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Evelina – Spring Feed Barley

The versatile, low input variety

Evelina spring barley offers both strong untreated and treated grain yields, as well as high yielding straw for bedding or forage.

This variety is prevalent with livestock farmers looking for a robust versatile crop, however, it's also a popular variety for arable farmers, due to its strong yields, high feed quality and ability to supress weeds.

Bred by Austrian plant breeder Edelhoff, on-farm performance suggests that Evelina is on par or even in some situations out performing market leading varieties.

Trial results

Consistently, Evelina has been head and shoulders above the rest in terms of height in trials, with good standing ability.

Crop Height

Variety	Height (cm)
EVELINA	85
KWS Irina	74.2
Propino	70

(Agrii Spring Barley Trials)

Specific Weight

Variety	Specific Weight (kh/gl)
EVELINA	65
KWS Irina	61.8
Propino	62

(Agrii Spring Barley Trials)

- Outstanding disease resistance
- High yielding in both straw and grain
- → Vigorous development
- → Early to mature allowing for risk mitigation
- Good grain quality with high protein levels
- → Tall straw with excellent weed suppression



"I was very happy with my Evelina, I grew both Evelina & Westminster and my Evelina out-yielded the Westminster. The straw yield from Evelina was also greater, and was 7-10 days earlier too which is another benefit. The Evelina was 6 inches taller and I was worried it would go down, but it stood well. I didn't use as much fertiliser on the Evelina as I did on the Westminster as I didn't want to push it too hard. I didn't notice any disease pressures in the Evelina and I would certainly grow it again."

George Williams, Wales

Maturity

Variety	Maturity (1-9)
EVELINA	8
KWS Irina	6
Propino	6

(April Spring Barley Trials) 1 = Ear green 9 = Ear fully ripe

With our summers becoming more unpredictable, having a variety that is quick to mature, can be one of many ways to mitigate the risks at harvest as well as freeing up land for the following years cropping. Evelina is extremely early to mature and is the ideal variety for such situations.

Hampshire arable farmer, Richard Monk has been growing Evelina for three years running with positive results.

"Overall it's an easy to grow and a tidy feed variety to go into ration mixes. It combines well and produces a good-looking grain with a decent specific weight as well as a good straw crop."

Richard Monk, Hampshire

"A great variety, early spring growth, lots of straw and better yields than Armada. If I grew it again I would cut the seed rate as it tillered well."

Paul Badcock, Cornwall

Tips for growing a good crop of Evelina

- Evelina demonstrates good tillering characteristics which presents the opportunity for lower seed rates.
- → Sowing rates early drilling 250 to 300 seeds/m2 later drilling 300 to 360 seeds/m2.
- → Can be drilled from February to late April
- Due to its natural height potential we advise under intensive farming practices and in highly fertile situations a growth regulator should be used.
- Evelina is suited to both maritime and dry areas.



