



April Newsletter

Spring crops (spring oilseed rape, wheat and barley) are currently being drilled, the exceptionally wet weather experienced during the autumn and winter has significantly increased the threat of slugs. There will be very high numbers of slug eggs present in the soil.

It is important that you monitor crops on land prone to slug damage and apply pellets before damage occurs

Even heavy dews and showers of rain are sufficient to activate soil moisture on the surface and encourage movement and feeding of slugs

Ironclad has significant benefits when choosing a slug pellet

1. It is the **most lethal pellet** available on the market, containing 29g/kg of ferric phosphate (anhydrous)
 - This means that a slug actually needs to ingest less of a pellet in order for feeding to stop, and therefore it will stop feeding in a shorter time
2. It is the **most vivid blue colour** of all the pellets on the market
 - The bright colour makes monitoring much easier, the grower can easily see the pellet on the soil
 - This vivid blue colour remains for a much longer period of time (more than 2 weeks), making reapplication decisions easier

Recommendation: apply 7 kgs/ha to known problem fields or at the first signs of damage

A reduced rate of 5kgs/ha may be used, but must be monitored after 7 days to assess if a repeat application is required