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* Dry conditions in the east are resulting in very uneven oilseed rape establishment.

Where the better seed-beds on lighter soils have caught the odd shower of rain, plant populations are sufficient to make a crop.

On heavier soils and in poorer seed-beds rape establishment is down to 10-20%.

Wheat drilling has started albeit into dust and clods. Seed rates need to be adjusted upwards in these dry conditions to take account of likely emergence date and cloddy seed-beds.

Fields destined for pre-emergence herbicides will be sprayed as soon as possible after drilling rather than waiting for moisture.

The herbicide active ingredients we are using, other than tri-allate, are not readily volatilised in dry, bright conditions so will not degrade rapidly in dry seed-beds.

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