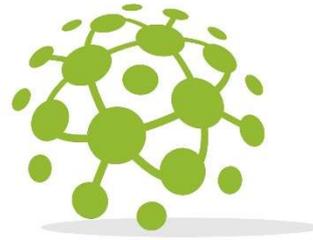


NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022



Assured Agronomy

PROFESSIONAL PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS REGISTER

YOU MUST REGISTER BY THE 22ND OF JUNE

[Professional plant protection products \(PPPs\): register as a user - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/professional-plant-protection-products-ppps)

OSR Establishment due to CSFB pressure

High levels of Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle have been found on crops this Spring indicating there will be high pressure at summer establishment. Almost a decade has passed since the loss of neonicotinoids seed treatments in 2013, since then effective methods to reduce the impacts of cabbage stem flea beetle have been established.

-Early Drilling- Higher success rates in crops sown before the middle of August.

-Tall Stubble- Results in lower numbers of beetles. Consider sowing bare patches or uncropped areas now in current crops that will be followed with OSR to ensure stubble cover.

-Soil moisture- Limit soil disturbance to maintain soil moisture.

-DAP placement or fertiliser at establishment- Quick growth through early vulnerable growth stages.

-TuYV resistant varieties- High aphid pressure this year combined with early sown crops increases the risk of TuYV.

Cover Crops

Cover crop options are available between harvest and Autumn establishment and over winter.

Mixes vary depending on rotation, soil type and purpose. Options are available to improve soil structure, organic matter levels, reduce soil erosion and to reduce nutrient loss. Please discuss mixes that will suite your farm with your agronomist.

Sustainable Farming Incentive

There has been no further information released regarding SFI rules, until these are available the impact of SFI on existing countryside stewardship schemes is unknown, bare this in mind when deciding stewardship schemes.

The aim of the SFI is to improve soil health, organic matter, structure and biology, and in doing so improve water quality, climate resilience and biodiversity.

Entry into the scheme is expected to be open to all BPS eligible farmers at the **end of June 2022**. The agreements last 3 years and there is the option of Introductory or Intermediate standard for Arable and Horticultural soils, of **£22/ha or £40/ha** respectively. In 2025 there will be an additional advanced standard available.

Summary of introductory level actions:

-Soil assessment and soil management plan.

-Soil organic matter test.

-Application of organic matter to all land at least once during the 3-year agreement.

-Green cover over at least 70% of land over winter.

Additional actions for intermediate level:

-Green cover on at least 50% of land in this level over winter and multi-species cover crops on an additional 20% of the land.

Chemistry

Consider purchasing products required for Summer/Autumn establishment to avoid shortages.

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Dates for the diary

Countryside Stewardship

29th of July- Applications close. Latest date to request an application pack online is the **30th of June**.

Hedge Cutting

1st August-RPA degradation to cut hedges on land for sowing of OSR or permanent grassland.

1st September-Remaining hedges can be cut.

Nutrient Applications

1st August- Closed period starts for organic manure with high available N (Slurry digestate etc) to tillage land on shallow or sandy soils except where crops will be sown on or before 15 September.

1st September- Closed period starts for manufactured N on tillage land.

15th September- Closed period starts for manufactured N on grassland.

16th September- Closed period starts for Organic manure application on crops sow before 15th of September.



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Two NRoSO points in total (not per bulletin) have been allocated between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022 reference NO470606f.

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