

UK SEED TRADE 2017

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UK Seed Certification from Harvest 2016

('000 tonnes)

Crop	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Total
Wheat	157	8	165
Barley	39 (8 Hybrids)	52	91
Oats	6	4	10
Other Cereals	3	1	4
Field Beans	5	11	16
Protein Peas	-	7	7
Oilseed Rape	1(+ imports)	-	1
(Herbage	-	-	3)

Variety Introduction

Year	Stage	Number of Varieties (Wheat)
1 and 2	National List / PBR	50 - 60 entries per year
3	Recommended List Candidates	12 selected
4 +	Recommended	4 selected
5+	2%+ Market Share	2 successful



Wheat Quality Groups

		Market Share
Group 1	Full Breadmaking potential	23%
Group 2	Some Breadmaking uses	16%
Group 3	Soft varieties for Biscuits	5%
Group 4	Other varieties mainly for Feed use	56%

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Breeders	7
	of which two are UK owned
Wholesale Processors	5
Retail Processor Merchants	
Over 10,000 tonnes	8
Under 10,000 tonnes	30
Retail Sales Merchants	100
Growers	30,000
	of which 12,000 are 25 hect +

Types of Treatment - % Cereals

	Wheat	Barley
“Single Purpose” Fungicide	95	98
Broad Spectrum Fungicide	None approved since 2016	
Take All	10	2
Aphid/BYDV	45	50
Wheat Bulb Fly	5	1
Micro Nutrients (eg Manganese)	3	1

Major Issues for UK Seed Industry

- BREXIT
- Seed Treatment Availability
- Recommended List Knowledge Exchange
- Farm Saved Seed Royalty Evasion
- Agri Food R & D Investment

Future Challenges for Seed Industry

- Post BREXIT
- Biological Seed Treatment Products
- New Breeding Technologies
- Precision Farming
- New Entrants and New skills

Thank You

The Seed Industry has an exciting future.

If you are a under 40 now is your time!