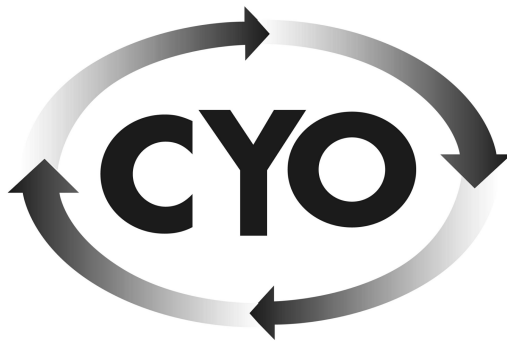


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NEWSLETTER

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Cold & Dry to Warm & Dry - When Will it

With winter over, the year is racing by and we'll be in the seed cleaning season before we know it. *The recent hot weather is up to 15°C above the average temperature for this time of year and has helped the rape grow away from the pigeons and recover from the hard winter. However, with no appreciable amounts of rain on the cards, a profound effect is being seen on all crops which are very patchy in places and have a wide range of growth stages within the same field. Sounds just like last year, so far!*

Royalties and Variety Choices. When the issue of royalty payments on FSS first raised its head over 15 years ago, Nick Downey, a founder member of C.Y.O. Seeds, together with others and a number of official European bodies, worked hard to resist the proposed 100% royalty payment that the breeders wanted to inflict on the use of FSS. Eventually an agreement was met and the royalty rate on FSS was set at a "sensibly lower" rate, **currently 50%** of full rate royalty paid by farmers buying certified seed.

This agreed royalty collection scheme in the UK is run by the BSPB Ltd (British Society of Plant Breeders). The system is acknowledged in other European countries and works very well in the UK.

However recently, a company called BIPO Ltd has set up an alternative collection scheme called R.A.C. This stands for Royalty Area Collection. It is only supported by a small number of breeders but the **royalty is set at 100% for certified seed and FSS.** Buying one of the RAC varieties is obviously the farmers choice but in doing so, they will be giving away their right to "sensibly lower" royalty rates on FSS and potentially undermining the hard work done to achieve the lower rates. This could, if the scheme were to be adopted by other breeders in the future, result in **all** FSS royalty rates being charged at a much higher level and farmers losing their European right to pay "sensibly lower" rates. The NFU doesn't think the RAC scheme is good for farmers and they have printed documents to that end.

Please think carefully about your future variety

NO Threat to FSS Rape

Some seed houses are trying to convince farmers that farm saved seed RAPE will not be allowed to be **grown or sold** under new rules. **This is clearly not true.** FEDIOL (European Crushers) have said that they **will take FSS rape** as long as it was grown (the year before) from certified seed with a glucosinolate level of 18 micromoles or less, when that variety was FIRST registered.

In plain English. You need to buy a certified bag of rape seed (for each variety you grow) every few years (1 bag should plant about 10 acres yielding 1t+ per acre). You don't have to plant the whole of the bag as ONE certified seed bag could easily and legitimately provide the seed stock for a number of years for farm saving. You'll then be fine to sell your rape & you do not have to get your seed glucosinolate tested either.

Support Your Local Contractor

Our sister company ALPHAMIX, based at North Kilworth, supplies **concrete and floor screed** to the Midlands area.

The service we offer has many advantages over drum mixers, some of which are: willingness to work into wheel barrows; can vary a mix as you want; you pay for what you have with **no part load charges.**

Please give Dave at Alphamix a call on 01858 881385 - he'll work out how much you need (if you want him to) and give you a good deal.



CEREALS 2011

15th - 16th June

The Old Rocket Site, Boothby Graffoe, Lincs.

STAND 621

We have food and drink - Come and enjoy!

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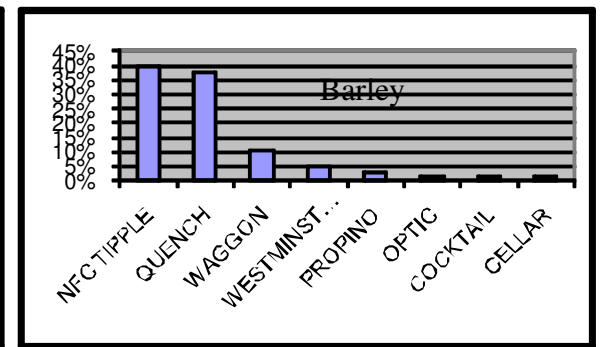
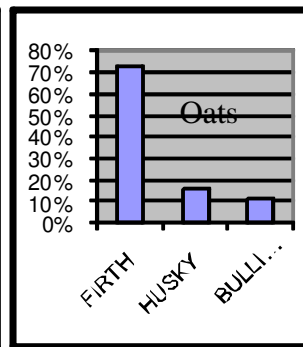
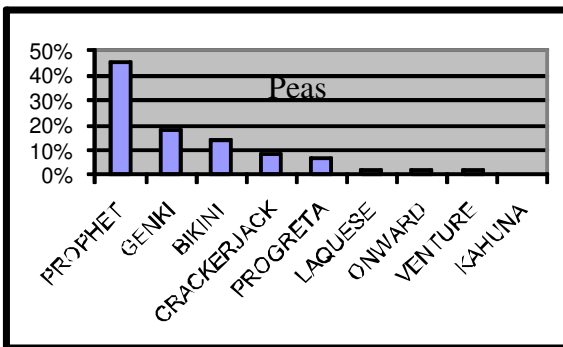
Winter Crop Reformulated

During Autumn 2010 and Spring 2011, a large number of our farmers have used our seed micro-nutrient called “Winter Crop Reformulated ” costing only 25p per kg (approx. £1.25 per ha) on rape and less than £50 per tonne (approx. £7.50 per ha) on cereals.

The feedback has been varied, but predominantly very positive. Most have had very good results with a definite improvement in the plant establishment and vigour when compared to a crop in the same field and from the same seed but without the WCR. But in fairness, a small number of farmers said that they could not see enough of a difference to comment.

From this, we took it that on balance, the benefit from this low cost input for plant establishment, vigour and plant health was well worth it. We feel that with combinable crop commodities at the prices they are now, WCR gives the plant a good start (especially in rape) and is a cheaper & effective alternative to other much more expensive products on the market.

PRE-BOOKING This will be the 9th year we've done pre-booking for August and September. If you are normally done in these two months and haven't heard from us yet don't worry, you will! Or if you want a specific date and/or time, please phone us. If you don't like pre-booking (as some don't) and you would rather just ring up when you are ready, that's fine.



These graphs represent the popularity of Spring varieties, according to the processing we have done. The graph at the bottom shows CYO's total yearly processing converted to area planted for different species.

Last years total processing was down on the year before, which can be put down to a number of reasons. These are: the extended flowering issue for OSR last Spring and bad weather at harvest meant a lot of rape seed crops hadn't been harvested in time to be used as Farm Saved Seed. The bad weather during the harvest led to farmers buying certified cereal seed because they considered that their own wasn't good enough (although some were very disappointed with the quality of the certified seed that was delivered). Spring crops didn't get enough moisture early on to produce a good enough yield so quite a lot of farmers chose not to grow beans this year.

