

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CABBAGE STEM FLEA BEETLE

csfbSMART – ‘Sharing Management and Agronomy Research Tools’ – aims to test management methods and tools for use against cabbage stem flea beetle on UK farms, with OSR growers provided with information on how to implement and assess these management strategies.

The project is a unique opportunity to draw together everybody’s knowledge and experience in a coordinated and sustained effort. csfbSMART will collate, assess and share information freely between growers and researchers, learn from successes and failures and work with farmers and agronomists to select innovations for detailed assessment through on-farm evaluation and research investigation.

NIAB is looking for growers and agronomists to participate, including sharing crop management information, carrying out tramline trials and taking part in crop monitoring. Sign up online at www.niab.com/csfbsmart or on the NIAB event stand.

csfbSMART will roll out monitoring tools to build a national and seasonal picture of the pressures of cabbage stem flea beetle larvae and adults within oilseed rape crops and the wider farming environment. It will enable farmers and agronomists to develop their own tailored strategies, regularly updated and supported by the latest research, and share results to create more robust solutions.



WOSR tramline trial



CSFB damage in WOSR

csfbSMART connects two research projects investigating CSFB control:

1. *Reducing the impact of CSFB on OSR in the UK* aims to improve understanding of the pest’s biology and investigate alternative management methods, and is led by ADAS and Harper Adams University and funded by AHDB and a consortium of industry organisations.
2. *CSFB: evaluating management of oilseed rape on-farm for maximum margins* is led by NIAB and funded by Defra, aims to test these management methods on a wider scale, encouraging growers to carry out their own trials and assess their effectiveness.

csfbSMART partners and funders include:



csfbSMART industry taskforce includes Agrovista, AICC, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Cotton Farm Consultancy Ltd, DSV, Elsoms, Frontier, Innovative Farmers, KWS UK, Limagrain, LS Plant Breeding, RAGT, Sentry Ltd, Syngenta, Tuckwell Farms, United Oilseeds and Yara.