

# **KERB** the flow

Lets talk Oilseed Rape IPM: Seed, Site and Sprays E. BARDSLEY JULY 2021

## **Product Stewardship is...**

the responsible management of a product from its inception and development through to its use and lifecycle







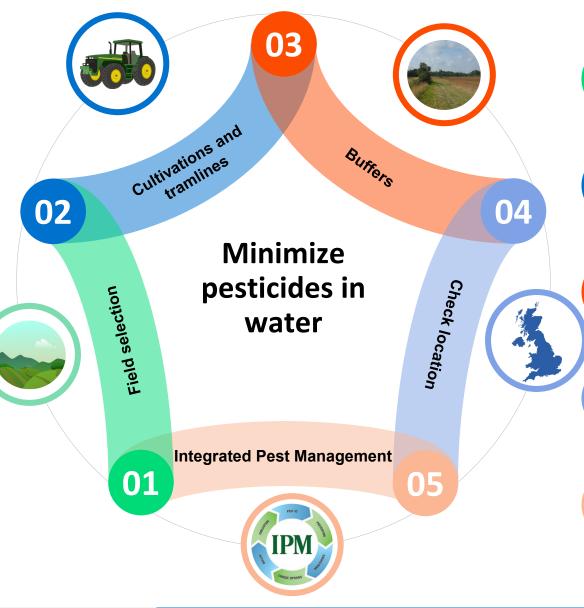
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### **OSR herbicides? Think water**

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Aim to grow OSR on a low-risk field (e.g. doesn't slope to a watercourse, less susceptible to run-off or further away from a water course).

Consider <u>appropriate establishment</u>, direction of working travel, soil type and topography. Lay out <u>tramlines</u> so that they do not provide a direct route for water to leave the field. Disturb the surface compaction in the tramlines if possible.

Buffer zones next to watercourses reduce run-off and soil particles that may contain pesticides reaching watercourses. VI recommends a 6 m buffer along watercourses if possible. Wider buffers are advisable in particularly vulnerable areas.

Use the Environment Agency's WIYBY Drinking Water Safeguard Zones Website to check if planned OSR fields are in a Drinking Water Safeguard Zone. Avoid growing rape, if it requires herbicides likely to move to water, in these areas, particularly if they are high-risk fields.

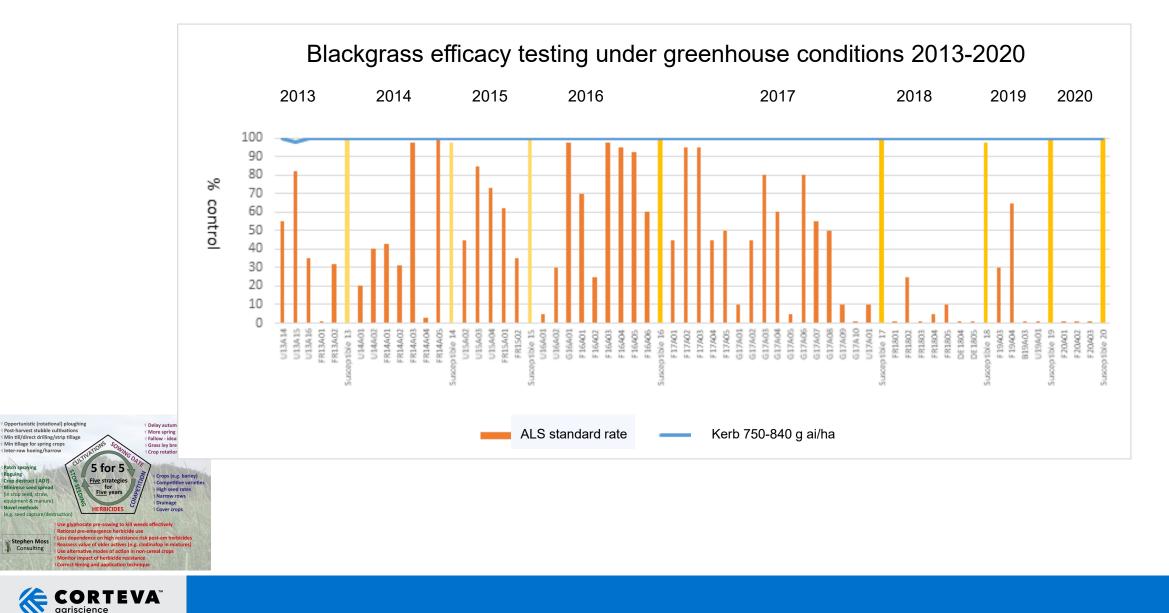


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Use pesticides only when necessary. Consider cultural methods (e.g. <u>cultivations</u>, drilling dates, crop monitoring). Make sure you are utilizing herbicides less likely to move to water where there is a risk. Use the right product for the job and at the right timing.



### **IPM: Resistance management**



#### easyconnect

Easyconnect is a closed transfer system with 2 components:

a **unique screw cap** – pre-fitted on liquid product containers

a coupler - fitted to sprayer or stand alone

Together they establish the CTS, transferring liquid direct from container into the spray tank .

- It reduces operator exposure and environmental risks from splashing or spilling.
- Compatible with standard recycling schemes easyconnect is a Closed Transfer System (CTS) that makes filling sprayers faster, easier and safer than conventional methods.

