

Are you using Cruiser SB treated sugar beet seed this year?

If so, here's a reminder of the strict restrictions in the Cruiser SB stewardship programme for the 2022/23 season, as these may affect wider crop rotations and planning for autumn-sown crops

	Non-restricted	Restricted
Rules	No restrictions following Sugar Beet	A minimum of 32 months from drilling of Sugar Beet
Crops	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wheat (including Durum Wheat) 2. Barley 3. Millet 4. Sorghum 5. Oat 6. Maize / Corn 7. Rye 8. Triticale 9. Canary seed 10. Spelt 11. Potato 12. Cabbage 13. Kale 14. Swede 15. Lettuce / Babyleaf / Spinach 16. Onions 17. Leeks 18. Carrots 19. Parsnips 20. Cauliflower 21. Broccoli 22. Turnip 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. Oilseed Rape 24. Linseed 25. Mustard 26. Soya Bean 27. Pea 28. Bean 29. Buckwheat 30. Clover 31. Phacelia 32. Chicory 33. Radish 34. Vetch 35. False Flax 36. Lucerne 37. Sunflower 38. Borage 39. Sainfoin 40. Nyger 41. Lupins

Any crop excluded from this table should be considered as 'restricted' i.e., a minimum of 32 months from drilling of sugar beet.

The 32-month restriction applies to those agri-environment options that allow flowers to grow or appear on the same ground on which Cruiser SB treated seed was sown in 2022

Cover crops (including mixes) must also follow the 32-month restrictions

Fodder, energy, and red beet are not included as part of the derogation to ensure the 'controlled and limited' element of the Emergency Authorisation.

IMPORTANT

There must be no further use of thiamethoxam seed treatments (including any re-drilling of treated sugar beet if crop lost due to wind blow or capping) on the same field area for 46 months from the date of sowing treated sugar beet seed in 2022.

This is to minimise the risk of any residues being acquired by succeeding bee-attractive crops or weeds and hence exposing bees and/or other pollinators to the neonicotinoid seed treatment.

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