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# Meet our team: Eurofins Agroscience Services

# Eurofins Agroscience Services New Zealand are a leading provider of independent applied field research, regulatory consulting and analytical services to the crop protection industry and seed businesses.

Our studies include evaluation of the safety and efficacy of new agrochemicals, public and environmental health products and evaluation of new crop varieties.

From field services to regulatory consultation we offer outstanding technical knowledge and expertise to meet all of our customer's product development needs.

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## **Locations**

EUROFINS Office	REGIONS SERVICED	RECENT PRIMARY CROP STUDIES CONDUCTED	PRIMARY TARGETS
Hamilton, Waikato, North Island	Northland	Avocado and kiwifruit	Insects, mites, disease, crop safety, GLP residues
	South Auckland	Pasture, leafy vegetables, vegetable brassicas, allium	Insects, mites, disease, weeds, crop safety, GLP residues
	Waikato	Avocado, kiwifruit, pasture, forage and fodder crops, maize	Insects, mites, disease, weeds, crop safety, crop variety evaluation, GLP residues
	Bay of Plenty	Avocado, kiwifruit, pasture, Government reserve land	Insects, mites, disease, weeds (including invasive weed species) crop safety, cultural practice (Zespri girdling) GLP residues
Hastings, Hawke's Bay, North Island	Poverty Bay	Wine grapes, citrus, kiwifruit, cucurbits, vegetable brassica	Insects, mites, disease, weeds, GLP residues
	Hawke's Bay	Pome fruit, stone fruit, wine grapes, kiwifruit, citrus, summer fruits, field tomato, allium, potato, leafy vegetables, vegetable brassica, root and bulb vegetables, cucurbits, maize, legumes, pasture	Insects, mites, disease, plant health, weeds, crop variety evaluation (grazed and non- grazed), plantback evaluations, GLP residues
	Central Hawke's Bay	Winter and spring cereals, fodder and forage crops, potato, pasture	Insects, nematodes, disease, weeds, GLP residues
	Manawatu/Central Plateau	Winter and spring cereals, fodder and forage crops, potato, root crops, pasture	Insects, nematodes, disease, weeds, GLP residues
	Martinborough	Wine grapes	Insects, mites, disease, GLP residues

## Gina de Nicolo -Business Unit Manager and Study Director



#### Location

Waikato

#### Degrees, certificates or relevant training

- PhD (Animal Science)
- Honours degree (Toxicology)
- BSc (Individual major in animal health and physiology)
- Diploma in Farm Management
- Certificate in First Line Management

#### Years of industry experience

21 years animal science/research, 12 years GLP

#### Role

Management of both the field services and animal health business units in New Zealand

#### Personal interest or fun fact

I like Brussels sprouts

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## Han Eerens -Field Services Lead



#### Location

## Waikato

#### Degrees, certificates or relevant training

- Ingenieurs equivalent to M Agr Sc (Plant Breeding and Nematology) ,Wageningen University, Netherlands
- PhD, Lincoln University (Plant Science)
- Graduate Diploma in Business Studies, Massey University

#### Years of industry experience

31 years (17 years DSIR Grasslands/AgResearch starting as a Research Scientist and moving to Senior Scientist; 14 years Bayer Crop Science, starting as Product Development Specialist and moving to become National Development Manager in 2011)

#### **Discipline strengths**

Trial Design, Data Analysis, Report writing and report reviewing

#### Strengths

Providing leadership to a team, building a strong team and encouraging team members to develop to their full potential, Attention to detail

#### A proud professional achievement

Making the Bayer organisation at head office aware of the capabilities in New Zealand to lead the global development of plant protection compounds, resulting in New Zealand becoming the first or one of the first countries to register VIMOY IBLON and VAYEGO

#### Personal interest or fun fact

Love to travel and visit my increasing tribe of grandchildren that are spread all over the world. I am still an active waterpolo player

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## Susan Neighbours -Senior Research Scientist



#### Location

Hastings, Hawke's Bay

#### Degrees, certificates or relevant training

• Bachelor Viticulture & Oenology

#### Years of industry experience

14 years (7 years with Fruition Horticulture (HB) Ltd as Irrigation Scheduling Manager and Viticultural Services Manager; 3 years with Bayer CropScience as Product Development Manager; 2 years with Eurofins Agroscience Services as a Senior Research Scientist)

#### **Crop strengths**

Wine grapes, apples, stonefruit, vegetable crops

#### Personal interest or fun fact

Completed permaculture design course and 200hr accredited yoga teacher training course in Bali Indonesia

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## Sergio Marshall -Senior Research Scientist

#### Location

Hamilton, Waikato

#### Degrees, certificates or relevant training

- NZ Certificate in Science (Major Microbiology)
- Approved Handler
- Insecticides Short Course, Massey University
- Herbicides Short Course, Massey University

#### Years of industry experience

17 years (12 years with Plant Protection, AgResearch as a Pastoral Entomologist; 4 years with Bayer CropScience as an Product Development Agronomist; 1 year with Eurofins Agroscience Services as a Senior Research Scientist)

#### Discipline strengths

Pasture insect and endophyte interactions, diseases and pests of kiwifruit, avocado, diseases of arable crops including potato, carrot, and onion

#### **Crop strengths**

Kiwifruit, avocado, maize, fodder beet, potato, carrot, pasture

#### Personal interest or fun fact

An avid brass musician, Sergio has been in the National Brass Band of New Zealand 8 times, representing New Zealand at the World Championships in Europe twice where the band gained second place in 2017 and third in 2005

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### Rachael McKenzie -Research Scientist



Hastings, Hawke's Bay

- Degrees, certificates or relevant training
- BSc The University of Otago, double majors in Zoology and Anatomy and Structural Biology
- ARM training
- Pipfruit Phytosanitary Course

#### Years of industry experience

10 years (8 years with Agrivet/Eurofins Agroscience Services New Zealand in Hawke's Bay, from field technician through to Research Scientist, including GLP Study Director. 2 years with Eurofins Agroscience Services UK as a GEP Study Director for UK and Pan-EU studies)

#### **Discipline strengths**

Crop protection (fungicide, insecticide, herbicide and PGR's efficacy, and GLP studies) and biostimulants

#### Crop strengths

Wine grapes, pome and summer fruits, fodder/forage and vegetable brassicas, cucurbits, and potatoes

#### Personal interest or fun fact

Volunteering for the NZ Fire Recovery Team in Hawke's Bay

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