

Spring Oilseed Rape

Variety Guide 2026



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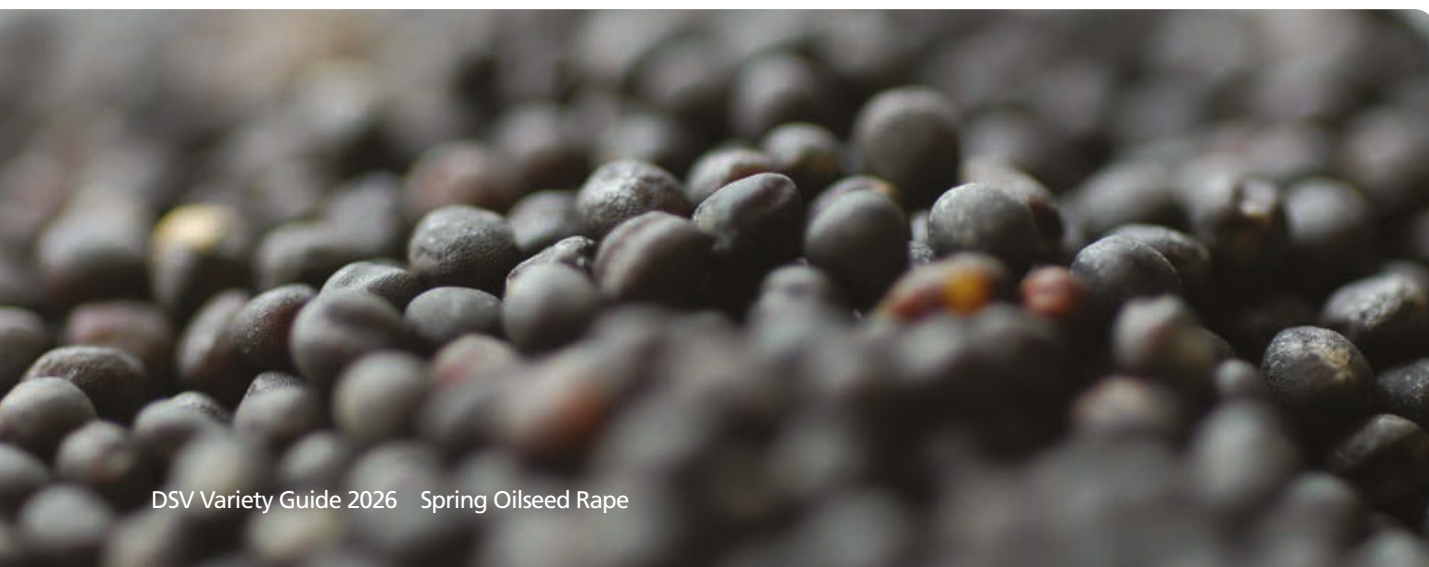
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Spring oilseed rape crops deliver excellent gross margin opportunities allowing flexibility in the rotation following a late harvest – which often means poor weather conditions and, in general, allows growers an excellent opportunity to sort out pernicious weed problems, such as black-grass, while fields lie fallow through the winter. This is a key benefit compared to winter oilseed rape crops, which offer few cultural control measures to reduce grass weed numbers and rely heavily on agrochemistry.

Drilling spring oilseed rape at the end of March/early April means less pressure is put on both man and machine. Spring oilseed rape generally only requires around 150 days to grow; therefore, phoma isn't a problem due to its short vegetative stage and specific temperature requirements. The occurrence of fungal diseases is much less than in winter rape, so disease control is rarely necessary. However, although DSV Spring varieties demonstrate strong disease protection, it is possible a Sclerotinia spray may be required.

| | | | Yield | | Seed Quality | Agronomic Characteristics | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Variety | Status | Gross Output (%) | Seed Yield (%) | Oil Content (%) | Spring Vigour | Shortness of Stem | Earliness of Flowering | Earliness to Maturity |
| Hybrid | LAKRITZ | AHDB Descriptive List 2026 | [103] | [103] | [42.8] | High | 7 | 7 | [5] |
| | LUMEN | AHDB Descriptive List 2026 | [98] | [97] | [43.7] | High | 6 | 7 | [5] |
| Clearfield® | CRAZY CL | AHDB Descriptive List 2026 | [103] | [103] | [43.5] | Very High | [7] | [7] | [5] |
| | CONTRA CL | AHDB Descriptive List 2026 | [92] | [91] | [43.2] | High | 6 | 7 | [5] |
| | CLICK CL | DSV Internal Trials 2025 | [92] | [92] | [42.3] | High | 6 | [5] | [7] |



LAKRITZ

Spring Oilseed Rape



Status: AHDB Descriptive List 2026

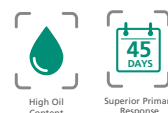
DSV are thrilled that LAKRITZ is now the joint highest yielding variety on the spring oilseed rape Descriptive List. This will be the fourth year that LAKRITZ will be grown on UK farms and it is looking to be a promising variety for 2026. This variety boasts a high Oil Content [42.8]% which is supplemented by a very high Seed Yield [103]%, which makes it a reliable choice for farmers to ensure strong returns post-harvest. LAKRITZ's agronomic features include early Flowering 7, a medium Maturity rate [5] and the variety also demonstrates good shortness of stem 7, which are all essential features to consider when selecting a suitable variety to grow on farm.

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| Gross Output | [103]% |
| Seed Yield | [103]% |
| Oil Content | [42.8]% |
| Shortness of Stem | 7 |
| Flowering | 7 |
| Maturity | [5] |

Data Source:
AHDB Descriptive List 2026

LUMEN

Spring Oilseed Rape



Status: AHDB Descriptive List 2026

LUMEN is one of the top performing varieties on the new Descriptive List. It offers high Gross Output [98]% ensuring maximum return for growers.

LUMEN is one of the most popular spring rape varieties in the UK. Over the last four years it has taken a significant market share across the UK becoming one of the most popular varieties, producing some impressive yields, for many who were new to growing spring oilseed rape.

LUMEN has a high Seed Yield of [97]% combined with a high Oil Content of [43.7]% but by far its strongest asset is its early vigour in the spring, quickly establishing a strong rooting system and early leaf set helping to ensure maximum plant survival against potential flea beetle attack. Medium Maturity [5] is also an attractive feature for growers hoping to get the crop harvested before a change in weather conditions. LUMEN is relatively short (138cm) with excellent stem characteristics.

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| Gross Output | [98]% |
| Seed Yield | [97]% |
| Oil Content | [43.7]% |
| Shortness of Stem | 6 |
| Flowering | 7 |
| Maturity | [5] |

Data Source:
AHDB Descriptive List 2026





Clearfield® Oilseed Rape



The Clearfield® Production System was designed as a risk management tool for oilseed rape that combines hybrid seed varieties and high quality BASF herbicides to combat many of the key issues OSR growers face.

The system allows you to adopt a 'wait and see' approach. The post emergence timings for the Clearfield® product range (Cleravo®) allow you to wait and see if you have a healthy established crop before applying your herbicide programme, enabling you to manage establishment risk.

Crucially, Clearfield® is highly effective at controlling those difficult weeds shown to contain erucic acid such as charlock, runch and hedge mustard, as well as volunteer OSR, allowing you to remove a potential source of erucic acid contamination from your crop.

What's more, these varieties are strong establishing and offer a rapid start. They're tolerant of sulfonylurea (SU) soil residues, which may be present where SU herbicides were used in previous cereal crops. This enables them to get away quicker and achieve a high vigour, a key factor in helping defend against difficult autumn issues e.g. dry seedbed and flea beetle attack.

Note: Clearfield® herbicides should only be applied to Clearfield® varieties. Any Clearfield® volunteers in the following crop should be controlled with non-ALS herbicides.

CRAZY CL

Clearfield® Spring Oilseed Rape



Status: AHDB Descriptive List 2026

CRAZY CL sets a new benchmark in hybrid oilseed rape, delivering the joint highest Gross Output and Seed Yield on the AHDB Descriptive List for spring oilseed rape with an impressive score of 103. As the first variety in the UK to combine clubroot protection with Clearfield® herbicide tolerance, it offers a unique dual solution for growers battling clubroot and brassica weed pressure or either. This groundbreaking variety ensures strong performance where it's needed most, offering not only robust agronomic traits but also a powerful tool for spring weed control in Clearfield® cropping systems.

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|-------------------|---------|
| Gross Output | [103]% |
| Seed Yield | [103]% |
| Oil Content | [43.5]% |
| Shortness of Stem | [7] |
| Flowering | [7] |
| Maturity | [5] |

Data Source:
AHDB Descriptive List 2026



CONTRA CL

Clearfield® Spring Oilseed Rape

Status: AHDB Descriptive List 2026

CONTRA CL was last year's highest yielding Clearfield® variety available with the herbicide tolerance enabling it to be used to control brassica weeds in the spring.

CONTRA CL has a good Yield and Oil Content. It has a relatively short stem and has a medium Maturity score.

DSV UK have had lots of feedback from growers who have received great results from CONTRA CL.



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| Gross Output | [92]% |
| Seed Yield | [91]% |
| Oil Content | [43.2]% |
| Shortness of Stem | 6 |
| Flowering | 7 |
| Maturity | [5] |

Data Source:
AHDB Descriptive List 2026

CLICK CL

Clearfield® Spring Oilseed Rape

Status: DSV Internal Trials 2025

CLICK CL is a hybrid spring rape variety which produces good Yields on farm coupled with strong Youth Development in the spring. It is a new generation hybrid with Clearfield® herbicide tolerance which can be used to help control brassica weeds in the spring.

CLICK CL has produced some very good Oil Content in trials throughout Europe. It is already commercially available in Germany and widely across Europe. CLICK CL has a medium Flowering and early Maturity score [7] as well as a good Resistance to Lodging score.



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|-------------------|---------|
| Gross Output | [92]% |
| Seed Yield | [92]% |
| Oil Content | [42.3]% |
| Shortness of Stem | 6 |
| Flowering | [5] |
| Maturity | [7] |

Data Source:
DSV Internal Trials 2025

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