

Grower Favourites Confirm Farm Performance Value

In yet another on-off winter rape harvest governed by successive Atlantic weather systems, **DK Extrovert** and **DK Exalte** are underlining just why they've become such firm favourites with growers across the British Isles despite never featuring on the UK Recommended List.

At Heathcote Farms near Toddington in Bedfordshire, **DK Extrovert** has continued to hold its own alongside newer varieties, delivering 4.2 t/ha for Andrew Robinson across the best part of 300 ha.

He particularly values the variety for its ability to get away in the autumn and its all-round consistency. Unlike many in his area this season, he has harvested every acre of winter rape planted.

DK Extrovert has continued to repay Michael Denis' faith in the variety at Elms Farm near Doncaster in Yorkshire too. It averaged 4.7 t/ha from 27 ha of light ground which, unlike that carrying the similar-performing pure line he also grew, did not have the benefit of a good dressing of muck.



NIAB-TAG RESULTS

Interim results for the first four of this season's 14-variety NIAB-TAG trials harvested show all three of the DEKALB varieties included performing notably well against an encouraging 4.73t/ha four-site trial mean.

DK Exception, **DK Exclaim** and **DK Exalte** demonstrated their performance abilities with treated seed yields of 5.01t/ha (106% of the mean), 4.92t/ha (104%) and 4.82t/ha (102%) respectively.

Not to be outdone, Irish growers, Jonny Greene and Darragh Cleary are equally well-pleased with their **DK Extrovert**. Both farming in County Kildare, they brought in 4.8 t/ha and 5t/ha respectively from well over 200 ha of the variety.

DK Exalte Delivery

Meanwhile, at Campney Grange Farm near Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire, Henry Moreton has been enjoying one of his best OSR harvests at just over 4t/ha against a normal expectation of little more than 3t/ha from his light land.

Despite being grown on drought-prone ground, his 30 ha of **DK Exalte** never looked stressed at any time in the season and its pod shatter resistance gave him the confidence to delay desiccation for the greatest pod fill. What's more, it combined as easily as his wheat, leaving no seed on the ground either before or after harvesting.

Also delighted with the **DK Exalte** they grew for the first time this year are Rotherfield Farms near Alton in Hampshire.

On 55ha of min-tilled flinty ground over chalk which normally delivers 3t/ha if they're lucky, the estate team averaged 4.2t/ha from a crop that looked far better than the pure

line grown alongside it the whole season. The **DK Exalte** also showed markedly better pod strength and lost little, if any, seed even after a noticeable weather-battering. Unsurprisingly, it will comprise all 120 ha of the estate's winter rape crop for the coming season.

DK Exalte did even better at Bincombe near Weymouth in Dorset (pictured). The first 40 ha Iain Robertson harvested left him well-pleased with an average of 4.5 t/ha and the yield monitor hitting 6.5t/ha in places.

Also averaging a good 4.5t/ha over their 20ha of **DK Exalte** at Crediton in Devon were James and Jonathan Lee.



LATEST FARM TRIALS

LEICESTERSHIRE

DK Expedient tops 11-variety strip trial at 5.09 t/ha.

YORKSHIRE

DK Exalte, **DK Expedient**, **DK Expansion** & **DK Exception** average well over 5t/ha in 12-variety strip trial.

SHROPSHIRE

DK Exception & **DK Expansion** both exceed 6t/ha and **DK Exalte** and **DK Expedient** do over 5.5t/ha in 11-variety strip trial

DORSET

DK Exclaim, **DK Expansion** & **DK Exception** do over 4.7t/ha to out-yield the East/West RL leader in 22-variety farm trial.

YORKSHIRE

DK Imperial CL shines at over 4.7 t/ha in specialist on-farm Clearfield variety trial.

SOMERSET

DK Platinum keeps up with the highest yielding varieties at well over 5t/ha in Agrii iFarm trial.



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