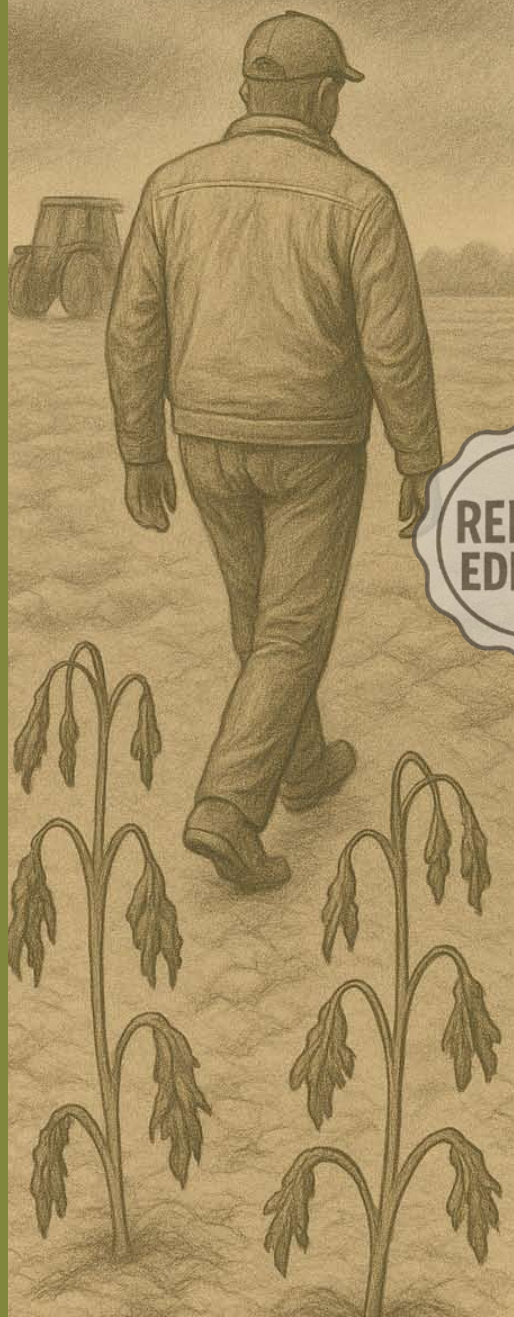


Growing Break Crops

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An Industry United

The past year has seen your farming cooperative pull out all the stops to try & change the fortunes of UK OSR production, which has sadly declined by two-thirds in the last decade. Hopefully you've seen some of the OSR Reboot efforts spanning the whole industry.

The campaign's key aims are to restore UK OSR self-sufficiency, boost economic growth, reverse biodiversity declines, & level the playing field for UK farmers. At its core, it's about giving growers the tools & confidence to grow OSR successfully once again.

Kick-starting the campaign in July 2024, Managing Director James Warner published a six-page open letter highlighting the demise of this once-iconic UK crop. Seeing those yellow fields vanish so rapidly convinced him that if anyone was going to lead the fightback, it should be United Oilseeds, the UK's foremost oilseed rape farmer-owned cooperative.

A lot has happened since then. The first Reboot meeting brought together 57 people from 41 organisations to ask what we, as an industry, could do. Since then, the OSR Reboot has made the national press, with features in Private Eye & the Saturday Telegraph. New research funding has been secured by the AHDB & we've invested in trials on botanicals, the national stem larvae survey,

& brought together over 80 guests at the joint OSR conference earlier this year.

So, what have we achieved? On page 6, you'll find the CSFB Management Strategies guide, the first time, that the entire industry has united behind a single set of principles to help growers tackle CSFB. Another sign of progress: Defra representatives now actively attend Reboot meetings to better understand the challenges & help shape the path ahead.

There's still plenty to do, but with a united front & the right conditions, we're confident we can turn things around for what remains the number one break crop for our members.

What can you do?

Share successful tactics, give OSR the right attention, invest time & expertise & take a look at the best practice points on page 6.

The OSR Reboot is creating momentum across the industry, opening up new avenues & vital conversations that are moving us closer to the solutions we need to protect, & ultimately restore, our yellow fields.

Throughout this publication you'll see more on how the OSR Reboot is moving the debate forward, things like the AgriSound project (Page 14) & MagicTrap (Page 15) & new resilient varieties like LG Avenger (Pages 7/16).

Backing the Reboot: Influential Support, National Surveys, & Strategic Wins

Integral to the success of the OSR Reboot is to get key messages in front of the right people. People with influence. There's no better example than the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra). While initially no representative was present at the Reboot meetings, Defra is now very much engaged.

At the outset the Reboot group pressed for tweaks to the SFI scheme requesting a payment for flowering crops. Unfortunately that's now irrelevant for the time being. However, the plight of OSR & the importance of supply chain resilience are now on the Defra radar for future schemes. To be fair to Defra, despite recent criticism, their support for the Reboot has been very positive.

To strengthen our leadership role & improve our ability to lobby on behalf of members United Oilseeds decided to join the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC), who wrote to the Defra Minister late last year. As a result the AIC chaired UK Oilseeds Group (UKOG) convened with the minister in early spring to discuss the issues raised by the Reboot.

Research investment

Another important strand of the campaign is research. Following the joint AHDB/United Oilseeds OSR conference earlier this year, where a comment from a grower raised the question of what resources the AHDB

are putting into CSFB research, there has been a direct response in the shape of new funding specifically for this area.

With United Oilseeds committing funding for the next five years, alongside support from the AHDB, Defra, & other industry partners, the announcement marks a strong commitment to restoring OSR to sustainable productivity levels. The funding will support a range of priorities, including testing novel treatments, exploring cultural control methods, & studying natural predators, amongst others.

The national stem larvae survey

To continue our autumn research, suggesting lower numbers of CSFB, Managing Director James Warner spoke to Niab asking them to lead a national OSR stem larvae survey. This joint funded initiative from Hutchinsons, Agrii & United Oilseeds saw 200 farmers from across the UK post OSR stem samples in March this year for the Niab team to dissect!

Now that the results are finalised it is clear that CSFB numbers are significantly lower this year.

Read the full survey analyses by scanning the QR code...



Get a run down of the reboot by scanning the QR code...



"This goes beyond a simple campaign. The UK oilseed rape crop is at a turning point, & we're working together to secure its future."

Chairman's Welcome

I would like to begin by paying tribute to Troy Stuart for his dedicated service & steady leadership as the previous chairman. He leaves a strong legacy, & on behalf of our members, employees & the board, I offer him our sincere thanks.

United Oilseeds continues to move forward with purpose. The OSR Reboot has already made a real impact, thanks in no small part to James & the team, whose hard work & leadership are helping restore confidence in the crop. There is more to come, & we are committed to building on this momentum to deliver even greater support & value to our members.

Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do, whether with researchers, industry partners, policy makers or growers. Through these collaborations we are focused on securing a resilient, sustainable UK oilseed supply chain for the benefit of our members, UK agriculture & the wider economy.

In a challenging economic climate, financial resilience is key. We are proud of our cooperative's cash strength & will be using it strategically to underpin initiatives like the Reboot, to support members, & invest in the future.

With break crops playing an increasingly vital role in farm profitability, especially given changes to the SFI, OSR remains central to our shared success. I wish you all the best for the year ahead.



Ben Jackson
Chairman

Welcome from the Managing Director

Welcome to my second edition of Growing Break Crops as Managing Director of United Oilseeds.

It's been another eventful year, with your farming cooperative working alongside members, the AHDB & industry partners to help revitalise sustainable oilseed rape (OSR) production across the UK. Through the OSR Reboot initiative, we've helped bring policymakers to the table, engaged both farming & national media, secured fresh funding for research into cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB) & other key challenges, & taken your concerns to a wider audience. From features in Private Eye, to a Saturday Telegraph spotlight as part of the OSR Reboot & Save Our Yellow Fields campaigns.

We've continued to lobby on behalf of members, instigated the national CSFB stem larvae monitoring project, enhanced the *MagicTrap* monitoring network & collaborated across the sector to develop a clear set of guiding principles for successful OSR establishment (see page 6).

What's been particularly encouraging is the way the wider industry has come together to support the crop's revival. From breeders & agronomists to farmers & advisors, there's a genuine sense of shared purpose & collaboration. The OSR

Reboot isn't just a campaign – it's a collective effort, & we're proud to be working alongside so many dedicated partners who believe in the future of OSR just as much as we do.

In this Reboot edition of our annual publication, you'll discover plenty of insights into the work we've been doing & a renewed sense of optimism around oilseed rape. Our seed portfolio for the season ahead (from page 16) is as strong as ever, featuring the top two Recommended List varieties, Maverick & LG Adapt, alongside the much-anticipated LG Avenger, the first variety with proven resilience against cabbage stem flea beetle.

As a farmer-owned cooperative, our priorities are aligned with yours. By continuing to market your crops through United Oilseeds, you're not only securing a reliable & competitive service, you're also directly supporting initiatives like the OSR Reboot that are designed to benefit the whole farming community. Your loyalty enables us to reinvest in the future of oilseed rape & ensure a sustainable, profitable crop for years to come.




James Warner
Managing Director

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OSR: A Reliable Performer in the Portfolio

Rather than providing a snapshot of the oilseeds market, which, let's face it, will likely be out of date by the time you read this, I wanted to take a step back & talk about why oilseed rape (OSR) deserves its place in a balanced farm trading portfolio.



By Nick Hobson
Commodity Trading
Manager, United Oilseeds

In a year where many commodities have struggled for consistency, ex-farm OSR has stood firm, with prices remaining above £400/t for a sustained period. Over the past 12 months, it has quietly outperformed most other ag commodities, not just in price, but in reliability. In a UK market where so many crops trade as relative value to London wheat futures, oilseed rape stands apart, with a separate set of market drivers. That makes it an excellent hedge within the broader rotation.

The UK market is structurally supportive too. With around 2 million tonnes of domestic demand from Erith, Liverpool & Stratford, as well as regional feed mills, there is always a home for your OSR. Hypothetically, if you could produce 250,000 tonnes, there would be a buyer waiting. It's that liquid.

On the international side, MATIF offers a strong futures market, & our proximity to Europe means exports via coasters & FOB trades remain straightforward. Demand is shaped not just by food & feed, but by biodiesel, energy markets, & global oilseed dynamics, especially in the Americas.

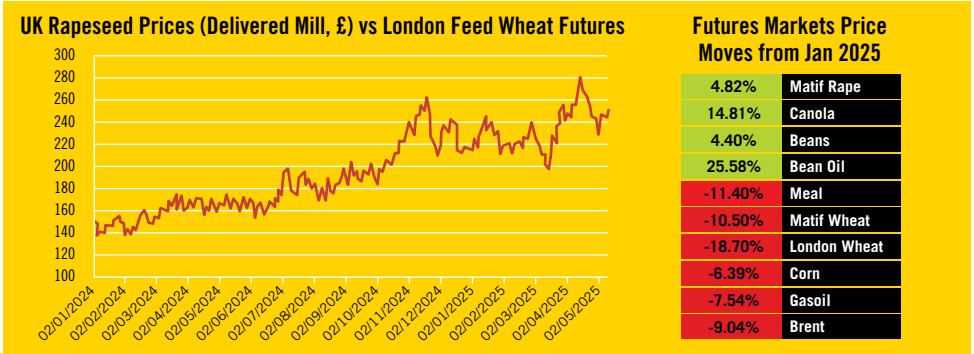
Thinking about the UK/US trade deal, this recent news casts doubt on the viability of the Vivergo & Ensus biofuel

plants. With run rates from those two plants alone for UK feed wheat sitting at 1.2 million tonnes per year, losing them would create a major gap in UK feed wheat demand, potentially forcing the UK into a more export-focused market. This further highlights the importance of maintaining a balanced farm portfolio as a hedge against market fluctuations, which OSR certainly provides, particularly as it has such strong domestic demand.

Around 750,000 tonnes of DDGS, an ethanol by-product used as an animal feed, would also need replacing, with rapeseed meal a natural substitute. This should support domestic rape meal demand, & thus UK rapeseed prices in the coming years, which is certainly worth considering when reviewing your cropping plans.

In short, OSR continues to earn its place in the rotation not just agronomically, but financially. For growers who want options, liquidity & performance, it's still one of the most bankable crops out there.

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Turning Challenges into Strategy: OSR Success at Dawson Farms

Oilseed rape (OSR) remains firmly in the ground at Dawson Farms in North Yorkshire, because with the right strategy, it works.



Farm Manager Rob Dawson



Despite pressures from cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB), tricky establishment windows, & shifting regulations, Rob & the team have refined their approach to keep the crop productive, profitable, & resilient.

The farm's clay loam & sandy clay loam soils respond well to their evolving system. Adapting has been crucial. With the loss of neonic seed dressings, Dawson Farms rethought their drilling strategy entirely. Historically drilled in mid-August, OSR is now sown later, starting the second week of September, after forming stale seedbeds & monitoring CSFB migration through tools like MagicTrap.

"We only go when conditions are right," says farm manager Rob. "We're moving less soil, avoiding compaction, & making sure seedbed nutrition is there from the outset. Poultry manure or food digestate is applied ahead of drilling to provide early N & P, often followed by a low-disturbance subsoiler & then drilled with the Horsch Pronto."

Bird scarers & careful monitoring help keep on top of pest pressure, & agronomy advice is used to fine-tune inputs. They've also trialled companion cropping & are exploring wider strategies with neighbours to better manage pest pressure at a landscape level.

A key part of our four-crop rotation
"It's still a strong break crop for us," says Rob, "It allows us to set up first wheats early, helps us manage grass weeds by rotating chemistry, & it's a key part of our four-crop rotation of OSR, wheat, barley, & beans. Plus, chopping the straw post-harvest is great for soil structure."

Rob believes OSR can still play a valuable role on many farms if the challenges are approached with planning & flexibility. "It's not about doing what we've always done, it's about adjusting to the situation in front of us. There's no silver bullet, but if you focus on the establishment & keep an open mind, it's without a doubt still a crop worth growing."



10 Shared Strategies for OSR Success

A United Front Against CSFB

For the first time, a wide group of partners across the industry have come together to produce joint, practical guidelines to help growers tackle the cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB) challenge in oilseed rape. These top 10 strategies draw on trials, farmer experience & research, giving you a united front of insight in one place.

Top 10 strategies for managing cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB)



- 1. Ditch the date**
Sow early or late – but never by the calendar.
- 2. Chase perfection at establishment**
Moisture, seed-to-soil contact, & vigour are everything.
- 3. Keep your distance**
Avoid planting near last year's OSR – every metre helps.
- 4. Improve larval tolerance**
Fewer, bigger plants can beat CSFB & breed less pressure.
- 5. Chuck the muck**
Organic manures can disrupt beetle attack – timing is key.
- 6. Park the pyrethroids**
Resistance is real – sprays can do more harm than good.
- 7. Create companions**
Companions like buckwheat, vetch & clover can shield & strengthen.
- 8. Brassica buddies**
Use sacrificial strips or volunteers to lure beetles away.
- 9. Stir it up post-harvest**
Light cultivations can suppress beetle populations.
- 10. Unlock hidden gems**
From stubbles to silica, priming to predators – stack your tactics.



Together, we're rebuilding oilseed rape resilience – one smart decision at a time.

Scan the QR code to get the full version of these joint guidelines, & dive deeper into practical tips, supporting data & additional tactics.



Avenger: Keeping OSR profitable

Using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy & varietal resilience to protect yield.

A new hybrid OSR variety, LG Avenger, marks a major step forward in helping UK growers tackle cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB). *"This variety is the result of new breeding methods focused on all limiting factors in OSR development, especially CSFB,"* says Florentina Petrescu, Limagrain UK's OSR Product Manager.

The product of extensive research & trialling by Limagrain, LG Avenger is the first variety on the 2025/26 AHDB Recommended List to feature the CSFB Resilience characteristic. It offers high yield potential, pod shatter resistance, high oil content, & strong disease resistance, including light leaf spot (rating 7) & Sclerotinia tolerance.

Committed to innovation

Despite a significant decline in UK OSR area in recent years, Limagrain remains committed to innovation aimed at protecting yield & profit, & is confident in the future of this vital break crop.

CSFB Resilience is a novel genetic approach tackling cabbage stem flea beetle at key crop stages as part of an effective IPM strategy. These characteristics help varieties better escape CSFB damage during two crucial periods in autumn & spring:

- Strong autumn dynamic growth to help crops escape early "shot holing" damage from adult CSFB feeding on cotyledons & first leaves, which can cause significant leaf loss & crop failure
- Rapid stem elongation in spring to improve resilience to larval damage mining into petioles & stems
- Capacity in some varieties (e.g. LG Avenger) to limit larvae development within stems
- Reduced CSFB larvae damage severity – reducing stunted, bushy plants

LG Avenger is the only variety with CSFB Resilience on the AHDB Recommended List 2025/26. *"We believe this characteristic is levelling the playing field against CSFB, supported by independent trials from Terres Inovia,"* added Florentina.

While it's a big step forward, CSFB Resilience alone isn't a silver bullet. It should form part of a broader IPM strategy, including rotation, seedbed prep, drilling by soil & weather conditions, monitoring pest levels, & careful insecticide use due to rising resistance.

Read more about CSFB Resilience here...



Florentina Petrescu
Limagrain OSR
Product Manager



"Avenger has really stood out. It went in quite late – 14th September – but you'd never know. The vigour has been very noticeable both in autumn & again this spring. The crop looks in fantastic condition and I've already ordered Avenger for next year."
Ben Abell, Head of Agronomy @ Dyson Farming



Smart Starts, Strong Returns: Tim Lamyman on OSR



Tim Lamyman

For Lincolnshire grower & world record holder Tim Lamyman, consistent success with oilseed rape (OSR) comes down to rethinking establishment, especially when it comes to cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB).

"People often think high yields are only possible if you throw everything at a crop," says Tim. "But our farm average of 5.4 t/ha proves that a well developed strategy can be profitable at scale, not just for record entries."

Key to Tim's success is his disciplined approach to drilling. *"We go in from the 10th to 25th of September, no earlier,"* he says. *"Late drilling avoids multiple CSFB egg-laying cycles & gives us stronger stems, better nutrient cycling, & ultimately, a more resilient crop."*

Variety choice is equally important. Tim grows Avenger for its strong autumn vigour, which he believes is essential for later drilling. He's already committed to the same variety for 2025. *"It gets out of the ground fast & establishes well, which is critical,"* he adds.

But it's his tailored nutrition strategy that really sets his establishment approach apart. While many growers rely on DAP & 30 kg/ha of nitrogen at drilling, Tim trialled a new system some years ago using Bionature's Leodita & Delta at cotyledon stage, followed by TipTop Delta two weeks later.

"The result was 40–75% more biomass in the first six weeks, & a canopy almost equal to that of an August-drilled crop," Tim explains. *"It's also cheaper, with only 1.5 kg/ha of nitrogen, & much more environmentally friendly."*

The proof is in the gross margins: £1,630/ha across the farm on average, versus just £975/ha with low-input autumn N-only crops.

Talking briefly about his involvement with the ADAS run Yield Enhancement Network (YEN) Tim says: *"YEN gives you a scientific lens on the crop & provides areas to look at to improve your growing of it."*

By sharing his figures & experiences, Tim hopes to challenge the idea that chasing high yields isn't financially viable. *"You have to understand the crop's needs & respond with the right inputs, at the right time,"* he says. *"Do that, & OSR can be both productive & highly profitable."*

Read the full story by scanning the QR code...



Growing with Us: The United Oilseeds Advantage

Back in 1966, a group of Hampshire farmers, including the father of current Vice Chairman Dick Hall, set up United Oilseeds. Fast forward almost 60 years & today United Oilseeds has become one of the UK's most successful farmer owned cooperatives with over 4,000 members.

Today, the cooperative ethos remains stronger than ever

Membership at United Oilseeds isn't just about marketing your crop, it's about sharing in the success of a business built by farmers, for farmers.

No part-load charges

Members benefit from no additional charges for part loads of oilseed rape collected from farm, helping to streamline harvest logistics & reduce your marketing costs.

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Trading members share in the success of the cooperative

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Know Your Market: Break Crop Trends 2024/25



By Charles Newton
Junior Commodity
Trader, United Oilseeds

As volatility continues across global & domestic markets, this season has reminded growers that profitability in break crops often depends as much on marketing strategy as it does on crop performance. Here, we take a look at key developments in the beans, oats, linseed, & pea markets, & what they could mean for the season ahead.



Beans

- Harvest 2024 provided plenty of obstacles for bean growers. Many struggled with wet beans at harvest, & the learning seems to be that accepting upfront costs to condition the crop & produce a marketable tonnage will be justified later in the season.
- End user demand for beans has been limited throughout the season with bean offers heading into the season too high to allow them to feature in the ration in any serious volume, amidst competition from alternative proteins. Export demand has been similarly unexciting, with foreign exchange (FX) fluctuations doing much of the work to enable UK beans to calculate for export.

Oats

- After last season's large rally in oat prices, this harvest saw a sharp & extended downwards correction in price. UK, & European, quality surpassed expectations of many in the trade, following the 23/24 season which was typified by low yield & low quality. As a result, early sellers reaped the rewards this year as millers took their pick of the quality.
- Domestic demand seems to have been muted & amidst good yields across the continent, UK oats have also struggled to feature in the export market. All of which has led to sustained price pressure on UK oats.

Linseed

- Linseed prices have traded at a premium to OSR throughout this season, with prices tracking OSR higher since Christmas. Although, demand pushed prices to a peak in mid-Spring & this seems to have been the point at which long holders may have been vindicated. However, the cost of carry must be accounted when choosing to carry the crop beyond Christmas in search of a rallying flat price.
- UK linseed values continue to trade at a healthy premium to the continent, this has helped the gross margin on farm, but does leave growers vulnerable to downwards price corrections once UK demand is sated.

Peas

- Heading into the season demand for peas was high, with plenty of active buyers competing for good quality samples across Human Consumption, micronizing, & pet food grades. The availability of imported peas increased heading into Christmas, & domestic prices responded accordingly.
- Forward contracts with quality fallbacks continue to set the tone for pricing during the season, & growers who intend for peas to feature in the rotation should carefully consider committing to a contract when they're made available as space on them is finite.

For tailored advice & access to specific contract pricing & options, speak to your United Oilseeds Area Manager (see back cover).



Sunflowers Shine in Year One

Looking for a new break crop? As a high-return, low-input crop that supports soil health, pollinators, & even public engagement! Sunflowers could be the answer. Following our successful launch of the UK's first-ever sunflower marketing pool, year one has shown impressive promise despite a few teething challenges.

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– WHY UK GROWERS ARE GIVING SUNFLOWERS A SERIOUS LOOK.**

Bright prospects

"Some growers achieved well over 2t/ha, & even those who had issues are coming back for another go," says Nick Hobson, sunflower project lead at United Oilseeds.

"Moisture content at harvest & pest pressure from slugs, pigeons, & hares required attention, but were generally well managed.

The real highlight? The price. With the final pool price easily surpassing £450/t, sunflowers have proved they can compete financially with other break crops, while delivering sustainability wins too," added Nick.

Why sunflowers make sense

With the UK importing most of its sunflower oil, domestic production offers a valuable opportunity. Sunflowers

also tap into birdseed & edible seed markets.

Agronomically, they boost biodiversity, require minimal inputs, tolerate drought, & leave soils in good condition for the following crop.

Join the pool

United Oilseeds offers default free produce of area contracts, simple marketing, & two well-suited UK varieties: ES Bella (Grainseed) & LG50268 (Limagrain). Crops are moved at the buyer's call from the end of harvest, with immediate movement available where storage agreements exist.

Scan the QR code to
download the sunflower
growing guide...



Strong Relationships Deliver Oat Success for Warwickshire Growers

Farming between 300–400 hectares of Grade 3 land in Warwickshire, Anthony & William Forsyth have built a resilient rotation of oats, wheat, & more recently legume fallow as part of their SFI commitments.



William & Anthony Forsyth



As long-standing members of United Oilseeds, they grow around 1,000 tonnes of oats each year for the co-op's wheat futures contract.

Despite recent pressure on oat prices, driven primarily by increased production & quality, the Forsyth's have secured an above-average market value for their crop this season through the United Oilseeds wheat futures linked contract.

"United Oilseeds have been excellent for us over the years. Our area manager Holly is always on hand with the right information at the right time which makes the

whole process of marketing our oats so much easier," says Anthony Forsyth.

United Oilseeds has traded oats since its founding in 1966, offering both pool & fixed-price contracts. This long-standing presence has helped forge reliable supply chains with major UK buyers. In today's volatile grain markets, those stable, trusted relationships are more important than ever.

To find out more about current oat pricing & contract options, please contact your area manager – details can be found on the back cover.

United Oilseeds works with the three biggest oat millers in the UK, so we'll always have a home for your oats.

PROVIDING OPTIONS FOR OUR GROWERS

- Marketing Pools
- Wheat Futures Linked Contracts
- Forward Fixed Price Contracts
- Produce of Area Contracts
- Excellent Logistics
- Harvest Movement Available
- Strategic Storage Options



Bees, Biodiversity & Better Yields: OSR Reboot Partners with AgriSound



13
bee species
now extinct
in the UK

40%
of bee species
are vulnerable
to extinction

75%
of food crops
rely on insect
pollinators

As part of the OSR Reboot initiative, we're excited to announce a pilot programme in conjunction with AgriSound aimed at better understanding the impact of honey & bumble bees on oilseed rape (OSR) yields & wider farm biodiversity.

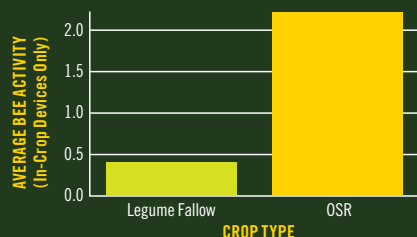
The trial, which has launched across six member farms in southern counties, involves 54 smart listening devices that will monitor the presence of pollinators across OSR crops, legume fallows, & other cereal fields over the coming months.

Detailed, site-specific insights

AgriSound's technology listens for pollinator activity in real time, while also tracking temperature, humidity, & light levels. The devices provide farms with detailed, site-specific insights into local bee populations & how they might be influencing crop performance. Field data is sent directly to a user-friendly dashboard for participating farms to view remotely.

With the loss of OSR in recent years, this rich foraging habitat has declined, contributing to pollinator population drops. But the relationship goes both ways: Research (Sabbahi, 2005) shows that just two bee colonies per hectare can increase OSR seed yield by 15–20%, improve pod uniformity, & boost germination rates for seed production."

Data recorded from the United Oilseeds Agrisound pilot 2025



Becky Beesley, United Oilseeds Area Manager & project lead, is also eager to see what the pilot reveals

"Early results are already showing significantly higher pollinator activity in OSR crops, around four to five times greater than what we're recording in legume fallow," she says. "This is exactly the kind of insight we were hoping for. Once we've collected further data it'll be very interesting to see what else we find. Taking it a step further, we'd like to compare yield & variety data with the information we glean from the AgriSound technology."

This pilot supports the wider OSR Reboot goal of revitalising UK oilseed rape production by showcasing its value to both pollinators & growers. It also feeds into sustainability reporting, access to green finance, & building a consumer-facing narrative around the eco-benefits of British rapeseed oil.

It's a win for yields, bees, & biodiversity.



MagicTrap Pest Monitoring

Remotely monitor CSFB using Bayer's *MagicTrap*.

Back by popular demand!

Following the success of *MagicTrap* last year, we're once again offering members a generous discount on the hardware needed to monitor flea beetle, pollen beetle, & weevil activity.

Once your trap is set up, you can easily check its contents straight from your mobile phone, giving you real-time insights into pest pressure without needing to visit the field.

After ordering your trap, why not join the United Oilseeds *MagicTrap* network?

By contributing your data, you'll help build a national picture of pest activity to support smarter on-farm decisions. Last season, the network played a key role in highlighting generally lower levels of cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB) across most regions.



"MagicTrap has been excellent, both the network updates & our individual traps. They made it easy to monitor pest numbers, giving us the confidence & peace of mind to proceed with our OSR plantings as planned & at the right time. There was no need to rush out & treat anything unnecessarily. It's proven to be a very, very effective management tool."

Andrew Gloag, United Oilseeds member, North Yorkshire



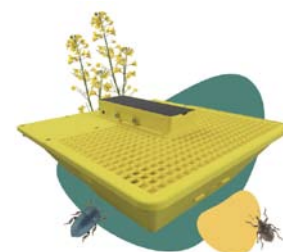
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Avenger

Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle Resilience

LG Avenger is a next-generation oilseed rape variety bred with a clear focus on overcoming the crop's most critical challenges – particularly cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB). As the only variety on the AHDB Recommended List with proven CSFB resilience, it delivers reliable performance even in high-pressure situations. With standout autumn & spring vigour, pod shatter resistance (especially valuable in northern regions), & a high oil content of 46.0%, LG Avenger ticks all the boxes.

This variety comes fully loaded with agronomic tools, including Turnip Yellows Virus (TuYV) resistance, RLM7 for Phoma, Sclero-Flex tolerance, & a strong disease resistance profile. It's built to perform & bred to endure – making it a smart, sustainable choice for growers pushing OSR forward.

Key Strengths

- Flea beetle resilience characteristic
- Exceptional autumn & spring vigour
- High yielding variety with pod shatter resistance

AHDB

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| United Kingdom | 104 |
| East/West Region | 104 |
| North Region | [106] |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Oil Content | 46% |
| Stem Stiffness | [8] |
| Lodging Resistance | [8] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 6 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 161 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 7 |
| Stem Canker | 5 |
| TuYV | R |

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LIMITED
AVAILABILITY



Maverick

Number 1 on the RL 2025

Maverick is the highest yielding variety on the Recommended List. Its excellent yield potential is combined with exceptional Rlm5 & Rlm7 stem canker resistance, TuYV resistance, & outstanding autumn & spring vigour.

E/W RECOMMENDATION ONLY

Key Strengths

- High seed yield with high gross output
- Exceptional Rlm5 & Rlm7 stem canker resistance
- Outstanding Light Leaf Spot resistance
- TuYV resistant

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| United Kingdom | 108 |
| East/West Region | 109 |
| North Region | 100 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Oil Content | 46% |
| Stem Stiffness | [8] |
| Lodging Resistance | [8] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 7 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 154 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 7 |
| Stem Canker | 9 |
| TuYV | R |



Adapt

Top Yields, British Bred

Adapt is the highest-yielding variety with pod shatter resistance, bred specifically for UK conditions. Backed by Limagrain's leading UK breeding programme, it delivers consistently strong performance in challenging climates. With excellent oil content & proven yields, Adapt is a variety that lives up to its name, reliably adapted for British farms.

No1 UK RECOMMENDED VARIETY

Key Strengths

- Performs across all regions
- Very high oil content
- Good resistance to stem based diseases

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| United Kingdom | 108 |
| East/West Region | 108 |
| North Region | 108 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 46.4% |
| Stem Stiffness | [8] |
| Lodging Resistance | [8] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 6 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 157 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 7 |
| Stem Canker | 6 |
| TuYV | R |





Aurelia

The UK's Benchmark Hybrid

Aurelia is the UK's most popular fully loaded hybrid, trusted for its consistently high yields, strong vigour, & broad regional performance. With TuYV resistance, pod shatter protection, & one of the best LLS scores, it sets the standard for OSR performance on farm.

Key Strengths

- Fantastic yield stability across seasons
- Remarkably consistent over many years
- Strong early vigour & growth habit which offer a wide sowing window

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| United Kingdom | 101 |
| East/West Region | 101 |
| North Region | 102 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 44.8% |
| Stem Stiffness | 7 |
| Lodging Resistance | 7.9 |
| Earliness of Flowering | 7 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 146 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 7 |
| Stem Canker | 4 |
| TuYV | R |



Attica

Consistent across the UK

Attica is a fully loaded hybrid combining stable high yields with the genetic security of TuYV & pod shatter resistance & has always delivered on farm. It has a strong autumn growth habit offering growers a wide drilling window & an excellent disease resistance package.

Key Strengths

- Consistently high performance in trials
- Consistent performance across seasons & regions
- Strong autumn & spring vigour

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| United Kingdom | 101 |
| East/West Region | 101 |
| North Region | 102 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 45.1% |
| Stem Stiffness | 8 |
| Lodging Resistance | [7.9] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 7 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 153 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 7 |
| Stem Canker | 5 |
| TuYV | R |



Dolphin

Vigour Meets Reliability

New to the AHDB List, DSV DOLPHIN delivers high yields, exceptional oil content (46.5%), & strong disease resistance – including Verticillium, Sclerotinia, & TuYV. With Harvest Max pod technology & a short, stiff canopy, it's a reliable, easy-to-manage variety built for UK conditions.

Key Strengths

- High output with 46.5% oil content
- Strong resistance to Verticillium, Sclerotinia & TuYV
- Harvest Max pod technology for secure, efficient combining

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| United Kingdom | 103 |
| East/West Region | 103 |
| North Region | 98 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 46.5% |
| Stem Stiffness | 9 |
| Lodging Resistance | [8] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 7 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 4 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 146 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 6 |
| Stem Canker | 6 |
| TuYV | R |

DK Excentric

Powerfully Bred, Proven to Perform

The leading newcomer from DEKALB, DK Excentric brings together strong yields, robust disease resistance, & reliable agronomics. With rapid autumn growth, pod shatter resistance, & solid standing power, it's built to thrive in UK conditions.

Key Strengths

- Rapid autumn development & strong standing power
- Excellent resistance to LLS, TuYV & Verticillium
- Pod shatter protection for harvest security

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Two Year Average UK | 5.11t/ha. |
|---------------------|-----------|

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Oil Content | 45.7% |
| Stem Stiffness | 8 |
| Lodging Resistance | 9 |
| Earliness of Maturity | mid-late |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 6 |
| Stem Canker | 7 |
| TuYV | R |

Duplo

Triple Protection, Total Confidence

DUPLO combines exceptional autumn vigour with DSV's triple-layer trait package – TuYV resistance, pod shatter protection, & RLM7+ stem canker resistance – for robust, reliable performance in all conditions.

Key Strengths

- Outstanding autumn vigour
- Sale or Return
- Triple layered variety, RLM7, Pod Shatter & TuYV

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| East/West Region | 109 |
|------------------|-----|

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 46.8% |
| Stem Stiffness | 8 |
| Lodging Resistance | 8 |
| Earliness of Flowering | 5.4 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 6 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 146 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Light Leaf Spot | 5.2 |
| Stem Canker | 9 |
| TuYV | R |



PI Pinnacle

The Number 1 Conventional 2024 Born & Bred in the UK

PI Pinnacle tops the Recommended List for a second year, & it's easy to see why. This high-yielding conventional variety is highly recommended across all UK regions.

With large pods & plenty of seed, it's the No.1 choice for growers. Bred in Britain for British farmers, PI Pinnacle offers superior yield, vigour, & establishment – outperforming even Campus.

Key Strengths

- Consistent across regions
- Good standing power & LLS Scores
- UK Bred

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| United Kingdom | 101 |
| East/West Region | 101 |
| North Region | 101 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 44.5% |
| Stem Stiffness | 9 |
| Lodging Resistance | [8] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 5 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 152 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 7 |
| Stem Canker | 4 |



Acacia

Tried & Tested Conventional

Like its hybrid stablemate Aurelia, Acacia has a proven on-farm track record across all UK regions. It's especially valued for its strong autumn vigour & rapid spring growth.

Key Strengths

- Robust plant type with good straw strength
- Wide sowing window
- Solid disease resistance profile
- Proven on farm performance

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|----|
| United Kingdom | 97 |
| East/West Region | 97 |
| North Region | 98 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 44.9% |
| Stem Stiffness | 8 |
| Lodging Resistance | 8 |
| Earliness of Flowering | 6 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 142 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 5 |
| Stem Canker | 5 |



Annika

Early Drilling Conventional

Annika's solid disease resistance (Phoma 5, Light Leaf Spot 7), plus TuYV resistance & slightly later maturity, make it a great fit for early drilling.

Key Strengths

- Very well suited to earlier drilling
- Strong disease resistance
- Shorter plant with excellent stem stiffness
- High yield potential across all regions

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|----|
| United Kingdom | 98 |
| East/West Region | 98 |
| North Region | 96 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 44.9% |
| Stem Stiffness | 9 |
| Lodging Resistance | [8] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 6 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 4 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 146 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 7 |
| Stem Canker | 5 |
| TuYV | R |



CLUBROOT VARIETIES



LG Scorpion

Vigorous, Resilient, Clubroot Variety

A high-yielding clubroot-resistant variety with exceptional autumn growth. LG Scorpion combines TuYV & pod shatter resistance with strong disease tolerance & winter hardiness.

Key Strengths

- High-yielding clubroot variety
- Exceptionally quick autumn & spring growth
- Fully loaded with TuYV, POSH & RLM7

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Niab TAG Trials % controls | 101 |
| LG Trials (Fife) t/ha | 5.47 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 45.7% |
| Stem Stiffness | 8 |
| Lodging Resistance | 8 |
| Earliness of Flowering | 7 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 7 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 149 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 6 |
| Stem Canker | 6 |
| TuYV | R |



Crome

High Oil Content Clubroot Variety

Crome is a restored hybrid specifically recommended for land infected with common clubroot strains. It offers high gross output, strong light leaf spot resistance, good stem stiffness, & excellent lodging resistance.

Key Strengths

- High seed yield combined with high oil content
- Good stem stiffness & outstanding vigour
- Resistant to lodging

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|----|
| United Kingdom | 94 |
| East/West Region | 94 |
| North Region | 95 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 45.8% |
| Stem Stiffness | 8 |
| Lodging Resistance | 8 |
| Earliness of Flowering | 7 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 143 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 6 |
| Stem Canker | 2 |



Crusoe

Setting New Standards for Yield & Oil

Crusoe is a restored hybrid Recommended List variety for growing on land infected with common strains of clubroot. It has a high gross output, high resistance to stem canker, good resistance to light leaf spot with good stem stiffness, resistance to lodging & TuYV resistance.

Key Strengths

- High seed yield combined with high oil content
- High resistance to stem canker
- TuYV resistant

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| United Kingdom | 103 |
| East/West Region | 103 |
| North Region | 101 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 44.5% |
| Stem Stiffness | [8] |
| Lodging Resistance | [8] |
| Earliness of Flowering | 6 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 5 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 155 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 6 |
| Stem Canker | 7 |
| TuYV | R |

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Matrix CL

Clearfield® Without Compromise

MATRIX CL from DSV is the UK's first Quad Layered Clearfield® variety, stacking TuYV, RLM7, Pod Shatter Resistance, & Clearfield® Technology – all without sacrificing yield. It sets a new benchmark for performance & agronomic strength in the Clearfield® segment.

Key Strengths

- Quad Layered Power: Combines four key traits for top-end performance & resilience
- Proven Yield Leader: Among the highest yielding Clearfield® varieties on the AHDB RL 2025/26
- UK-Wide Adaptability: Recommended for North, East, & West regions with strong vigour & standing scores

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|----|
| United Kingdom | 93 |
| East/West Region | 93 |
| North Region | 93 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 45.6% |
| Stem Stiffness | 7 |
| Lodging Resistance | 7.8 |
| Earliness of Flowering | 7 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 6 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 152 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 6 |
| Stem Canker | 6 |
| TuYV | R |



Calvin

Exciting new Clearfield® variety

Introducing Calvin, an exciting new Clearfield® oilseed rape variety that's fully loaded with standout traits. With excellent autumn vigour, a shorter, stiff-stemmed growth habit, & strong resistance to lodging, Calvin offers both reliability & performance. Backed by a robust disease resistance package & high yields, it's a compelling new option for growers looking to get the most from Clearfield® technology.

Key Strengths

- Pod shatter, TuYV & RLM7
- Short stiff stemmed variety
- Robust disease package

GROSS OUTPUT (%)

| | |
|------------------|----|
| United Kingdom | 94 |
| East/West Region | 95 |
| North Region | 94 |

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Oil Content | 44.5% |
| Stem Stiffness | 8 |
| Lodging Resistance | 8 |
| Earliness of Flowering | 5 |
| Earliness of Maturity | 7 |
| Plant Height (cm) | 150 |

DISEASE RESISTANCE

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Light Leaf Spot | 6 |
| Stem Canker | 6 |
| TuYV | R |



V3670L HOLL

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Key Strengths

- Vigorous establishment
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