



2020 HARVEST ORGANIC SPRING LINSEED CONTRACTS

- Seed**
- Marquise / Empress / VT50('Nulin')
 - Seed price £105/hectare (depending on seed rate)
 - Seed recleaned only
 - Growers to request derogation as no organic seed available
- Buyback Contract**
- **Contract covers the full produce of area sown (no need to fix a tonnage and no risk of default)**
 - Fixed price of **£1,000.00/tonne** ex farm
 - Movement – October to June by agreement
 - £0.95/tonne levy to l'Association Bleu Blanc Coeur (see www.bleu-blanc-coeur.com)
 - Growers to send sample direct to Premium Crops for analysis prior to movement
 - Moisture - Maximum 9%
 - Admixture - Maximum 2%
 - Oil Content - Min 38% oil, min 54% ALA
 - Growers to be members of a recognised Organic Certification Scheme
 - Offer subject to availability
- Notes**
- *Linseed is reasonably well suited to organic production because it is not particularly responsive to inputs.*
 - Only low levels of Nitrogen are used on conventional crops
 - Linseed is generally not susceptible to any significant / economically damaging diseases
 - Flea beetle is the only potential pest
 - *Linseed is not a particularly competitive crop, so stale seedbeds are recommended.*
 - *Although most conventional crops are desiccated at harvest, the crop will mature naturally and early maturing varieties are recommended for organic production.. Linseed does not shed or shatter and will wait for the combine. (We have considerable experience of combining Linseed and can provide advice on the relevant combine settings and procedures.)*
 - *Our growers have achieved individual yields of up to 2.0 t/ha (0.8t/acre) and average yields of 1.75t/ha (0.7t/acre). However, in common with all crops, yields will vary from year to year and we would suggest budgeting on 1.25 – 1.75t/ha (0.5 – 0.7t/acre)*
 - *Linseed is an excellent break crop which helps to improve soil structures, with associated benefits to following crops.*



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