



Spring Linseed Bulletin - Seed Production Crops

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Linseed crops are at variable growth stages throughout the country, ranging from the start to the end of flowering. In this hot weather crops at the end of flowering are turning quickly.



Linseed in Leicestershire)

Desiccation

Timely and efficient desiccation is vital for early and easy harvesting.

We strongly recommend that all growers desiccate their crops. Desiccation gives even ripening, kills any green material, eases harvesting and helps to ensure that the crop is cut at the earliest opportunity.

Diquat is the only product for use on seed crops

Brown linseed varieties eg Altess, Marquise, Empress

Base the timing of application on Linseed colour, which should be light brown/khaki coloured.



Figure 1: desiccation timing for diquat on linseed. Left hand picture too early, right hand picture just right

For crops with variable maturity, apply when the latest 50% of the crop has reached the desiccation timing.

Yellow Linseed varieties – e.g. Nulin and Scorpion

For the Desiccation of yellow seeded varieties, the pictures overleaf are not applicable. Yellow linseed varieties will be ready for desiccation with Diquat when the seed has a glossy hue, easily thrashed out and does not have a “sticky” seed coat. Seeds may rattle in the boll. The overall look of the crop will be the same as for brown seed varieties. The application, timing and interval between spraying and harvest is the same as for brown seeded varieties.

Diquat is used as following:

Product	Rate	Water Volume	Spray Quality
Diquat + Activator 90	3.0lt/ha + 0.4lt/ha	400lt/ha	Medium

*use Activator 90 at 0.1% of spray volume.

- Always spray in the evening.
- Never spray in hot sunny conditions
- Observe correct spray quality.
- Target the stem, not the crop canopy.
- Harvest from 7 - 10 days after spraying.

All products used under EAMU are entirely at grower's own risk.

Always read the label before using pesticides. Use pesticides safely.

Contacts

If in doubt, consult your agronomist on any of the points. Our agronomists Hannah Foxall and Lorna Evans are also happy to take your calls on questions or queries you might have.

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