



Winter Linseed Bulletin

03/20

Current crop conditions

An extremely wet October has created many logistical headaches for farmers. Grass weed control should be completed by now, but travelling on fields has been problematic. The majority of crops are around 3cm, with earlier sown crops 4-5cm tall. Bear in mind the ideal height of a linseed crop coming out of the winter is 7.5 -10cm tall.

Looking ahead, any crops which have not received a fungicide/ PGR treatment and are growing rapidly should be dealt with heading into the winter. Disease has been in the fields (see picture below), which is a phoma like disease, due to the wet weather. Fungicides are protectant only and therefore applications should not be missed.



LHS Slug grazing on linseed, middle slugs preferring volunteers to linseed and RHS disease in crops

Slug grazing has been seen in crops (see pictures above). Where there are volunteer cereals in the fields, the slugs are preferring to graze these or diseased linseed cotyledons. Growers should monitor crops for damage, and consider applying slug pellets where damage is causing significant loss of green leaf area.

Growth Regulation & Disease Control

Crops yet to have their fungicide application should follow the programme detailed in bulletin 2/20. While most crops will not require any further growth regulation this Autumn due to their small size. Crops that are at 10cm now will require further treatment now.

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

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

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

Late Season Grassweed Control

Any grassweeds that have not been cleaned up 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.

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 crop is a minimum of **7.5 cm (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	2.5 kg/ha	For crops >7.5 cm tall
Centurion Max applied	Crawler	1.8 kg/ha	For crops >7.5cm tall

Meadow Grass

Situation	Product	Rate	Notes
Where high levels of Meadow Grass are found	Crawler	1.0 kg/ha	For crops below 7.5cm 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.

Picture of the month



LHS Linseed in Oxfordshire planted first half of September with good side branching and RHS later drilled linseed in Northamptonshire

CONTACTS

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Always read the label before using pesticides. Herbicide products in this bulletin are approved under Extension of use. Usage under Extension of use is entirely at the grower's risk.

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