



SPRING LINSEED BULLETIN

Growth Stage

Forward crops are now approaching green bud visible.

Top-Up the Nitrogen

This is the ideal time to "feed the yield" and top up Nitrogen application. The rate will depend on the yield potential, soil Nitrogen available and the amount already applied, but the following is a guide. We assume that soil Nitrogen only contributes 15 kg/ha (for more fertile situations adjust the rate accordingly):

Crop Yield Potential	Take Total Applied Nitrogen Rate Up To
Good (3.0 t/ha)	120 kg/ha
Average (2.5 t/ha)	100 kg/ha
Poor (2.0 t/ha)	70 kg/ha

Disease Control

We strongly recommend the use of a fungicide!

For crops at green bud stage fungicide protection for the developing flowers and capsules is necessary and fungicide use is essential. The most common diseases on Linseed (in no particular order) are:

- Botrytis
- Septoria Linicola
- Alternaria sp

Linseed yield is produced from active photosynthesis (not from re-distribution), so maintaining green leaf area with fungicides during flowering and pod fill is vital.

Several fungicides have approval for this use; a suitable product would be:

Product	Rate	Notes
Sunorg Pro + Filan	0.8 lt/ha* + 0.125 lt/ha	- 100 – 200 lt/ha water - Early flowering stage - Can be mixed with insecticide if required (see below)



If the flowering period continues 'damp' a further fungicide will be beneficial 2 to 3 weeks later. A suitable product would be:

Product	Rate	Timing
Folicur	1.0 lt/ha	As pods are fully formed

Thrips

Occasionally Thrips are a problem for Linseed. Pyrethroid insecticides used preventatively give good repellancy, so the addition of the following with the fungicide gives good insurance.

Product	Rate	Notes
Hallmark with Zeon Technology	75 ml/ha	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tank mix with fungicides- Apply after bees have finished foraging for the day

How to Assess Thrips Infestation

As crops come into bud (from when the buds can be found in the head of the plant):

1. Dampen the palm of your hand
2. With the palm down (and with a full sweep of the arm) brush it across the top of the crop
3. Check your palm and if 5 Thrips are stuck to your hand treatment is warranted

Thrips are tiny black insects a millimetre long (or less!), so wear your glasses if you need them (see photograph).



Tortrix Moth

Every year we have some reports of Tortrix Moth damage (top of plant 'webbed' and bent over). Although seldom of economic significance, the application of Hallmark (see above) will normally give adequate control

Claas Lexion Combines

Over recent years we have had occasional reports of Linseed straw wrapping around the rear rotor of Claas Lexion combines.

All new combines (since 2013) have a modified rear rotor to prevent this. Many older machines have been upgraded. If you have an older Lexion or you are buying a second-hand machine, you may want to check with your dealer that it has had the modification.

The modification does not otherwise affect the performance of the machine.

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