



Fieldsmans' Weekly Report **21/02/2007**

- All cereal crops will soon need inspecting for blackgrass and other broadleaved weeds. However, these will not be sprayed until the weather warms up, maximising the effectiveness of the chemicals. If using Atlantis please make sure you wash out with ALL CLEAR EXTRA after use.
- Nitrogen : first top dressing on Oilseed rape , especially min tilled and direct drilled , Winter barley crops second wheats and wheats late drilled after roots .
- Monitor cereal crops for signs of manganese deficiency. This will be most likely on areas of the field which are 'meadowy' type soils. If seen, rectify immediately with 3-5kgs ha of Manganese Sulphate, or 4 - 5 litres of Omex liquid.
- Where spring crops are to be sown, please ensure that an application of glyphosate is applied to start clean. This is the cheapest means of weed control in all spring crops, with there being little follow up chemistry for successful control of resistant blackgrass.
- Where spring barley has been drilled, and resistant blackgrass is likely to be a problem, please consider using Avadex or Stomp pre-emergence. Available post-emergence chemicals have poor control on resistant blackgrass. Contact the office if you need granules applied.
- Please ensure that you have completed the required ELS management plans eg Soil and Nutrient within the 12 month period from your application , if you require any help in completing these plans please contact the Agrivice office or your agronomist .
- In order to comply with Cross Compliance guidelines, it is essential that you keep accurate fertiliser records. In order to justify some of the rates, it may be necessary to obtain grain nitrogen readings for last year's crop. These can be obtained from the merchant you sold them to, or via us for a fee of £6 and we will need a 500 gram sample .
- Reduced spray water volumes changes in legislation : Please be aware of the latest compliance guidelines ref reduced spray volumes which will be checked by RPA inspectors (under SMR 9) , which is detailed in the Code of Practice for using plant protection products pages 81 to 84 .

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