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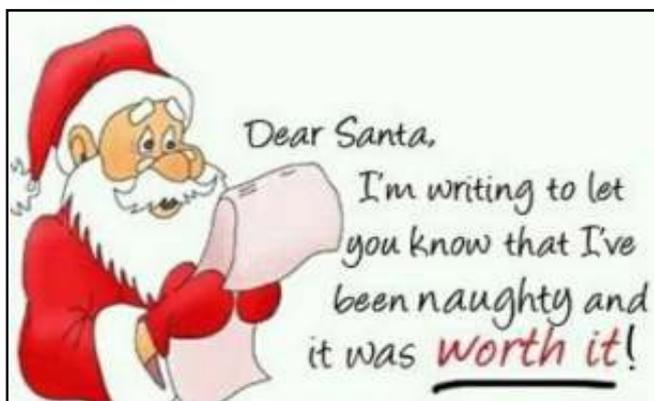
NEWSLETTER

December 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

On behalf of myself and my colleagues at CYO Seeds (Midlands) Ltd and Alphamix, we would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We strive to offer the best service we can through professionalism, reliability, integrity and value for money.

Come and see us at LAMMA (Hall 11, stand 11.100)



ICE AGE TO ICE CREAM!!

This year has certainly been one of extremes. With the Beast from the East with its extremely low temperatures, lots of snow and accompanying high winds, to being so hot and dry in the Summer that all the grass died off and the harvest was the best part of 3 weeks early due to most crops ripening/dying off from drought stress. As with so many things in life, what's good for some can be very bad for others. In the case of higher grain and straw prices it's great if you're selling, but not so good if you're buying!!

CERTIFIED SEED SHORTAGES

With the effects of the long dry Summer being felt across the UK and Europe, the supply of Spring certified seed will fall short of demand. Some varieties/species are unavailable and others have already sold out. We're told by the trade that there is next to no chance of importing any Spring seed either, as the problem is EU wide. A UK derogation has been submitted to reduce the minimum germination standard for certification to 70% for Beans and Naked Oats and 75% for Oats. So if your plan is to grow any Spring crops from certified seed this year, please make sure you ask the germination level (you might not be getting quite what you're expecting!!). Also, don't sell all of this year's harvested Spring crops. If you can't buy certified seed, you'll still have something to farm save from but if you've sold everything, you'll be in a muddle to say the least!!

CRUCIAL CHEMICALS LOST

As we're sure you're all aware, the ongoing battle to retain the use of Neonicotinoids was lost earlier this year. It was banned from use in the EU on all outdoor grown crops. Arable farmers will mainly be affected by the loss of Redigo Deter and Straight Deter as seed dressings. Thankfully we've still been able to use them this Autumn with the last drilling date being 19th December 2018.

This will inevitably have the direct result of increased use of Pyrethroid sprays and slug pellets. These have already been proven to be worse for all flora and fauna that come into contact with them, unless you're a "Resistant Aphid" of course!! That's politics for you! Ironically, it's still perfectly ok to treat your pets with products containing Neonics to control Fleas and Ticks. Just keep your pets away from any marauding bees!!

WINTER CROP (REFORMULATED) (WCR)

This year has seen the majority of you using our plant nutrient/stimulant **Winter Crop Reformulated (WCR)** (ring us for more details) on your Winter and Spring crops. Feedback has been amazing over the years for cereals and rape, with farmer comments like, "It's the best looking crop around" and "You can tell the difference to a line in the field".

Establishing a rape or early cereal crop this year has been a major issue but with **WCR having "bio-stimulating properties"**, it certainly helped to get the seedlings up and away, once the weather had done its bit of course (nothing grows in a dust bowl!). With the current trend of drilling much later to help reduce weed issues, **farmers are using our WCR as a management tool** to get their cereals up and away as quick as possible. They recognise that with late drilling comes lower soil temperatures and greatly reduced daylight hours.

Based on feedback, pre-orders and the demise of Deter, we're expecting WCR to be in high demand again this Winter/Spring and next Autumn.

Alphamix

Alphamix, our sister company based at North Kilworth supplies concrete and screed to the surrounding area (25 mile radius).

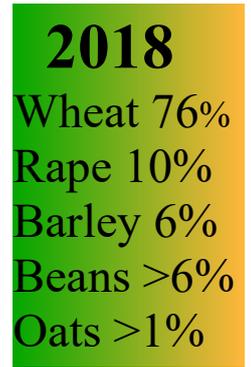
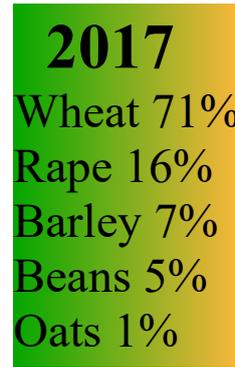
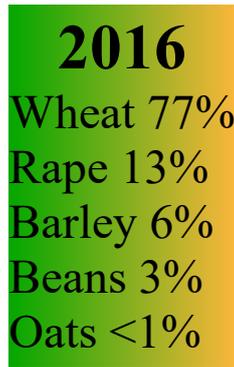
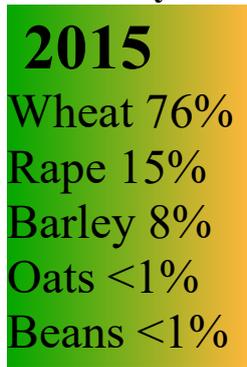
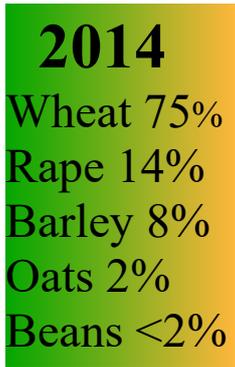
Having 5 concrete/screed trucks we can now cope with just about any amount we're asked for, large or small. If you need any concrete or floor screed please give Dave at Alphamix a call on 01858 881385. website:- www.alphamix-uk.com

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COMPARATIVE SPECIES POPULARITY AUTUMNS 14 - 18

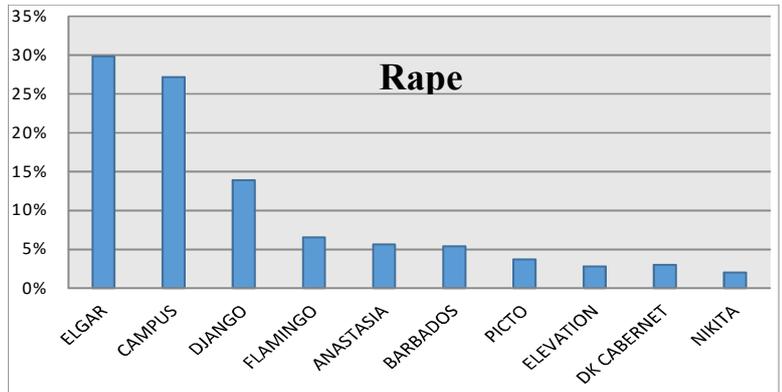
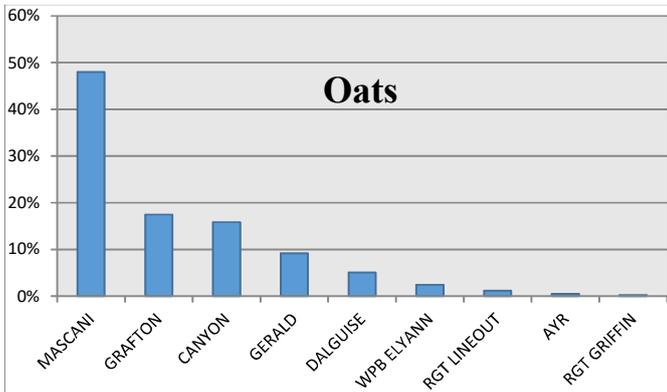
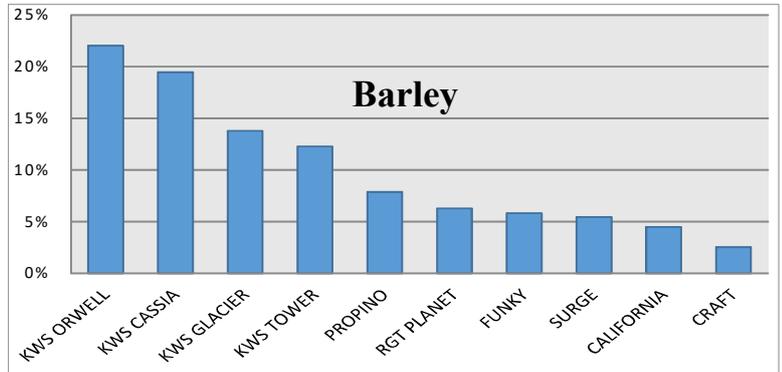
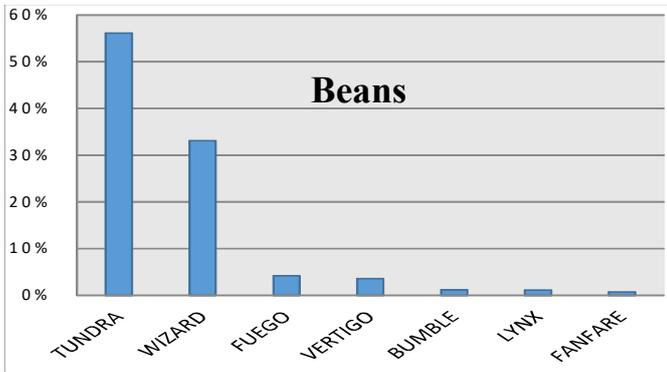
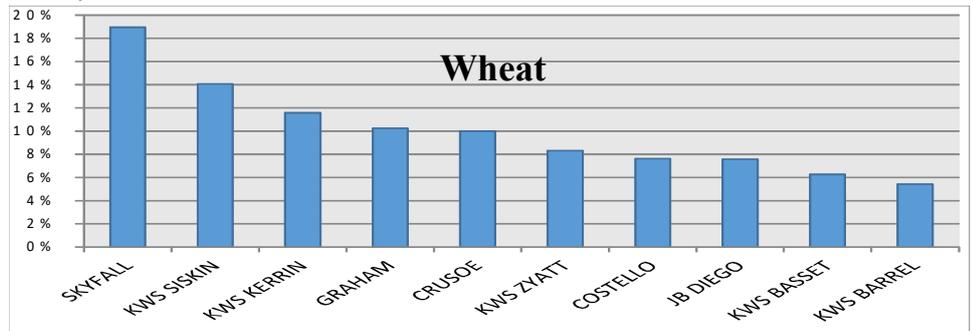
This is the seed cleaned by CYO and converted into hectares to show relative land use



CYO's seed processing saw some marked changes this year. Wheat area has greatly recovered (back up to around average figures). **Skyfall**, retained it's top slot, being a high yielding milling wheat which gives farmers the best of both worlds. Whilst **JB Diego**, the consistent performer over previous years has seen a dramatic fall in favour, going from 2nd place last year to 8th place this year. This is mainly due to newer varieties gaining support. In general, far less **Rape** is being grown in the UK this year (certified or FSS) due mainly to issues with dry soil conditions, Flea Beetle and Erucic Acid levels. **Elgar** again tops the rape with **Campus** a close second. **Winter Barley** continues it's steady downward trend on the back of increasing amounts of **Spring Barley** and **Beans** being grown. **Orwell** now tops our Barley table pushing **Cassia** into 2nd place. **Beans** have increased again this year, with **Tundra** dramatically turning the tables on **Wizard**. **Oats** and other minor species are about the same as last year. Next year, who knows!!



Varietal Popularity Autumn 2018: These graphs show the relative popularity of the main varieties we have cleaned this Autumn (including some early cleaned spring varieties).



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