

Recommended Lists review questionnaire

This questionnaire is part of a major review of the Recommended Lists for cereals and oilseeds (RL). **It was open until 17 February 2023.** The initial results, due in spring, will inform the next review phase, which will plan and cost the actions required to improve the RL over the short, medium, and long term.

You can also complete this questionnaire online: ahdb.org.uk/rl-review

1. About you

To understand your requirements better, we need a few basic details about you.

Please do not use this form to provide personal data, such as your name or telephone number.

1a. What is your primary role?

Farmer		Agonomist		Grain trader	
Plant breeder/breeder's agent		Maltster		Miller	
Other grain processor		Seed specialist/merchant		Researcher	
Other (please state)					

1b. In which region are you based?

Scotland		Wales		Northern Ireland	
England – North East		England – North West		England – West Midlands	
England – East Midlands		England – East Anglia		England – South East	
England – South West					

1c. What is your primary crop and market of interest?

Responses in sections 2–5 should relate to your stated crop and market. You may also complete additional hard copy questionnaires for other crops and markets. If your answers relate to a secondary crop and market, tick here:

Crop	Intended market (milling/malting/distilling/feed/export/other)
Wheat	
Barley	
Oats	
Oilseed rape	

Crop	Intended market (milling/malting/distilling/feed/export/other)
Rye	
Triticale	
Linseed	

2. When you select a variety, how important are the following features?

Please rate on a 1–5 scale, where 1 is of low and 5 is of high importance.

Feature	1	2	3	4	5
Agronomic features, such as resistance to lodging					
Crop architecture (for weed competition)					
Disease and pest resistance					
Genetics (parents of variety)					
Grain/seed quality					
How it complements other crops grown					
Market options					

Feature	1	2	3	4	5
Nutrient requirements					
Regional performance					
Soil type data					
Yield/gross output (fungicide treated)					
Yield/gross output (no fungicide treatment)					
Yield/gross output (under your farm system)					
Other (please state)*					

3. When making variety decisions, how important are the following information sources to you?

Please rate on a 1–5 scale, where 1 is of low and 5 is of high importance.

Information source	1	2	3	4	5
Advice from a distributor/merchant agronomist					
Advice from an independent agronomist					
AHDB events and presentations					
Breeder materials, such as publications and adverts					
Discussions with other growers					
End users/local market requirements					
Market outlook					
Own on-farm trials					
Personal experience					
Pest and disease monitoring, such as UKCPVS**					
Recommended Lists (RL)					
Seed merchant					
Subscription service					
Other (please state)*					

**United Kingdom Cereal Pathogen Virulence Survey

4. Why do you switch varieties?

4a. For the following scenarios rate the likeliness of you switching to a new variety

Please rate on a 1–5 scale, where 1 is not likely and 5 is highly likely.

Scenario	1	2	3	4	5
New variety available that better meets overall needs					
A change in the farm or farming system					
Variety has become outclassed for yield					
Variety has become outclassed for quality					
Decline in pest or disease resistance					
Difficulty in obtaining seed					
Change in pesticide availability					
Change in demand from end user					
Variety is no longer on the RL					
Other (please state)*					

*If you require more space for your answer, please use the additional comments box on back page of this questionnaire

4b. Do you think your reasons for switching varieties may change in the next ten years?

If 'yes', please say why.

5. Using the RL to make decisions

5a. What is your view on the number of varieties on the RL for your selected crop?

If you have any comments on the length of the RL for other crops please record them as additional comments under question 9.

Too few	<input type="checkbox"/>	About right	<input type="checkbox"/>	Too many	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5b. How could the RL be improved?

Answer for your selected crop and choose up to three options to indicate where you would like to see greater effort placed to provide new information. The most selected options will be explored by focus groups in 2023, with assessments of value and feasibility done prior to the introduction of any new RL trials or tests.

Likely varietal performance under 'typical' or 'reduced' fungicide regimes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linkage of the RL to other information sources, such as factors that affect disease risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety performance under different crop nutrition scenarios	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crop physiology information, such as vigour, rooting and canopy structure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competitiveness against grass weeds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety performance under a range of establishment techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistency and stability of varietal performance from a yield and quality perspective. For example, resilience to drought conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance on varietal suitability for use within mixtures of the same species	<input type="checkbox"/>

5c. Do you think there is other information, such as on specific traits or performance in certain situations^{***}, which would substantially improve the RL?

^{***}Such as organic/direct drill/companion-planting situations.

If you are completing a second questionnaire for an additional crop or market you do not need to answer questions 6, 7 and 8 again. You may now skip to question 9.

6. Which RL resources are you aware of and use?

Please indicate which RL resources you are aware of and which you have used in the past 12 months. For those you have used in the past 12 months, rate the value of the resource, ease of use and timeliness of publication (1 low, 5 high).

Resource	Aware of? (Y/N)	Used in previous 12 months? (Y/N)	Value (1-5)	Ease of use (1-5)	Timeliness (1-5)
RL booklet					
RL app					
RL variety selection tools					
RL online tables					
RL online trial harvest results					
RL trial demonstrations at events					

7. How could the presentation or communication of the RL be improved?

Please select up to two options that you believe would make the most substantial improvement(s) to the RL.

Simpler presentation of RL information and tables	
New ways to interrogate RL information	
New ways to personalise to requirements and growing conditions, such as to your region, rotation or soil type	
Ability to personalise online formatting to select key traits appropriate to individual cropping systems	
Greater communication on how recommendation decisions are made	
Other (please state)*	

8. Would you like to participate more in the RL?

Would you like to participate in on-farm research to add to or supplement RL trial information?

For example, this could include sharing your variety choice and how it performed on your farm.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If you would like to participate in an RL review focus group or provide further information, visit ahdb.org.uk/rl-review

9. Do you have any additional comments?