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Great Britain and Northern Ireland Variety List Trials: Trial Procedures for Official Examination of Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) Harvest 2026

**Fodder Radish
Appendices**

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Changes since last version

- Title Change from United Kingdom to Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- A.3.2.1 Jeremy Widdowson detail removed
- Appendix 3 Seed Despatch Deadlines date change

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Appendix 1 – Approved Trial Organisers/Operators

| Activity | Organisers/Operators Responsible |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Trial Organiser | BSPB |
| Trial Design and Data Handling Operator | Niab |
| Growing Trial Operators | Niab, Headley Hall, Yorkshire |
| Seed Handling Operator | Niab |
| Trial Inspection and Technical Validation Operators | BSPB |
| Quality Testing Operator | Niab |
| Data Review and Standard Setting Operator | Niab |

Appendix 2 – Seed treatment products for use on VL trials

None

Appendix 3 – Seed dispatch deadline dates

VCU seed must be delivered to the Seed Handling Operator by:

- 15th December.

Appendix 4 – Growing Trial Operators and trial locations

| Growing Trial Operator | Seed Handling Operator (if not trial operator) | Location of trial |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Niab, Headley Hall | | Yorkshire |

Appendix 5 – Control varieties for VCU assessments

The control varieties are:

- Contra

Appendix 6 – Dates by which records should be sent to Data Handling Operator

| Record | Latest date of receipt by Trials Organiser |
|--|--|
| Site data part 1 (including site sketch) | Within 1 month of drilling trial |
| Site data part 2 | By the time trial is harvested |
| Plot records (in approved electronic format) | Growing Trial Operator should notify Data Handling Operator that trial has been harvested within 2 days of harvest |

Appendix 7 – Assessment keys for Radish diseases

AX7.1 Leaf diseases

| | |
|----|---|
| 1. | Examine leaves in 3 areas of each plot |
| 2. | Include all necrosis and chlorosis attributable to disease to be assessed |
| 3. | Estimate % infection using the description below, interpolating values if necessary |
| 4. | Record the average % infection from the 3 areas |

AX7.2 Infection disease severity description

| | |
|-----|--|
| 0 | No infection observed |
| 0.1 | Older leaves with a trace of infection, other leaves uninfected |
| 1 | Older leaves with up to 10% infection, other leaves largely uninfected |
| 5 | Older leaves with up to 25% infection, middle-aged leaves with a trace of infection |
| 10 | Older and middle-aged leaves with up to 25% infection, young leaves largely uninfected |
| 25 | Leaves of all ages appear 50% infected 50% green on average |
| 50 | Leaves of all ages appear more infected than green on average |
| 75 | Very little green tissues left |
| 100 | No green tissue left |



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