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## New quality agreements for 2017

Feed producers may purchase primary products in order to sell them as feed or to process them into feed. This is allowed only under certain conditions, such as the commitment of the primary producer to meet certain minimum requirements (see [FCA document BT-02](#)). These requirements are fixed in a quality agreement. The newest version of the quality agreement for cereals is now available on our [website](#).

### How does a quality agreement work?

In the months before the harvest period and the receiving of the goods, the primary producer signs a quality agreement and sends it to the client. This happens at every direct purchase of primary products (both of animal and of plant origin) to primary producers in the world.

### Purchase of primary products in Belgium

In Belgium, a quality agreement is not enough. Purchases made from Belgian primary producers is required to take place under the [Vegaplan Standard](#) certification as much as possible. However, in exceptional cases, this is not possible; in that case, both parties can make use of a quality agreement.

For the 2017 harvest, be at least 80% of the purchases of primary products of plant origin should be made from Belgian primary producers with a Vegaplan Standard certification.

### What do you need to pay attention to?

A farmer who produces primary products of plant origin must have an appropriate Vegaplan Standard for the specific product. Some examples:

- Cereals or straw -> COP code(s),
- Potatoes -> Pdt code(s)
- Roughage (such as hay) -> Fg code

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- The percentage shall apply, per **group of primary products** (i.e. all cereals (wheat, barley, maize, triticale, etc) or all potatoes (consumption, transformation,...) on the volume received from the Belgian primary producers.

