

2010

Compass

Winter oilseed rape

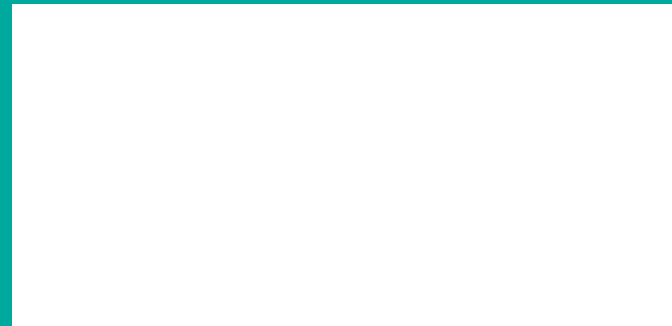
Harvest Period

The temptation to desiccate /swath early must be avoided otherwise full oil content of the seed will not be achieved. The crop will be ready when 90% of the seed in the mid-third of pods on the main stem are red to dark brown.

Pack Size

Compass is supplied in unit packs containing 1.5 million germinating seeds. Sown over 3ha this will give 50 germinating seeds per m². Sowing rates should be adjusted based on TGW and germination.

Available from



Data from the HGCA Recommended List database, full data at www.hgca.com

On the 1-9 scales, high figures indicate that a variety shows the character to a high degree.

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- Very high oil content
- Impressive gross output
- Wide range of sowing dates
- Outstanding autumn and spring vigour



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"So far I am very pleased with the aggressive growth which Compass has shown since drilling in August. I decided to grow Compass this year as I knew it was a very high yielding variety, a step on from Excalibur. I have been growing hybrid oilseed rape varieties for 5 years now. I feel they offer better establishment, a result of vigorous growth in the autumn, alongside a clear yield advantage."

Robert Read,
Robert Read Farms,
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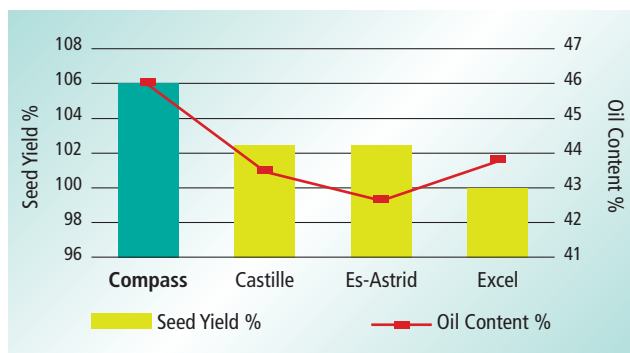
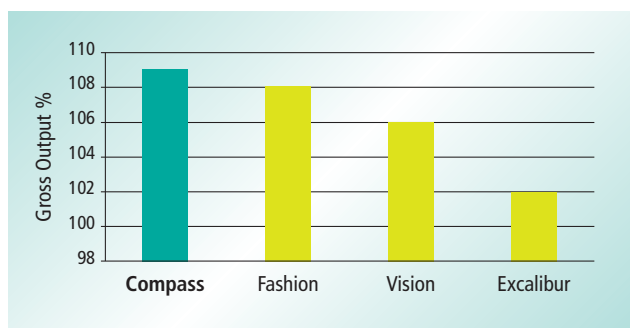
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Summary

Compass is a very high yielding restored hybrid winter oilseed rape. It is currently in trial for consideration as an addition to the new recommended lists 2011/2012.

Gross Output

- Very high gross output (109%), outperforming the majority of varieties on the recommended list.
- Very high oil content (46.1%) and treated seed yield (106%).



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- Compass is ideal for growing throughout the UK.
- Compass is one of the few varieties that gives excellent performance in both East and West and North trials making it reliable across a variety of climates and conditions.

Agronomy

- Very fast autumn development
- The extensive root system associated with hybrid varieties helps the plant reach vital nutrients.
- Compass' canopy helps prevent daylight hitting the soil thus reducing the risk of late weed flush.
- Compass is medium flowering (6) with a maturity date (5) that coincides with the main crop OSR harvest.
- Compass begins flowering after the greatest threat of frost damage has passed and is fully ripe without any delay to harvest date.

Disease Resistance

- Above average resistance to light leaf spot which is becoming a serious problem throughout the UK and it is in the pack for stem canker resistance.

Straw Characteristics

- Compass has excellent straw characteristics
- A relatively short, stiff variety, especially when treated with a PGR as part of a normal spray programme.
- It has the highest score for stem stiffness (9) and an above average score for resistance to lodging (8).

	Compass	Fashion	Vision	Excalibur
Stem Stiffness	9	8	7	7
Resistance to Lodging	8	8	8	7

Drilling Dates

- Compass is a very fast developing variety
- It can be sown across a wide range of dates

Compass should be drilled according to target seed numbers (seeds per square metre) not by seed weight.