



## VARIETY CHOICE IN SPRING OIL CROPS FOR 2021

NIAB TAG's analysis of varieties for maximising yield and spreading risks based on published ratings and personal observations. Refer to AHDB Descriptive Lists for full datasets.

### SPRING OILSEED RAPE

Standing ability tends not to be problematic in spring oilseed rape but maturity becomes increasingly important in northern areas. All the listed varieties are now restored hybrids.

*Established performance – four years of data*

#### Lagonda • [112]

Yielded very well in 2017/18 and was still above 100 in 2019. Not very early maturing but a solid yield performer.

#### Lumen • [105]

A tried and tested variety of several years with a solid yield performance. Shorter stem than most with early maturity.

#### Lexus • [103]

Another solid performer but quite late maturing.

*New varieties to watch*

#### Performer • [113]

Limited data on this variety, but performed exceptionally in 2017 and 2018 with very high oil content although fairly late maturing.

### LINSEED

There are now 11 varieties on the AHDB Descriptive List that are performing at a level of 100% of the controls or higher. A small number are summarised below. Early maturity is critical in all but the most favoured linseed growing areas of the south and east. No lodging has been seen in recent years.

#### Juliet • 112

Good consistent yields over many years. Good oil content but fairly late maturing.

#### Bingo • 109

Another strong performer over several years. Slightly shorter than many but a bit late maturing.

#### Bowler • 105

Shorter variety and earlier maturing than many.

#### Galaad • 96

Not the highest yielding but mentioned as it is very short and early maturing.

*Up and coming new varieties*

#### Bliss • [113]

Limited data but showing good yield and slightly earlier maturing than some.