



Maize Seed Service

How to apply for the 50% repurchase discount

In this manual you will get the main instructions to use the Maize Seed Service to its potential

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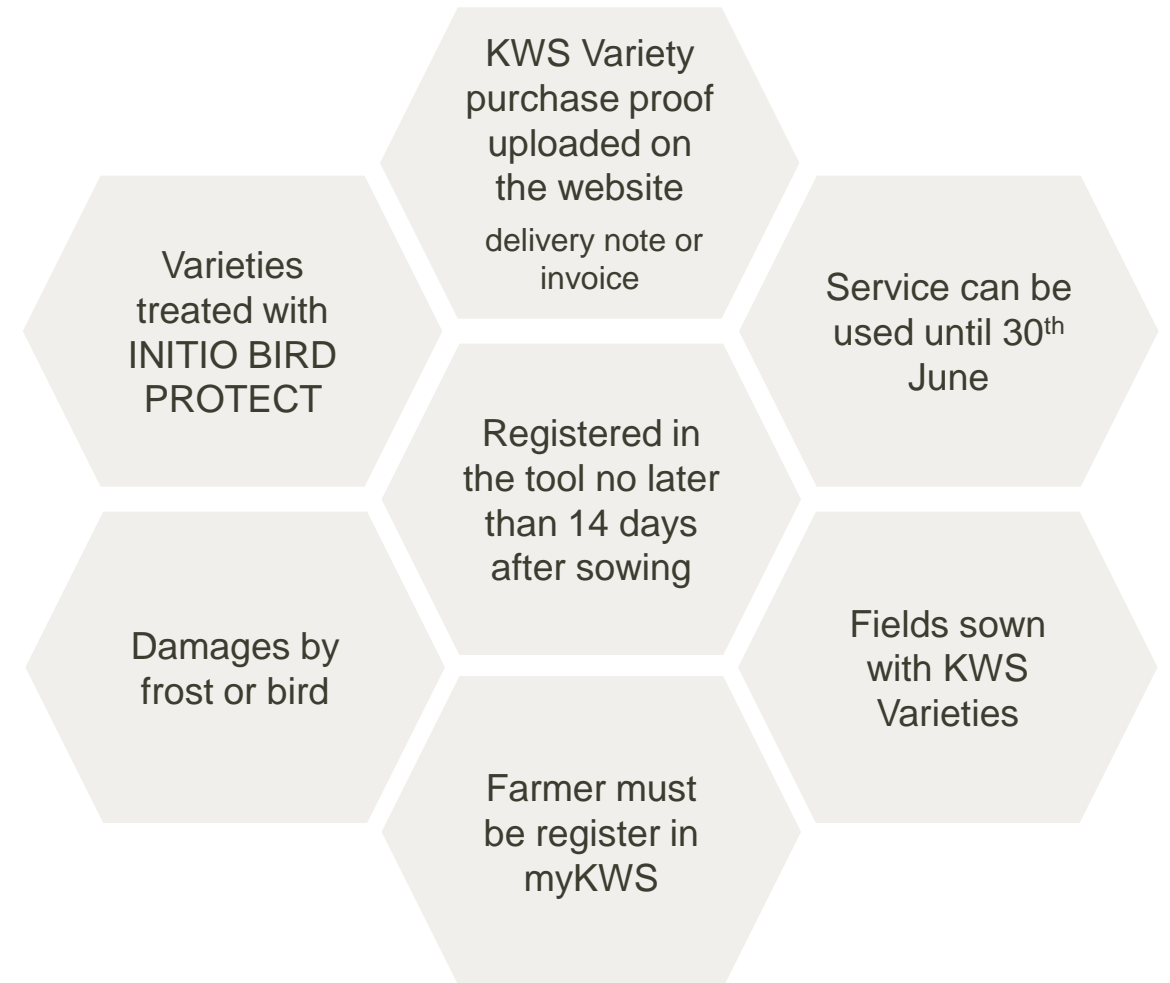
1. General Information

Requisites for qualification



Maize growers are being offered a **50% discount towards the cost of re-sowing any Initio Bird Protect-treated KWS maize seed variety damaged by bird predation or frost.**

KWS has launched the service to underline its confidence in the product, and to provide growers with a **risk-sharing opportunity.**



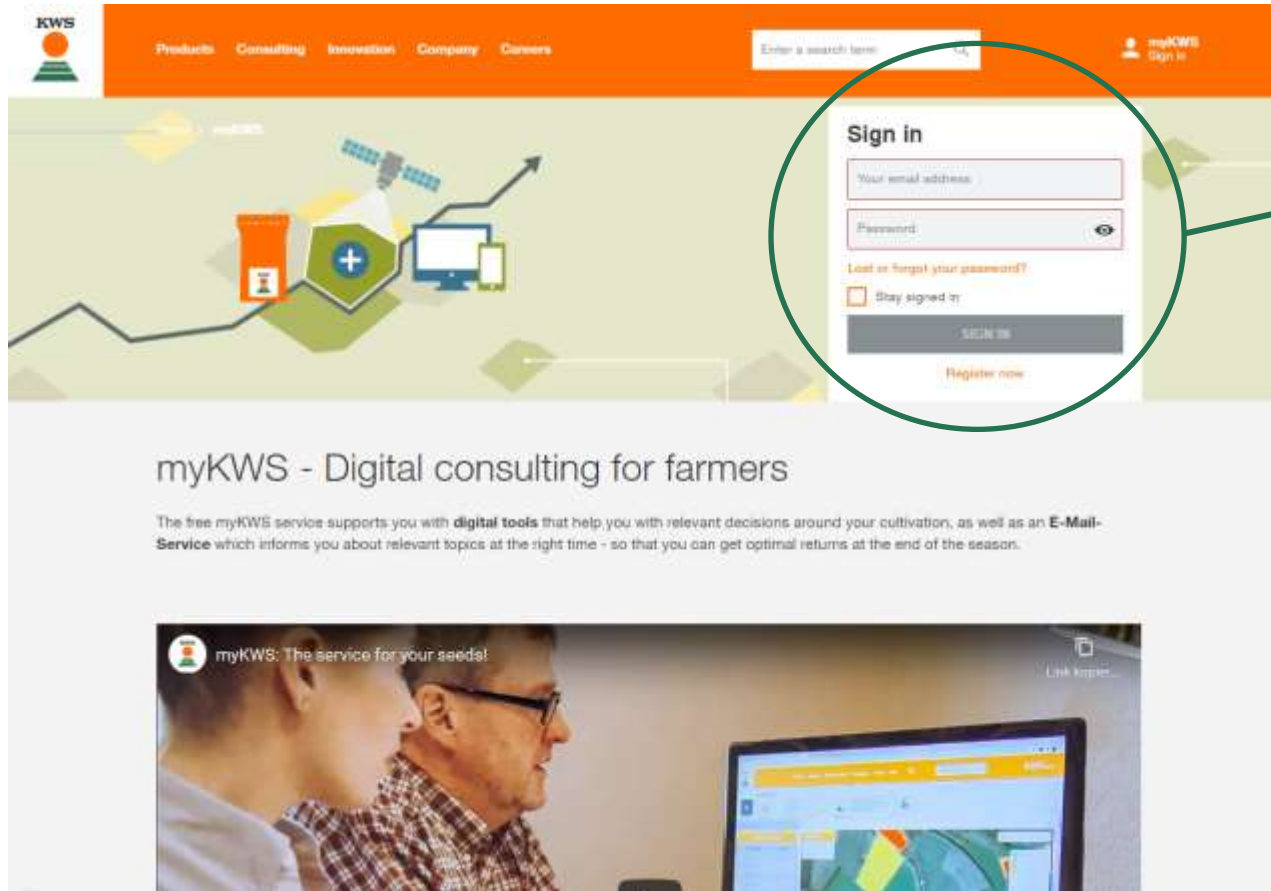


Keep in mind the following:

1. Please do not enter your sowing date until after sowing. When you have entered all the information about the field, the field will be blocked. It is then no longer possible to change the information.
2. Fields must be fully registered no later than 14 days after sowing
3. A proof of purchase (delivery note or invoice) has to be uploaded 14 days after sowing as well.
4. In Addition, you will receive Vitality Maps for free, and all the fields created are transferable to other tools that will come in the future, this is a process that you need to do just one time
5. The Maize Seed Service by KWS is an Online-Tool. That means that a internet connection and a Internet browser are necessary.
6. We would like to explicitly point out that **Internet Explorer is not supported**, Please use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as your Internet browser to ensure that the tool functions as error-free as possible.

1. General information

myKWS registration



Where to register

- To use our map-based services, you need a registered myKWS account.
- You can login on myKWS by visiting our KWS-webpage: <https://www.kws.com/gb/en/mykws/> and entering your username and your password.
- If you are new on myKWS, please register with your name, your email address and create a new password.

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2. Upload proof of seed purchase



The screenshot shows the KWS Maize Seed Service web application. The main navigation bar includes 'Products', 'Consulting', 'Innovation', 'Company', and 'Careers'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Enter a search term'. The user is logged in as 'myKWS Lab'. The 'Maize' section is active, showing a 'Maize Seed Service' banner and several tool icons: 'Field Vitality Check', 'Rate Seed', 'Heat Unit Tool', 'Boil Temperature Tool', 'Damage Symptom', and 'Seed Requirement'. The 'My Fields' section on the left shows a 'Proof of purchase status' of 'Waiting for verification: 1' and an '+ ADD NEW FIELDS' button. The main content area is titled 'Upload Proof' and contains the following text: 'Upload proof of purchase' and 'By uploading purchase documents such as delivery notes, you prove your purchase of KWS maize seed. Only if you can prove that you have purchased KWS corn seed can you take advantage of the benefits of the Maize Seed Service and claim reimbursement of 50% of the seed costs for re-planting.' Below this text is a button labeled 'ADD ANOTHER PROOF OF PURCHASE'. A table titled 'Crop order date' shows one entry: 'Waiting for verification' with variety 'AMAROC' and amount '25'. Below the table is a file upload area with a placeholder image and the filename 'Kaufbeleg.pdf', and an 'UPLOAD FILES' button.

To use the benefits of the Maize Seed Service, you need to proof your purchase of KWS seeds until 14 days after sowing.

Therefore, click on:

- 1. Upload Proof of Purchase**
and afterwards
- 2. Add new/another proof of purchase**

2. Upload proof of seed purchase



Activation of fields for this tool.

Upload delivery note

DELIVERY NOTE

1

UPLOAD FILES

I don't have a delivery note.

Uploaded

Kaufbeleg.pdf

Sowing details

2

Please indicate, which KWS varieties you have purchased and in what quantity.

Depending on the quantity, you will be shown how much area (ha) quota you have been allocated.

| KWS VARIETY* | AMOUNT [U] * | BATCH NUMBER |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| AMARDC | 25 | Batch number |

+ ADD KWS VARIETY

CANCEL

SUBMIT

HINT

If you do not currently have a delivery note at hand, you can also upload it at a later date. The purchase confirmation must be uploaded by the 30th of July at the latest. We will remind you in time.

1. Upload your proof of purchase

If you don't have a proof of purchase yet, please select the according box. You can upload the document later on.

2. Details of your sowing

This includes the variety name, the quantity of units bought and the batch number.

- Using the button “+ Add KWS Variety“, you can add multiple varieties.
- Please keep in mind, that you cannot change this information afterwards.
- Afterwards, click on **Next** to finish the proof of purchase upload.

2. Upload proof of seed purchase



1

2

3

1. Waiting for approval:

Now your proof of purchases are checked by a KWS employee. As soon as the proof of purchases are “valid”, you can report a damage.

2. Overview of proof of purchases:

You can also see an overview of your proof of purchases and their status under the tab Upload further field quota

3. Add additional Proof of purchase:

Here you can also add additional proof of purchases, under the tab

Upload files

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3. Add a new field



Add field

1. Method 2. Add field 3. Sowing details

To add your fields, please select one of the following methods.

-  **Drawing** 1
Draw your field boundary on the map.
-  **Import** 2
Import Shape or KML files
-  **Field Management** 3
Select field from Field Manager.

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To add a new field there are three different methods

1. Drawing:

Using this method you can draw your fields on a map.

2. Import:

Upload your fields as a shape or KML file. With this method you can import your fields from your field catalogue.

3. Fieldmanagement:

Using this function you can import fields that were already created in another tool or in a previous year.

3. Add a new field- Drawing



The screenshot shows the 'Add field' interface with three steps: 1. Method, 2. Add field, and 3. Sowing details. The main area is titled 'Draw in field boundary' and features a map with a field boundary being drawn. A search bar at the top right of the map area is labeled '1'. A green circle with the number '2' is placed over the field boundary. A 'Field details' panel on the right is labeled '3' and contains a 'Field name' input field with the placeholder text 'Please name your field:'. Below this is an 'Area (automatically calculated)' field labeled '4'. The panel also includes instructions: 'Start by clicking on any field corner and proceed by clicking along the field boundary. To end the drawing process please click once on the start point.' and 'Click on the newly created field boundary to make adjustments where necessary.' At the bottom left is a 'CANCEL' button, and at the bottom right are 'CANCEL' and 'NEXT' buttons.

1. Find your location:

Use the search function to find your location. You can grab and move the map, also it is possible to zoom by using the mouse-wheel or the +/- buttons

2. Draw your field:

Draw in a field by clicking on one corner after another, with a double click you can finish drawing.

3. Name your field:

Please enter a name for the field, this will allow you to find it easily in all our tools

4. Field Size:

The field size is calculated automatically.

2.1 Add a new field- Drawing



Add field

✓ 1. Method 2. Add field 3. Sowing details

Draw in field boundary

Field details

Field name
CSS

Area automatically calculated
3.70 ha

Start by clicking on any field corner and proceed by clicking along the field boundary. To end the drawing process please click on the start point.

Click on the newly created field boundary to make adjustments if necessary.

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1. Change and edit field boundaries

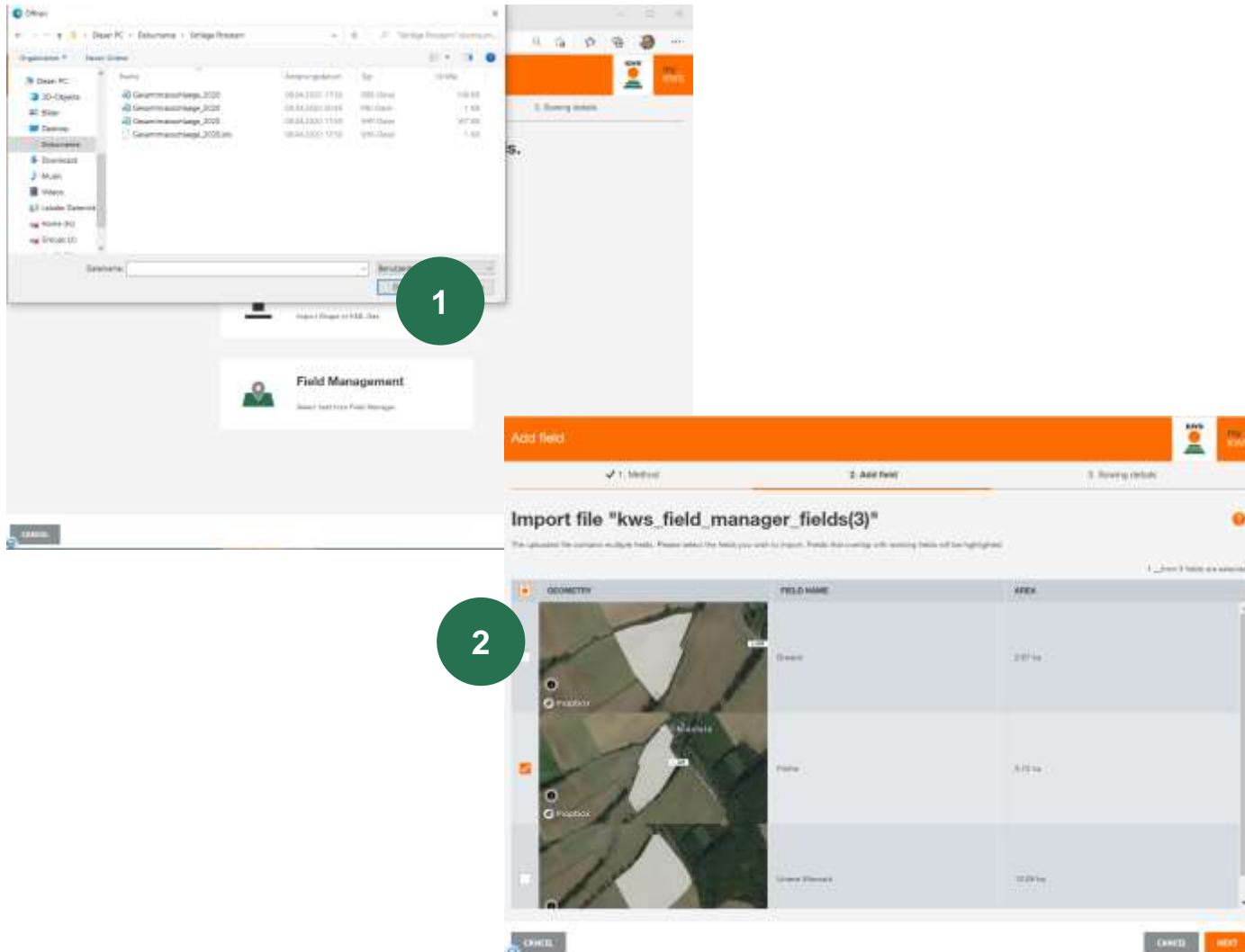
With a click on the pencil symbol, you can move and adjust all border points.

2. Include field elements inside the plot

You can also include field elements such as groups of trees within the field when drawing.

Therefore, click on the square symbol, then you can mark and draw the borders of the field element by left-clicking

3. Add a new field- Import



1. Use the import functionality.

Here you can import fields from InVeKos- data or from your field catalogue. We support shape- and KML file formats.

Click on Import and select the wanted file on your local computer.

Please keep in mind that a complete shape-file consists of a minimum of 3 individual files

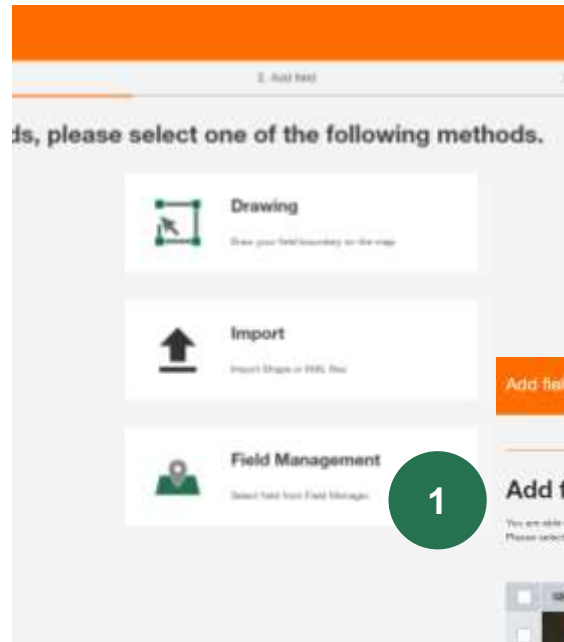
2. Select the fields you want to import

A selection table will then open, here you can see all fields from the Shape file

Select with a check in the first column the fields you want to import to the Maize Seed Service, in some cases, it might be necessary to add the name to a field.

If a field from the list already exists, we will show the amount of overlap. A further import is not possible.

2.3 Add a new field- Fieldmanagement



Add field

✓ 1. Method | 2. Add field | 3. Saving details

Add fields from field management.

You are able to select from 3 fields.
Please select the fields you wish to import.

11 from 3 fields are selected

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ISOMETRY | FIELD NAME | AREA |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Grain field | 1.75 ha |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Planned field | 0.79 ha |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Wheat field | 11.86 ha |

1. Import your fields with the Field management

You will get the same view as during Import

In the Fieldmanagement you can see all fields you created in previous years or in another tool.

2. Select Fields

Please select all fields you want to import with a check in the first column.

3. Field details and manage fields



Add field

✓ 1. Method ✓ 2. Add field **3. Sowing details** 1

Sowing details

You can finish the field registration without entering all information. But to report a damage of information and mandatory.

| NAME | VARIETY | USAGE | SOIL TYPE | IRRIGATION | MATURITY | SOWN AT: |
|----------|---------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|
| VRG UK 1 | AWAROC | ▼ | Loamy | ▼ | 240 | Sowing date |

My Fields

Proof of purchase status: Waiting for verification

ADD NEW FIELDS

| NAME | STATUS |
|----------|------------------------------|
| Bamboung | Damage Reported |
| VRG UK 1 | Complete Sowing data! |

2

Map: Activator

1. Add Sowing details

In the window "Sowing Details" enter the name of the variety, decide whether the area irrigated and select the correct sowing date. Then finish creating the field by clicking "Finalise".

2. Add sowing details later on:

The information here must be correct, as soon as all details are complete, no more changes can be made

Because of this you can leave fields blank and complete your information later

All sowing information and proofs of purchases has to be completed 14 days after sowing, as soon as all information is completed, the field will be blocked and cannot be changed anymore.

The status will change to "Complete" and the field is successfully registered for the Maize Seed Service.

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4. Report damage



The screenshot shows the KWS My Fields app interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the KWS logo, menu items (Products, Consulting, Innovation, Company, Careers), a search bar, and a user profile icon. Below this is a 'Maize' section with various service cards. The 'My Fields' section is active, showing a table of fields and a map view.

| NAME | STATUS |
|------------|-----------------------|
| Bamborough | Damage Reported |
| VRS UK 1 | Complete Sowing data! |

At the bottom left of the app interface, there is a button labeled 'REPORT DAMAGE' with a green circle containing the number '1' next to it.

1. Report Damage

After creating your field, adding all sowing information and upload the proof of purchase, in case of bird or frost damage you can use the 50% resowing discount benefit

By clicking on “Report Damage” you can report a damage that you like to resow and for which you would like to claim support.

4. Report damage



Damage report

1. select field 2. Damage details 3. Overview

Overview of your fields

| NAME | AREA [HA] |
|-----------|-----------|
| VRS LUK 1 | 11.85 |

| VARIETY | IRRIGATION | SOWING DATE |
|---------|------------|-------------|
| AMAROC | No | 27.04.2021 |

BACK NEXT

1. Select Field

You will find a list with all fields, fulfilling all requirements for a damage report

Select the field for which you want to report a damage for and then click “Next”

2. Damage details

Enter details of the damage in “information on damage” dialog box.

This includes the date of the damage, the reason for the damage and whether the entire field or a partial field is affected.

You also have the possibility to add a comment with your own notes and information.

3. Overview

You can see a summary of all given information, and you have the possibility to add another field to the damage report or to finish the report.

At the end click on “Report Damage”

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What happens next?

A KWS employee will contact you immediately after you have reported a damage and discuss the further procedure with you.

Do nothing with the affected field before a KWS employee has spoken to you.

Report the new sowing in the Maize Seed Service as soon as you have sown it (at the latest 5 days after sowing). Only then you can claim a refund of 50% of the seed costs.

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?



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