

RED WHEAT BULLETIN

Seed Availability Update

Because of unavoidable shipping delays there will be no more A C Barrie Wheat seed available until the second half of November. Further supplies are then scheduled for early December and into January 2009. There should be no shortage of seed overall, although Autumn deliveries will be a little later than hoped for.

We apologise for any delay you may be experiencing, but hope you can bear with us over this period.

Seed Thousand Seed Weight (TSW)

The TSW of the various consignments of seed is quite varied this year, from 31 to 36 grams. This has an effect on seed rate. For smaller orders there is usually plenty of extra seed because orders are rounded up to the nearest 500 kg bag, so no more seed is required.

For larger orders where the amount of seed supplied is very close to our initial target seed rates we will check the TSW of the parcel being delivered to ensure the seed rate is adequate and will contact you if it affects your order.

Herbicides

Any product approved for Spring Wheat can be used, although the safety of Chlortoluron is only being assessed this Autumn so it is perhaps best avoided until crop safety is confirmed.

Atlantis

Questions have been raised concerning the use of Atlantis on A C Barrie. We have taken the view that the use of Atlantis on Wheat sown in the Autumn was permitted as it has approval for use on Winter Wheat. Bayer inform us that this is not the case because A C Barrie is a Spring Wheat, all be it sown in the Winter. We are in discussions with Bayer and PSD on this matter.

If the conclusion is that Atlantis is NOT currently approved for use on A C Barrie we will apply for emergency SOLA for this use immediately. We expect this to be a fairly straightforward process and that SOLA be granted in time for use on the crop this Autumn.

Promotion

Hovis are still keen to have more Red Wheat for harvest 2009. If you have land ear marked for a Spring cereal the case for more Red Wheat is even more compelling!

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