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IN BRIEF

- Campaign is about to start. When harvesting, plan 'just-in-time' lifting programme to reduce the need to store
- If clamps are required ensure they are short-term and follow advice to reduce damage and sugar loss (see notes in main Advisory Bulletin)
- Cercospora – active spores found in many areas but currently disease levels remain generally low.
- Early lifting of any crops that have been badly affected by beet moth is advised.
- Reminder of stewardship requirements regarding previous use of Cruiser SB
- On-farm hygiene of utmost importance – don't allow pests and diseases to over-winter
- [BeetCast September: A pest of many crops \(wireworm\)](#)



ADVISORY

Maximise yield and sugar content during harvesting in warm weather

Preserving sugar content during harvesting, cleaning and loading is a priority, especially whilst temperatures remain warm. Target:

- optimum crowning (be conscious of excess remaining tops for 'just-in-time' loading & delivery)
- low levels of root damage and bruising
- minimal time in clamp

Use the BBRO ['Harvesting Assessment Guide'](#) for assessing losses.

To minimise root breakage, avoid running the harvester too aggressively, assessing for root breakage and bruising at the clamp. Ensure a regular dialogue between harvester and haulier. If clamping is required avoid too much soil or tops. Keep clamps low and wide to help with air flow which is particularly important in warmer weather, do not push-up or level the clamp.

British Sugar are offering an on-farm harvester assessment, speak to your Agriculture Manager for more info.

Foliar Diseases Management

As we head into autumn, it is still important to monitor your crops for foliar diseases. Powdery mildew has been most prevalent this year and should have been well managed with fungicides.

Rust and Cercospora are now evident in most fields and need to be closely monitored in case we suddenly experience warm weather conducive to either disease. If disease symptoms begin to show, be prepared to spray an additional fungicide, especially on crops planned to be harvested from mid-November onwards as this will protect the crop canopy and, therefore, yield. Be mindful of the spray intervals for fungicides:

Fungicide Product	Harvest Interval (Days after application)
Revystar XE	28
Angle / Priori Gold	35
Twist	21
Caligula	7

Caligula can now be sprayed onto crops. If doing so, these tops must not be fed to livestock.

Keep an eye on the [BBRO cercospora monitoring](#) to keep up-to-date with the status of cercospora in your area.

On-farm Hygiene

Clean up soil heaps, Maus lines and crop residues in a timely fashion. This will limit over-winter carry over of pests and diseases. It is essential to return spoil to the field it came from and avoid storing harvested beet on fields which will be drilled with sugar beet next spring.

Beet Moth

Beet moth damage is evident in many crops, but the severity of damage is very variable. Cooler weather and increased rainfall should suppress beet moth but it is important to remain vigilant. Crops on lighter soils which have experienced prolonged wilting due to drought are most at risk. In situations where the damage has been so severe that the crown is damaged and leaf regrowth is not possible it is recommended to lift early. Crops where damage is not quite as severe should be closely monitored as the lack of canopy will make them vulnerable to frost damage and early lifting is still recommended. Where beet moth damage is superficial and the canopy is not compromised there is no need to adjust lifting date.

The Emergency authorisation of Coragen for Beet moth expires on the 30th of September. If you have used Coragen it is vital you follow all restrictions on its use and make sure that any tops are not fed to livestock.

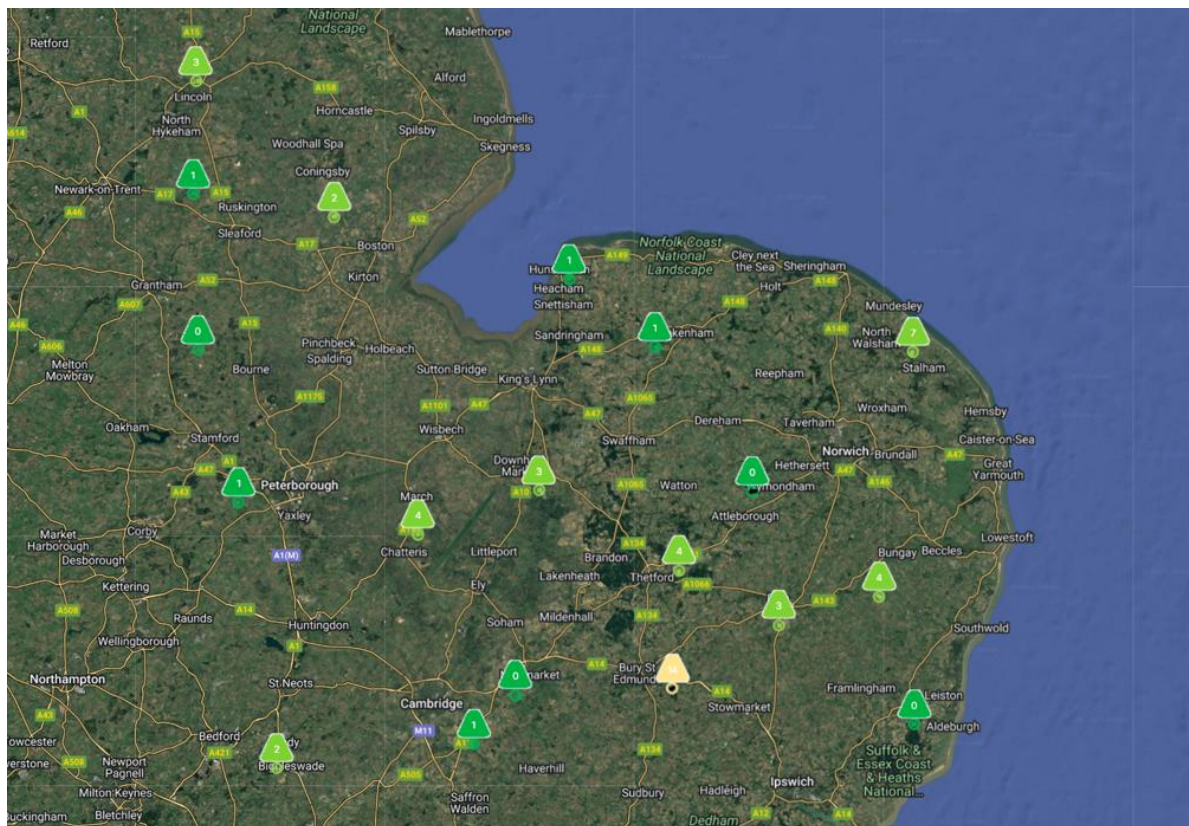


Figure 1: Map depicting Beet moths caught in moth traps between the 9th – 15th September 2025.

Cruiser SB Stewardship – reminder of strict rotational requirements.

Remind yourself of where any sugar beet crops using Cruiser SB treated seed were grown in 2023 and 2024 as they are still subject to restrictions on flowering crops.

Breaching these conditions is both illegal and violates your contract to supply your sugar beet to British Sugar. Fields grown with Cruiser SB in 2022 will no longer be subject to restrictions. If you have any concerns please contact BBRO via info@bbro.co.uk or speak to your British Sugar Agriculture Manager.

- Any crop excluded from the below table should be considered 'restricted' i.e. a minimum of 32 months from drilling of sugar beet.
- The 32-month restriction applies to those agri-environment options that allow flowers to grow or appear on the same ground on which Cruiser SB treated seed was sown in 2024.
- Cover crops (including mixes) must also follow the 32-month restrictions

	<i>Non-restricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>
Rules	No restrictions following Sugar Beet	A minimum of 32 months from drilling of Sugar Beet
Crops	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Wheat (including Durum Wheat)</i> 2. <i>Barley</i> 3. <i>Millet</i> 4. <i>Sorghum</i> 5. <i>Oat</i> 6. <i>Maize / Corn</i> 7. <i>Rye</i> 8. <i>Triticale</i> 9. <i>Canary seed</i> 10. <i>Spelt</i> 11. <i>Potato</i> 12. <i>Cabbage</i> 13. <i>Kale</i> 14. <i>Swede</i> 15. <i>Lettuce / Babyleaf / Spinach</i> 16. <i>Onions</i> 17. <i>Leeks</i> 18. <i>Carrots</i> 19. <i>Parsnips</i> 20. <i>Cauliflower</i> 21. <i>Broccoli</i> 22. <i>Turnip</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. <i>Oilseed Rape</i> 24. <i>Linseed</i> 25. <i>Mustard</i> 26. <i>Soya Bean</i> 27. <i>Pea</i> 28. <i>Bean</i> 29. <i>Buckwheat</i> 30. <i>Clover</i> 31. <i>Phacelia</i> 32. <i>Chicory</i> 33. <i>Radish</i> 34. <i>Vetch</i> 35. <i>False Flax</i> 36. <i>Lucerne</i> 37. <i>Sunflower</i> 38. <i>Borage</i> 39. <i>Sainfoin</i> 40. <i>Nyger</i> 41. <i>Lupins</i>

Fodder, energy and red beet were not included as part of the Cruiser SB derogation to ensure the 'controlled and limited' element of the Emergency Authorisations.



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