



## Cope Seeds Spring 2012 Organic Seed Newsletter 10 Year Anniversary Special

# Organic Oats

## Prove Crop of the Year



Organic Vok Grown in Lincolnshire Harvest 2011



Organic Rozmar Grown in Lincolnshire Harvest 2011

Here at Cope Seeds we have always prided ourselves on our relationships with UK and Continental breeders. It's this relationship that has ensured varieties suited to the UK organic farmer have become available in the market.

We have an excellent choice of Oat varieties available. Firth is the current market leader and has been around for a number of years. Proven and still has a strong following.

However our two alternative varieties ROZMAR and VOK are both higher yielding than Firth. Bred by the same breeder as Atego, ROZMAR is an outstanding variety with a number of improvements.

Added to the HGCA Recommended list 2011, ROZMAR offers early

maturity, good mildew and excellent Crown Rust resistance.

ROZMAR has been the MOST CONSISTENT & RELIABLE yielding variety over the last 5 years of Official UK trials.

During this period the yield variation year to year of ROZMAR has only ever been 1%. All other recommended list varieties show a greater variation with one leading variety showing as much as 16% variation. This highlights the reliability and consistency of ROZMAR making it an extremely safe variety to grow.

VOK has been performing extremely well on farm from the South of England to the north of Scotland, producing clean, bright samples with superb kernel weight and quality.

VOK has gained an enviable position with the miller because of its grain quality and de hulling ability.

The industry standard for the process of de hulling oats at the mill is 50 – 55% but VOK has been achieving levels of up to 70%. When handling large volumes of grain this is a significant saving to the end user.

For farmers looking to produce their own NAKED OATS for on farm use, we can offer Untreated C1 SAUL. A derogation will be required but should be easily granted.

“ Oats are a fairly easy crop to grow organically and with attractive premiums for milling being offered, oats look to continue being the favoured choice. ”

# Spring Wheat Choices



Options for growing spring wheat remain similar to last year with 3 varieties dominating the market; Amaretto, Tybalt & Paragon.

Homes for Spring wheat include Feed Grain, Potential Bread-Making and Whole-Crop and the variety which is best suited depends largely on the home you as a grower wish to pursue.

In our opinion all three varieties available Amaretto, Paragon or Tybalt would be suitable for wholecrop production with a slight leaning towards favouring Paragon and Amaretto due to their taller straw with superb standing and disease resistance and higher protein.

For out and out grain yield we suggest that Tybalt and Amaretto should be your choice as they both outperform Paragon.

According to trials, Amaretto produces the best grain sample of all the spring wheat varieties in terms of Bushel Weight and Low Screenings along with extremely consistent high Hagberg falling numbers with high protein levels. It also suffers LESS from ERGOT contamination than other varieties. We put these attributes down to Amaretto being more of a genuine Spring Wheat than the others.

Whilst for 2012 the choice of spring wheat remains similar to years gone by, there will be new options available for Spring 2013. New varieties to keep on eye out for are; MULIKA and DAFNE.

Mulika was added to the HGCA Recommended List 2011/2012 as an alternative Spring wheat suitable for late autumn and spring sowing. With bread making potential, a good disease profile and a yield advantage over Paragon, it is sure to be one to look out for.

Dafne is a new variety added to this year's Official HGCA Late Autumn & Spring Wheat Trials. Already causing strong interest in a number of European countries where it is topping yield trials in Denmark, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and producing grain with very good breadmaking quality.

Early milling and baking tests with the UK's leading bakers has shown DAFNE produces excellent loaves.

Due to this combination of YIELD and QUALITY we are fast tracking the seed production of DAFNE by multiplying both Basic for C1 and C1 for C2 seed this spring.

If you are interested in trying DAFNE this year and could grow for seed, please contact us.

C2 seed will be available for Spring 2013.

## FUEGO vs FURY

### Spring Bean...

FUEGO is an exceptionally high yielding spring bean with a pale skin and pale hilum.

Agronomically Fuego is sound, combining very good standing power with early maturity and good downy mildew resistance. Fuego has excellent quality, producing grain with a high thousand grain weight and a bold grain.

Fuego has been the leading spring bean for several years however Fury is now available and offers the grower a slight yield advantage over Fuego.

Fury offers similar agronomic characteristics to Fuego, with early maturity and better resistance to downy mildew. This combined with a yield advantage will ensure Fury becomes a popular variety.



# Barley

## for Every Occassion



In our opinion the most outstanding spring barley for the organic farmer looking for high yields of big bold grain with high bushel weight with the added value of very high straw yields is ARMADA.

Now in its fourth year Armada has impressed with growers from Aberdeen down to the South of Cornwall. With its outstanding disease resistance ARMADA offers everything the organic farmer is looking for in a barley.

It has been described as 'Idiot Proof' by Organic Farmer Tim Sellars. Please view our DVD or website to learn of other organic farmers experiences with ARMADA. Westminster was originally marketed as a malting barley with

high yields. In recent years it has lost some of its malting market to other varieties but still remains a favourite with growers where its combination of grain yield, disease resistance and straw characters have proven popular.

PROPINO was a new variety added to the 2010 Recommended List where it offers the highest Treated and Untreated Yields along with outstanding malting quality. It has Excellent Rhynchosporium and very good Mildew resistance and early to mature. A variety that looks set to make a major impact in the conventional sector.

Its yield ability is without question but where the organic farmer is looking for straw for straw yields

sake or straw length to keep the crop above competing weeds it may not be the right choice. Though taller than Quench they are both quite a bit shorter than Westminster and Armada.

If you have clean land PROPINO is worth a look.



## PROPHET:

### Still the Leading Pea Variety

**PROPHET** is still the most popular pea variety in the market. **PROPHET** is a large blue field pea with a very high yield potential, added to the PGRO Recommended List in 2007. We have now SOLD OUT of our Organic stock. However we will have untreated C2 Prophet to offer once derogations are granted.



## Somtri Triticale

### is Still the Variety of Choice

Bred by German Plant Breeding Company Schweiger, SOMTRI (Translated Summer Tree) was put into TAG UK Spring Triticale Trials. The results were very promising, yielding 12% above TRIMOUR, 7% above LE- GALO and 23% above NILEX.

The variety was again put into 2008 TAG Spring Triticale Trials. Once again SOMTRI performed extremely well, coming TOP of the eight variety trial.

SOMTRI is adaptable to all soil types. It has excellent disease resistance, especially against septoria, low susceptibility to ergot and the best standing power available.

SOMTRI is proven in both UK Trials and on farm commercially.

An outstanding variety and a Safe and reliable choice.

John Yates of Shaws Cereals stated Somtri was the best organic crop grown on his farm in 2011. This is evidence of Somtri's quality and ability to perform especially in a year the country was riddled with drought.

Please view our website for an organic farmers opinion on the variety.

#### TAG 2008 Triticale Trials

	%of site mean
<b>SOMTRI</b>	<b>116</b>
Trimour	111
Bienvenu	108
Nilex	96
Dublet	96
CHD 492/02	95
Legalo	91
Noe	88

# Cope Seeds Company Update

## Introducing Baby Freddie Arthur...

I was extremely blessed to have a baby boy named Freddie Arthur, born 30th October, weighing 6lb 10. Freddie is my first child and Trevor's first grandchild.

He is a little character and even though my husband and I are kept

awake during the night, we couldn't be happier.

Thank you to everyone for your best wishes

*Gemma*



## Cope Seeds celebrates its 10 Year Anniversary with a Seed Give Away worth over £1500,...



To celebrate 10 years of trading, Cope Seeds will be giving away seed worth over £1500 in a Spring Seed Draw. To qualify for the draw you must place a minimum 1.000t order of either Organic Armada, Amaretto, Rozmar, Vok or Somtri Spring Seed by 30th March 2012. The draw will take place on 31st March 2012 and the winners will be notified by telephone.

### 1st Prize

1.500t of Organic Spring Seed

### 2nd Prize

1.000t of Organic Spring Seed

### 3rd Prize

.500t of Organic Spring Seed

Look out for the winners of the draw in our Autumn 2012 Newsletter

Terms and conditions of our draw can be provided upon request.

## New Member of the Team

We are pleased to announce that from January, Simon Travers will be joining Cope Seeds to help develop their small seeds and grass business. Simon has over 37 years of experience in the industry and started his career at Charles Sharpe and Co. Ltd in 1974 (taking over as Office Boy from a certain Mr Trevor Cope). Simon then moved into Grass Seed sales in 1979 and moved up to Senior Trader, Agricultural Grass before leaving what by then was Sharpes International Seeds in 1996.

Simon moved to Perryfield Seeds as Agricultural Grass Sales Coordinator for 2 years before returning to Lincolnshire to work as Grass Seeds Manager and later Contracts Manager for British Seed Houses Ltd, Lincoln Unit. Simon has spent the last 5 years with Hurrell and McLean Seeds as a Seeds Specialist.

If you would like to discuss your small seed or grass requirements with Simon please call the office or email Simon on [simon@copeseeds.co.uk](mailto:simon@copeseeds.co.uk)

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