

# Bentazone Stewardship Cropping Plans

**‘Know the Bentazone Risk’ is a cross-industry programme, aimed at promoting sustainable on-farm water stewardship through events, engagement and the development of management tools, including the new Crop Planning and Bentazone IPM Tool**

Data from the Environment Agency has shown that bentazone (e.g. Nufarm’s Benta 480) is the approved pesticide in the UK most frequently found in groundwater and is also increasingly being found in surface water.

If contamination of water sources continue, it is possible that the approval for bentazone could be revoked, resulting in the loss of all bentazone products with serious implications for a number of crops, especially peas and beans, linseed and onions.

The Better Bentazone IPM Tool has been developed to support water stewardship initiatives while promoting responsible and sustainable product use.

## Identify high risk fields & plan accordingly

When planning cropping for next spring consideration should be given to the potential need for the use of bentazone and the degree of risk checked against the online Bentazone Risk Mapping tool, which can be found using [ctrl+click to follow link] [Bentazone Risk App](#) .

Where fields fail the safe use criteria consideration should be given to planting an alternative crop which will not require the potential use of bentazone to control weeds.

***For maximum value, the tool should be used during rotation planning to avoid sowing legume crops on the most at-risk fields & hence avoid inappropriate use of bentazone***

Scan the QR code and then follow 4 simple steps to quickly understand your stewardship risk using the tool:

1. Locate your field (zoom in or use search function)
2. Complete required questions
3. Consider your risk & field choice accordingly
4. Download PDF to evidence your IPM



Benta 480 contains bentazone

Details of application rates and timings are given in Nufarm labels and product literature; both of which can be accessed from our website [www.nufarm.com/uk](http://www.nufarm.com/uk). Alternatively, ring the Nufarm helpline on 01274 694714, Monday to Friday 9.00 - 17.00

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