

## 2012/13 – East and West Regions

# 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 m<sup>2</sup>. Sowing rates should be adjusted based on TGW and germination.



#### Keith Wells – Southfields Farm, North Humberside

"Compass is by far the best looking crop on the farm. It established very vigorously producing good, strong plants. I decided to grow Compass because of its high HGCA scores for yield in the North. I have already put in an order for next year with my merchant."

#### James Baxter – Valley Farm, Wellsborough

"I'm extremely pleased with the speed of growth and emergence Compass has expressed compared with the other varieties I am growing. Its vigorous establishment meant that pigeon attacks were limited as they had nowhere to land. It is the second year that I am growing Compass as it performed so well last year."

#### Andrew Trivett – Boutlbees Farm, Wigton Hill

"I am now growing Compass for the second year as it did really well this harvest."

#### Robert Mair – Manor Farm, March

"This is the first year that I have grown Compass. It has emerged well, with strong healthy plants and so far has been clean from disease. I generally grow hybrids as they give me flexibility in my sowing window and they allow me to plant in more ideal drilling conditions."

#### J Sowray and Sons – Huberton, York

"The pigeons, so far, have shown very little interest in Compass. All my other fields seem to be littered with them but they seem to be keeping off the Compass for some reason."

#### Ed Matthews – Eaurbrink Farm, Tilney

"It's the second year that we have grown a considerable acreage of Compass. We mainly grow hybrids as the farm is situated on some heavy land and we prefer to use low seed rates, so hybrids are the best option. We have planted the Compass in some very difficult conditions this year, because it established and performed so well last year."

#### Data from the HGCA Recommended List database, full data at [www.hgca.com](http://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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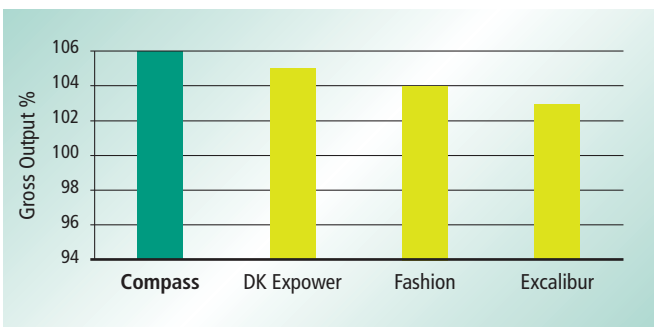
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## Summary

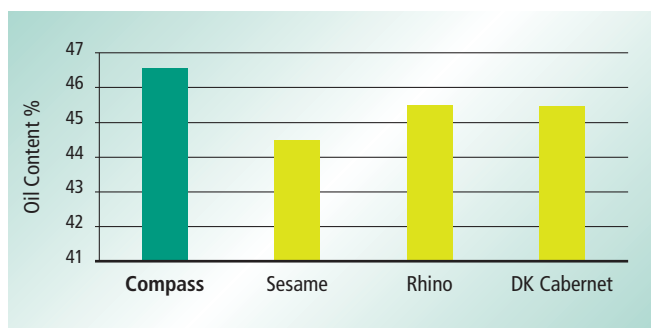
Compass was added to the new HGCA Recommended List 2011/2012 (East and West and North regions) in December. Compass is a very high yielding restored hybrid winter oilseed rape.

## Gross Output - East and West Regions

- Very high gross output (East and West regions 106%), outperforming the majority of varieties on the Recommended List.
- The highest score for oil content (46.7%) and very high treated seed yield (103%)
- Its consistent high on farm yields is what sets this variety apart from others on the list



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## Ideal for growing throughout the UK

- 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 range of climates and conditions.

## Autumn Vigour

- Compass is well known for its fast autumn establishment.

## Disease Resistance

- Compass has good resistance to light leaf spot (6.2%) which is becoming a serious problem throughout the majority of the UK and it is in the pack for resistance to stem canker.

## 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.

## Straw Characteristics

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

## 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.