



## APHID ALERT UPDATE 6

### GENERAL

There is not much change in the aphid flight activity as monitored by the suction-trap network during the week 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September as compared to the previous week. Most of the action is in Northern England and Scotland, but the overall number of aphids flying is low for this time of year.

### OILSEED RAPE

Drilling of the new season oilseed rape is largely complete in England, but less advanced further north. Numbers of peach-potato aphid (*Myzus persicae*) are low and therefore the risk to emerging crops is also low at present. We shall be reporting in more detail the autumn migrations of the peach-potato aphid (*Myzus persicae*) and the mealy cabbage aphid (*Brevicoryne brassicae*) from next week onwards.

### CEREALS

The wet weather has resulted in reduced rates of harvest in late August and early September, and the 2015 harvest progress is one of the latest in the last 10 years. Cereal aphid numbers remain low for the time of year, with bird cherry-oat aphid (*Rhopalosiphum padi*) numbers highest in the north-west at Ayr (524) and Preston (339). Field reports from the north also highlight that aphids are easy to find on volunteer cereals. We shall be reporting in more detail the autumn migrations of the bird cherry-oat aphid (*Rhopalosiphum padi*) and the grain aphid (*Sitobion avenae*) from next week onwards.

### PEAS and BEANS

Numbers of the black bean aphid (*Aphis fabae*) are low in the English traps, but they continue to fly in Scotland.

### FIELD BRASSICAS

Numbers of the mealy cabbage aphid (*Brevicoryne brassicae*), the peach-potato aphid (*Myzus persicae*), the willow-carrot aphid (*Cavariella aegopodii*) and the currant-lettuce aphid (*Nasonovia ribisnigri*) are now very low.

### POTATOES

Peach-potato aphid (*Myzus persicae*) numbers are very low and the 2015 potato growing season is now over.

## Further information

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