

EXTRA DEKALB STOCKS TO MEET SURGING DEMAND

Extra seed of the only Clearfield variety on the current Recommended List, DK Imagis CL have been secured to meet unprecedented demand from growers keen to take advantage of the increasingly appreciated management value of the imazamox-resistant trait.

Despite much greater supplies of the three standard height DEKALB varieties for the current season, European stocks of both DK Imperial CL and DK Impression CL have been completely exhausted and additional DK Imagis CL seed has had to be brought in to satisfy planting demand.

The first standard height Clearfield hybrid to be described on the RL, DK Imagis CL boasts yield and gross output ratings on a par with Recommended non-Clearfield hybrids, together with a strong agronomic package of stem strength, maturity timing and disease resistance.

DEKALB pod shatter resistance further provides valuable protection against seed losses in the run-up to and at harvesting as well as easing subsequent Clearfield volunteer pressures.

DEKALB YIELD-PROTECTING TRAITS

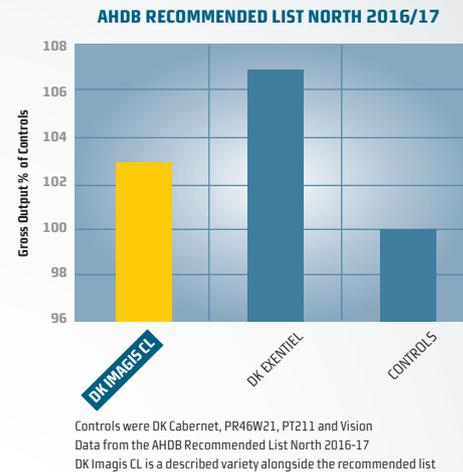
Gross Output	103%
Oil Content	44.7%
Lodging Resistance	8
Stem Stiffness	7
Pod Shatter Resistance	YES
Height	158 cm
Earliness of Flowering	5
Earliness of Maturity	5
Stem Canker Resistance	5
Light Leaf Spot Resistance	6
Autumn Development	Medium

Source: AHDB 2016-17 Recommended List (North) and Monsanto private trials

A medium speed of autumn development makes DK Imagis CL well-suited to the main mid-August to early September drilling window.

Unlike earlier Clearfield varieties, its growth and development is similar to most mainline 'double low' hybrids for the most familiar agronomy.

PERFORMANCE



FIELD EXPERIENCE

Summer 2016 research with more than 130 Clearfield growers shows over 95% of those growing DEKALB hybrids experiencing establishment as good as, if not better than, their non-CL winter rape.

At the same time, current DEKALB hybrids took three of the four top yielding places in the independent 2016 performance trials with nine CL varieties across three sites undertaken by NIAB-TAG with standard Cleranda-based management regimes.

Over the past two seasons, DEKALB Clearfield growers and their agronomists report outputs close to those of ordinary 'double low' varieties on land on which winter rape growing would have been impossible due to cruciferous weed problems.

They have also seen excellent control of a broad range of other broad-leaved weeds and non-Clearfield OSR volunteers from post-em only herbicide applications, avoiding the need for pre-em's and any risk they may pose to crop establishment under challenging conditions.

The Clearfield trait is being valued too for the insurance it provides against erucic acid contamination from cruciferous weeds as well as any crop establishment challenges from SU residues from previous wheats in non-ploughed land.



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