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Maize harvest slows as weather changes

| Site | Drill date | Ht above sea level (m) | Crop dry matter 1 October | Increase from last week |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Petworth, Sussex | 22 April | 50 | Harvested | - |
| Harleston, Norfolk | 24 April | 30 | Harvested | - |
| Crediton, Devon | 23 April | 118 | Harvested | - |
| Ticknall, Derbyshire | 4 May | 67 | Harvested | - |
| Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire* | 16 May | 32 | 33.3 | + 4.6 |
| SRUC, Dumfries, Scotland PLASTIC | 23 April | 45 | 33.1 | + 2.2 |
| SRUC, Dumfries, Scotland* | 23 April | 45 | 26.5 | + 1.4 |

* Variety Es Picker, all other sites are Es Ballade. Variety under plastic Es Marco.

Good maize crops this year can be explained by the excellent weather reports Neil Groom Technical Director for Grainseed Ltd.

"When we look at the Maize Heat Units from the first of May until the end of September we can see on average an increase of 14% in the amount of heat units we have received and this is in all areas of the UK. Key was the increase in the first few months which allowed the plants to develop a larger root system and leaf biomass early on".

Many growers have mature maize now and once a weather window appears it should be harvested and clamped.

Sampling for Farmers Weekly at Dumfries in Scotland Hugh McClymont chopped more maize last week. "The field of Marco we were sampling from has yielded 22t/acre which I am very pleased with. We used a SiloCompactor to improve the density in the clamp, to squeeze more air out of the chopped maize and to get more maize into the clamp. It's rock solid."

"We have the fields sown to maize after first cut still to chop adds Hugh, but we need to finish a clamp of grass silage first and these fields are still laying down starch being milky to cheesy ripe at the moment. I am quite comfortable for harvest to be the end of the month for these fields"