



SPRING 2026

# SPRING BARLEY

## SPRING BARLEY CHARACTERISTICS

VARIETY	YIELD	DISEASE RESISTANCE					STANDING POWER	EARLINESS	SPECIFIC WEIGHT
		MILDEW	RHYNCHO SPORIUM	BROWN RUST	BRACKLING	PLANT HEIGHT			
NOS GAMBIT	V.GOOD	EX	GOOD	GOOD	EX	MEDIUM	GOOD	EARLY	GOOD
SKYWAY	V.GOOD	EX	V.GOOD	FAIR	V.GOOD	TALL	GOOD	EARLY	EX
LAUREATE	V.GOOD	EX	V.GOOD	GOOD	V.GOOD	SHORT	FAIR	MEDIUM	GOOD
LG DIABLO	GOOD	EX	GOOD	FAIR	V.GOOD	SHORT	GOOD	LATE	GOOD
RGT PLANET	FAIR	EX	GOOD	FAIR	V.GOOD	MEDIUM	GOOD	EARLY	EX

### NOS Gambit \*\*New for 2026\*\*

- Joint highest feed yielding variety on 25/26 RL with exceptional Western performance
- Well-rounded disease resistance profile resulting in high untreated yields
- Good grain quality with high specific weight & low screening losses
- Medium length straw with good resistance to lodging
- Similar rate of maturity to Laureate, and good resistance to brackling

### Skyway (RGT Planet x NOS2105-11)

- Very high yielding dual purpose variety
- High specific weight
- Excellent resistance to Mildew & Rhynchosporium
- Taller variety with good lodging resistance
- Consistent performance over several years

### Laureate (Sanette x Concerto)

- UK's most widely grown variety
- Highest yielding barley with full MBC Approval for brewing & malt distilling
- Consistently good performance across the years & regions
- Solid all round disease package with exceptional Mildew & Rhynchosporium resistance

### LG Diablo (Overture x Sanette)

- Proven variety with full approval for brewing and malt distilling
- Average in height with good lodging and brackling resistance
- Later to mature, giving options to spread workloads on farm
- Produces grain with good specific weights and a high hot water extract level

### RGT Planet (Tamtam x Concerto)

- Established, popular variety with full IBD Approval for brewing
- Proven performer with wide end user acceptance
- Consistent yields across all soil types and climates
- Earlier maturing variety



# THE CLEVER MOVE

Exciting high yielding  
feed spring barley.

- Excellent grain quality
- A strong disease profile
- Stiff straw
- Good brackling  
resistance.

NOS Gambit should be  
a popular choice for all  
UK regions.



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## SPRING WHEAT



### **Ophelia – (Thorus x Harend) \*NEW FOR 2026\***

- Very high yielding Group 4 hard variety
- Short, stiff straw
- Excellent specific weight
- Earliest maturing feed variety on the market
- Consistent performance across all scenarios

### **Everlong – ((LW018W004-01 X Lennox) X WPB 010W57-02))**

- Joint highest yielding variety on the 25/26 AHDB RL
- Strong disease resistance profile
- Wide drilling window, November to April
- Highest spec weight in the group 4 category 25/26 RL
- Will require full PGR programme

### **WPB Mylo**

- High yielding Group 2 variety
- Outstanding all round disease resistance
- Short variety with excellent lodging resistance
- Produces grain with high spec weight & good protein content

# Ophelia

SPRING WHEAT

## Early. Stiff Straw. High Specific Weight.

With consistently high specific weight, early maturity, and stiff straw that stands strong when others fall, Ophelia delivers performance you can count on.



## The UK's Perfect Choice for Alternative Spring Wheat

### Turn up the volume.

The highest yielding spring wheat on the AHDB Recommended List with a huge specific weight and wide drilling window for flexibility during wetter Autumns. Everlong offers the full package for farmers looking to drill in the alternative wheat slot after maize, sugar beet and potatoes. So crank it up a notch and choose Everlong!



Get in touch with your local  
merchant for more information



## SPRING OATS

Arable farmers continue to find Oats an excellent break crop with potentially high yields of quality grain suitable for the premium market of human consumption. Oats are also regarded as being a lower input crop due to their naturally high disease resistance and generally lower fertiliser requirements. Oats have higher oil and protein content than other cereals, which can be converted into improved livestock performance and are a traditional feed for horses. Oat straw is also very useful for the stock farmer for both feeding and bedding.

### **Merlin**

- Very high yielding husked variety
- Excellent option for both the feed & milling markets
- High resistance to mildew
- Low screening losses
- Average in height with good resistance to lodging
- Early to mature

## SPRING BEANS

Spring beans are ideally sown from early February onwards, although on kind soils they may be ploughed in from early January. Seed rates should be aimed at 45-55 seeds/m<sup>2</sup> with a final plant stand of about 40 plants per square metre. Sowing should be avoided on soils liable to burn up as beans benefit from a readily available supply of moisture. Later sown crops from early April could be under pressure in a dry season. Chocolate spot may need to be carefully monitored, depending on the season, and black fly will likely need controlling at some stage.

### **Lynx**

- Established & highly popular variety
- Very good resistance to Downy mildew
- High standing ability at harvest
- Pale hilum type, as required by export markets

### **Genius**

- Very high yielding variety
- Excellent resistance to Downy mildew
- High standing ability at harvest
- Pale hilum type, as required by export markets

## SPRING PEA

### **Kactus**

- A high yielding green pea
- Medium straw length with very good standing ability
- Resistant to pea wilt plus a very good Downy mildew score
- High protein content and a good thousand seed weight



## **ARABLE SILAGE MIXTURES**

Arable Silage has been around for a long time but is again increasing in popularity as it offers a cost-effective, high-quality alternative or additional feed option to grass or maize silage. The mixtures provide a useful source of home-produced protein and because whole crop cereals are in the ground for a short time, their early harvest allows earlier reseeding or drilling of other autumn combinable crops.

Sowing rates are usually 75-85kg per acre or 35-50kg per acre if under sown with grass ley. Due to the inclusion of peas into the mix sowing should be delayed from standard cereal drilling time as the peas prefer dryer warmer seed beds normally from mid-March onwards. Harvesting is normally 12-14 weeks from sowing, with yields averaging 12-13 tonnes fresh weight per acre.

### **Popular mixes:**

- 60% Barley / 40% Pea
- 40% Pea / 30% Oat / 30% Barley
- 60% Pea / 40% Barley
- 50% Pea / 50% Barley

**Other mixtures are available on request**

## **OTHER SEEDS AVAILABLE**

- Spring Oil Seed Rape
- Spring Tritcale
- Linseed
- Amenity grass seed
- Agricultural grass mixtures
- Game cover crop mixtures
- Forage crop seeds
- Fodder Beet
- Maize
- Stewardship mixtures



# Soars above the rest

**Robust and reliable with a high yield,  
the sky is the limit with Merlin.**

Delivering an unrivalled combination of yield,  
agronomic features and disease resistance,  
Merlin is an outstanding all-round spring oat that  
offers growers flexibility and millers confidence.



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