 fine and / or calculation & collection of debt plus damages and / or investigation by the Department of Agriculture or other official bodies, depending on the offence.

**Hybrid Varieties** - The law on plant variety rights specifies that F1 hybrid varieties cannot legally be used as farm saved seed without the breeder's consent, regardless of end use.

## **The sale / trade / barter of Uncertified / Farm Saved Seed is illegal under the Seed Marketing Regulations.**

Payment rates are agreed to strike a balance between farmers' long standing tradition of saving seed, and the contribution of modern plant breeding to the significant genetic gains enjoyed by growers.

The crops within the PVDO FSS collection scheme are non-hybrid varieties of:

**Wheat | Barley | Oats | Oilseed Rape**  
**Linseed | Triticale | Field Peas**  
**Field Beans | Yellow Lupins | Spelt**



**Q. I am using some farm-saved oat seed as part of a cover crop this autumn. Do I need to declare this to PVDO?**

**A.** Yes. Although cover crops are not taken to harvest, a farm-saved seed payment is still due once the crop has been planted.

**Q. Since neonicotinoid seed treatments were banned, I have been sowing FSS straight from the heap at a higher seed rate. Why should I declare this extra seed to PVDO when I am taking all the risk?**

**A.** Farm-saved seed payments become due at the point of sowing and all FSS use must be declared promptly, regardless of the outcome or use of the crop.

**Q. I want to try growing a cover crop. Can I get some pea seed from the farmer next door? It is not going to produce a harvested crop.**

**A.** No. Regardless of whether a crop is taken to harvest, the seeds regulations and farm-saved seed rules apply. You must use either certified seed purchased from a licensed seed merchant or farm-saved seed produced on your own holding. In the case of farm-saved seed, if you are using an eligible variety the FSS payment will be due on sowing regardless of whether the crop is taken to harvest.

*The PVDO have and can appoint Plant Variety Officers to investigate suspected evasion or illegal seed practices.*

# A Fair Return on Farm Saved Seed

We aim to ensure all farmers contribute fairly for the benefits of improved varieties, bred for our markets and growing conditions.

Farm-saved seed payments are crucial to support investment in plant breeding.

## Farmers need access to new varieties to:

- improve yields
- provide quality and disease resistance
- cope with emerging challenges such as climate change
- mitigate against loss of key crop protection tools



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## Payment

### Online or from your bank branch

IBAN IE46 BOFI 901028 60534135

Please use your name as a reference

**By cheque** payable to 'The Plant Variety Development Office CLG'

**By card** over the phone 01-5414445

## Return this form by:

### Post

The Plant Variety Development Office CLG  
19 Nutgrove Enterprise Park,  
Nutgrove Way,  
Rathfarnham,  
Dublin 14

**by email** to [info@pvdo.ie](mailto:info@pvdo.ie)

**or WhatsApp** to 086-0822038.

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