



Winter Linseed Bulletin

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Desiccation

Desiccation kills any green crop material, eases harvesting and ensures the crop is ready to cut at the first opportunity. Many crops have some weed issues this season so **effective desiccation will be essential**.

Diquat – The Best Choice

- ◇ Timing – the capsules will be dark brown.
- ◇ The Linseed seed colour should be light brown.
- ◇ For crops with variable maturity apply when the latest of the crop has reached the desiccation timing.
- ◇ The majority of Diquat products are approved for use in Linseed (check individual product labels).
- ◇ Always use an adjuvant based on 80% TAE (eg Talzene) at 0.5% spray volume. A suitable mix would be:

Product	Rate	Water Volume	Spray Quality
Reglone + Talzene	3.0 lt/ha + 2.0 lt/ha	400 lt/ha	Medium

- Always spray in the evening.
- NEVER spray in hot sunny conditions.
- Observe correct spray quality.
- Target the stem, not the crop canopy and ensure full crop coverage.
- Harvest from 7 days after spraying.



Winter Linseed in Hampshire. Picture taken 26th June

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High Erucic Acid Oilseed Rape

With low prices for Oilseed Rape, now is the time to switch to High Erucic Acid Oilseed Rape at a minimum price of £300/mt!



Spray Quality

Correct spray quality and volume is essential for efficient desiccation. Spray quality cannot be achieved simply by increasing pressure or by reducing forward speed; **correct nozzle selection is the key to success.**

Glyphosate

We do not generally recommend the use of Glyphosate (Roundup) in Winter Linseed because the timing of application can be problematic. In some cases by the time the seed is sufficiently mature, there is no longer green leaf available to take up and translocate the chemical – leading to crops NOT being ready to cut before the start of the Wheat harvest.

Experience has shown that Winter Linseed crops combined after wheat have more harvesting “issues”.

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Always read the label before using pesticides. Use pesticides safely.