



## Winter Linseed Bulletin

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### Current crop conditions

High levels of rainfall have given challenging conditions for winter linseed drilling and following herbicide applications. Crops are at various growth stages (see Figure 1), depending on sowing date. Linseed that has been sown has shown good rooting which will help plant resilience.



*Figure 1 Linseed drilled end of September Hampshire LHS and early September in Oxfordshire RHS*

### IT IS NOW TOO LATE TO DRILL

It is now too late to drill winter linseed. The following option is available for those who haven't been able to drill;

- Winter linseed can be sown as spring linseed in the spring. This is because winter linseed does not have a requirement for cold days for crop growth.
- If you have been unable to drill your winter linseed please let Premium Crops know. You can then be added to spring linseed agronomy bulletins if required .

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## POST EMERGENCE TIMINGS

Although the weather has been wet, temperatures have continued to be mild for this time of year.

- Detail on post-emergence applications can be found in the previous bulletin.
- Centurion max has an EAMU for winter linseed and 'Fop and Dim' herbicides have on-label approval. Both products should be applied before the end of October. Those struggling to travel on land should remember that Centurion max does have control of volunteer wheat and barley, as well as black grass on the product label.
- Fungicides applications are important and should not be forgotten, due to the current weather conditions that are conducive to disease. *Kabatiella Linicola*, a disease similar to Phoma in Oilseed Rape infects winter linseed in autumn/winter. Previous cropping does not influence disease incidence and control is preventative only. Fungicides should be applied when crops reach a certain height by the end of November.
- Monitor crops and traps for slug activity and damage which wet weather will favour

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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