



# NIKITA

## WINTER OILSEED RAPE



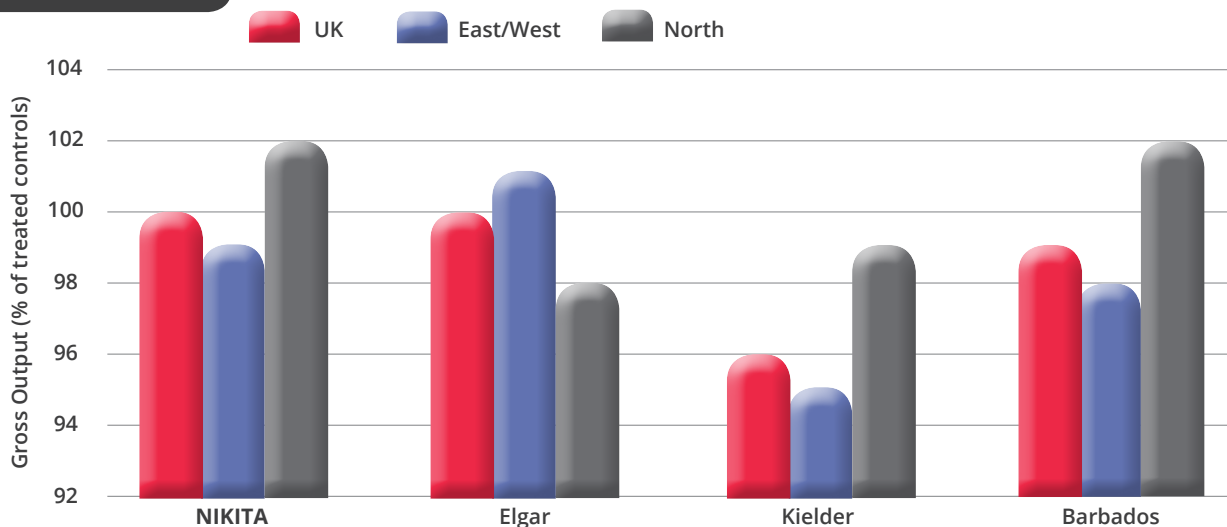
Type: Conventional

Breeder's Reference: LE12/248

Trial Status 2020/21: AHDB Recommended

**Nikita is a conventional variety offering yield potential comparable with other older varieties on the AHDB Recommended List 2020/21.** Since its introduction in 2016 the variety has performed well across the UK and Scotland proving its robustness from a strong agronomic package and consistent high oil content, enabling growers to maximise returns on their rape seed crops.

### GROSS OUTPUT:



Nikita has shown high gross output and treated yield potential across both England and Scotland, showing the variety to be resilient across a wide geographical area.

Nikita has shown consistent high yield potential across seasons.

### AGRONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS:

	NIKITA	Elgar	Kielder	Barbados
Lodging Resistance	8	8	8	8
Stem Stiffness	8	8	9	8
Height (cm)	148	154	159	154
Earliness of Flowering	7	6	6	6
Earliness of Maturity	5	6	5	4
<b>Disease Resistance:</b>				
Light Leaf Spot	7	7	7	8
Stem Canker	4	6	3	7
Turnip Yellow Virus (TuYV)	Resistant	-	-	-
<b>Oil Content:</b>				
Oil Content (@ 9% Moisture)	45.7	45.1	45.9	45.0

Nikita is a short strawed variety, compared to other leading varieties. It has very stiff stems and very good lodging resistance.

Nikita has a 7 rating for Light Leaf Spot; a disease of growing significance in both northern and southern regions. Stem Canker (Phoma) is rated at a 4, suggesting that growers should monitor the growing crop and treat appropriately when thresholds are met.

Nikita has good plant vigour in the autumn and moves rapidly in the spring with an earlier flowering period.

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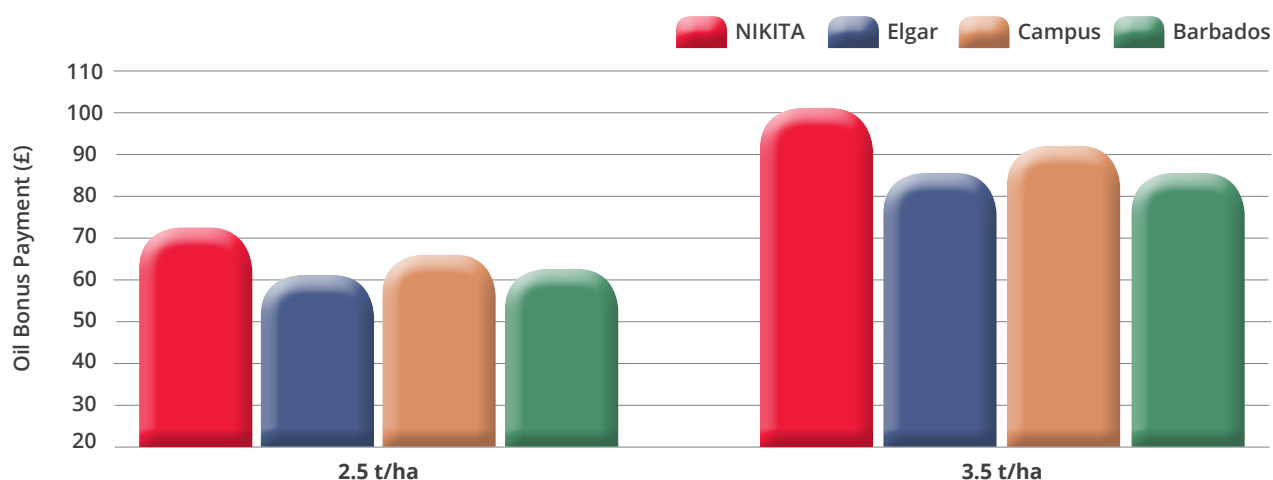
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### OIL CONTENT:

- Nikita produces very high levels of oil content. Oil quality bonuses and premiums are increasingly important to the profitability of winter OSR, and should be one of the first considerations when choosing a new
- In order for growers to maximise returns on their rapeseed crops, variety selection should be based on high oil content just as much as a high seed yield. Oil content genetics are very stable and provide a way of safeguarding income.
- The tables below show the additional payments available from choosing a variety with a high oil content. This extra income could be vital in years where OSR yields are lower.



- These tables are based on the oil content figures from the 2019/20 AHDB Recommended List and assume a crop value of £320/tonne.



Dec 2019. Data from AHDB Recommended List 2020/21. On the 1-9 scales, high figures indicate that a variety shows the character to a high degree.



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