

## Optimal baiting points and great value Ferrex effectively controls slugs at Highgates Farm



Essex farmer Jamie Gemmill tried Ferrex slug lentils for the first time in Autumn 2019.

The arable enterprise at Highgates Farm includes OSR, Winter Wheat and Winter Beans covering 620 acres.



Jamie applied Ferrex in autumn 2019 when there was scarcely more than one dry day between the rain and when slugs were active and the population was set to grow. He was pleased with the result:

“On land where we were growing wheat after oilseed rape slugs could have been a big problem. Conditions were wet but the Ferrex lentils proved very stable and did not go

mouldy. Unlike metaldehyde, ferric phosphate does not give you the satisfaction of having dead slugs on the surface to count but we were satisfied the bait was doing its job.

“I also found it easy to apply. Initially I broadcast at 12 metres using a single spinner Fan Jet applicator but I found it worked perfectly well on the 24 metre setting and gave a good number of baiting points. I have used a different brand of ferric phosphate previously but Ferrex works well and offers good value.”