

Winter Linseed Bulletin

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CURRENT CROP CONDITIONS

Winter Linseed crops are emerging well around the country, with crops ranging from just emerged to 5cm and putting on the first set of branches.

With soil and air temperature remaining high and mild weather conditions prevailing, crops are growing rapidly, even those drilled in the first week of October. However, anyone still planning to drill winter linseed should abandon those plans as it is now too late in the season.

FUNGICIDE AND PGR USE

Kabatiella Linicola, a disease similar to Phoma in Oilseed Rape, poses a major risk to Winter Linseed. Previous cropping does not influence disease incidence and control is preventative only, so all crops should receive a 'Difcor 250EC' treatment, For crops <5cm tall apply:

Product	Rate	Notes
Difcor 250EC	0.5lt/ha	Tank mix 200lt/ha water when crop is less than 5cm tall

For forward crops (7.5cm tall and over) the use of PGR to limit Autumn growth is recommended to stop the crop becoming too proud (increasing the risk of Winter kill and lodging). The following will give enhanced PGR as well as disease control.

Product	Rate	Notes	
Difcor 250EC	0.3lt/ha	Tank mix 200lt/ha water when crop	
+	+	is less over 7.5cm tall	
Folicur	0.75lt/ha		

These applications can often be tank mixed with the graminicide being used to control volunteer cereals (see last bulletin).

Early POST EMERGENCE BLACKGRASS HERBICIDE

- Centurion Max has an EAMU for use on Winter Linseed this Autumn.
- Centurion Max should be applied before the end of October or before the mean temperature goes below 7°C.
- Do NOT tank mix any other products with Centurion Max, including adjuvants.

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- No chemical applications 14 days before or after a Centurion Max application. This includes fungicides, insecticides and other herbicides.
- Centurion Max should only be used as part of a blackgrass control strategy and not as a stand-alone solution.

Product	Rate	Notes
	1lt/ha	Use on Blackgrass from 3 leaf stage (GS13) Linseed 2.55 cm tall.
Centurion Max		200lt/ha of water.
		Medium spray quality.

POST EMERGENCE AUTUMN BROAD LEAF WEED CONTROL

Bromoxynil gives good control of many broad-leaved weeds including Poppy, Speedwell and Charlock. This option offers a safer alternative to Bullion on chalk soils. A suitable spray would be:

Active	Rate	Notes
	0.5—0.75lt/ha	Crops to be 5 cm tall with roots 15 cm long.
Bromoxynil (400g/lt)		200lt/ha of water
		Do not tank mix

SEQUENCES

- Leave at least 2 weeks OR 2.5cm of new crop growth between herbicide applications.
- If you need to use a graminicide and another post-emergence herbicide, apply the graminicide first in good growing conditions (see last bulletin) followed by the other herbicide.

LATE SEASON GRASS WEED CONTROL

Late season grassweed control will be covered in the next bulletin.

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

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