



2016 HARVEST SPRING LINSEED CONTRACT – ORGANIC

Seed

- Altess/Marquise/Empress
- 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 not susceptible to disease*
- *Flea beetle is the only potential pest and this has not been a problem in recent years*
- *Linseed is not a particularly competitive crop, so stale seedbeds are recommended.*

Although most conventional crops are desiccated, the crop will mature naturally, although some patience is needed. 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)