



Winter Linseed Bulletin

03/18

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CURRENT CROP CONDITIONS

A mild October/early November means that crop growth has got off to a good start. The majority of crops are anywhere between 4cm and 6cm, with a handful of crops between 7cm and 9cm. While the bulk of crops are on the small side, sub 7cm, winter linseed will grow once air and soil temperatures are warm enough (8°C).

Looking ahead, any crops which have not received a fungicide/PGR treatment and are growing rapidly should be dealt with heading into the winter. Spring PGR options are available; however it is best to keep advanced crops in check. Bear in mind the ideal height of a linseed crop coming out of the winter is 10cm tall.

Any grassweeds that have not been cleaned out should be dealt with before Christmas. For a blackgrass anti-resistance strategy with Centurion-max, Crawler should be applied to crops which did not receive a pre-em Avadex treatment.

GROWTH REGULATIONS & DISEASE CONTROL

Whilst most crops will not require any further growth regulation this Autumn due to their small size, crops that are currently at 10cm will require further treatment now.

If you missed the Difcor 250 or Difcor 250 & Folicur application as specified in bulletin 02/18, then you need to modify your application as below:

| Product | Rate | Notes |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| Folicur + | 0.5lt/ha + | 200lt/ha water |
| Sunorg Pro | 0.4lt/ha | Apply as soon as crop is 10cm tall and is actively growing |

Where Difcor 250 or Difcor 250 & Folicur were used previously, the crop is 10cm tall and 3 weeks have elapsed since the first application, use:

| Product | Rate | Notes |
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| Sunorg Pro | 0.8lt/ha | 200lt/ha water Apply if the crop is 10cm tall and 3 weeks have elapsed since the last application |

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LATE SEASON GRASS WEED CONTROL

For non-herbicide resistant situations, leave control until Spring, but for herbicide resistant situations, a Winter follow-up with Crawler will be needed.

CRAWLER USAGE

Mild conditions are not suitable for Crawler. Although application should be completed before Christmas, a delay until some cooler weather arrives is advised. Some frosty nights are required to slow linseed growth.

Crawler use can be severe on the crop, so it is worth reiterating the best way to minimise crop damage and maximise weed control:

- Ensure that the crops is a minimum of **7.5cm (3") tall** with established side branches
- Apply in late November when cool and damp
- DO NOT tank mix with other products
- Leave **at least 3 weeks** from the last application of graminicide (if used with oil)
- Leave **at least 2 weeks** after any other treatment
- Make sure applications are completed before Christmas

| Situation | Product | Rate | Notes |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------|
| Resistant Blackgrass and Brome | Crawler | 2.5kg/ha | For crops >7.5cm tall |
| Centurion Max applied | Crawler | 1.8kg/ha | For crops >7.5cm tall |

MEADOW GRASS

| Situation | Product | Rate | Notes |
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| Where high levels of Meadow Grass are found | Crawler | 1.0kg/ha | For crops with side branches |

DO NOT tank mix Crawler with any other product including graminicides

BROADLEAF WEED CONTROL

Where broadleaved weed control has not yet been completed, it is usually advisable to leave it now until Spring.

Always read the label before using pesticides. Herbicide products in this bulletin are approved under Extension of Authorisation for Minor Use (EAMU). Usage under EAMU is entirely at the grower's risk.

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PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Winter Linseed at 5cm tall in East Yorkshire



Winter Linseed settling down for winter in Monmouthshire