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- As the name implies, naked oats naturally thresh free from the husk during harvest. This natural groat is nutrient dense with high digestible energy, and gives itself into a range of different sectors demonstrating the versatility and respect this crop has gained.
- Our naked oats are marketed under GB Seeds 'Superioats' brand into our various end-users. They are used as a whole grain, for flaking, malting and in animal feeds. Industries include wild bird food, dog food, poultry, and horses with the versatility of naked oats reaching as far as cosmetics.

Lennon (Breeder's Agent: Senova)

- The well-established spring naked oat variety with slightly higher yields than Oliver in more northern sites. Lennon has been tried and tested with end-users and is widely accepted.
- Shorter than most conventional spring oats with decent standing power. However, as with all oats, if placing on heavier or more fertile ground, growers will need to be aware that PGRs should be included in the programme on all oats.
- Moderately resistant to crown rust and mildew, means that a standard fungicide program will keep this line clean.

Oliver (Breeder's agent: Cope Seeds)

- A spring naked oat that has produced slightly higher yields in more southern sites in Agrii trials when compared to Lennon. Oliver has also shown to have slightly larger grain size with better screenings and a good specific weight.
- Taller than Lennon, expect similar height to Canyon. Oliver's moderate straw strength means that growers need to keep PGRs in the tank. In a standard programme situation Oliver has stood and performed well.
- Susceptible to crown rust and moderately resistant to mildew, a standard fungicide programme will be required. Oliver is a great addition to the portfolio and offers growers a different type to Lennon.

	Oliver
Scope of recommendation	UK
UK yield (% treated control)	
Fungicide-treated (6.9 t/ha)	75
Untreated (% of treated control)	62
Grain quality	
Kernel content (%)	-
Specific weight (kg/hl)	62.2
Screenings (% through 2.0 mm)	[5.7]
Agronomic features	
Resistance to lodging (1-9)	8
Straw length (cm)	104
Ripening (days +/- Firth, -ve = earlier)	0
Disease resistance	
Mildew (1-9) - see note below	3
Crown rust (1-9)	4
Annual treated yield (% control)	
2016 (8.3 t/ha)	[72]
2017 (7.2 t/ha)	[77]
2018 (6.0 t/ha)	[70]
2019 (7.1 t/ha)	[78]
2020 (6.1 t/ha)	[76]
Breeder/ UK contact	
Breeder	Selg
UK contact	Cope
Status in RL system	
Year first listed	18