

# Seed and Nutritional Technology Development PGP Programme

## Quarterly Report January – March 2013

The Primary Growth Partnership Agreement between the Ministry for Primary Industries and the industry parties (PGW Seeds and Grasslanz Technology) was signed in mid-February 2013 and work began on all projects.

To date all projects are on track with the planned experiments initiated and new staff appointments either in place or in the final stages of recruitment.

Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicine approval for disease control in pasture and crops was granted in February 2013, with field trials proceeding as planned. The approval runs through until February 2015.

A New Zealand patent to be used on pasture crops was approved in February 2013 and has a 20 year term.

Endophytes with new bioactivity have been identified after analysis of national and international grass accessions and isolated into sterile culture.

Key project management and financial management procedures have been put in place and are working well.



**Figure 1** Establishing new field trials in Christchurch March 2013.