

Top 5 Spring Sowing Options 2024

With plenty of winter rainfall, lots of saturated fields, and a shortage of spring seed stock many are looking at alternative options for Spring plantings in 2024. If, like many, you are wondering what to plant, take a look at some of the options below, all available from United Oilseeds.

1 UK's First Sunflower Pool

Sign up to the UK's first sunflower marketing pool with United Oilseeds. Sunflowers are becoming an increasingly attractive low input crop in the UK, providing a much needed boost to our bees and our soils. Join us as we embark on a new and exciting sunflower journey while demand is on an upward trend. Plus there's an additional £45 per ha. payable under SFI IPM4.

2 Oats buy back contracts

We're offering two methods of marketing for oats in 2024: Long Pool and Open Price contracts, as alternatives to growers being pushed into selling at harvest. With the human consumption oats market continuing to expand our oats contracts with strategic storage options and harvest delivery are a sound option

3 Spring OSR

these top varieties.

United Oilseeds is offering a new produce of area contract for growers across the UK for their spring oilseed rape in 2024 (While stocks last). We've identified three premium Spring OSR varieties suitable for this contract: **DSV Lakritz**, **BASF Performer, DSV Lumen**. An ideal entry crop for the first cereal in good time for autumn sowing, and potential for good yields with

Sustainable Farming Incentive/ Countryside Stewardship

SFI NUM3 Legume Fallow offers a flexible, lucrative break crop for spring cropping which provides flowering plants from late spring and during the summer months from May through until August.

CS AB9/AHL2 Winter Bird Food provides important food resources for farmland birds, especially in autumn and winter. Also benefitting bumblebees, solitary bees, butterflies and hoverflies during flowering.

4 Linseed

this spring.

Low inputs, high yields and strong market demand make linseed a sound choice for farmers this spring. Suiting most soil types and not being related to any other break crop, means that it can easily slot into most rotations. United Oilseeds have linseed contracts including premium contracts for crops that are bright and stain free with a low admixture content.

The following high performing linseed varieties are available with buy-back contracts in 2024: **Bliss** and **Bingo**.



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