

ALISTAIR MCGREGOR

“Every grower should reduce metaldehyde use to improve the quality of our water”

The River Leam runs through Weston Hall Farm, where Alistair grows winter wheat and oilseed rape across 513ha in a no-till system.

local Agricultural Advisor, Geoff, Alistair has successfully received funding to contribute towards buying ferric phosphate.

Alistair’s typical pest management strategy includes the application of metaldehyde in the first instance and switching to ferric phosphate for further applications. He also has some fields classed as ‘high risk’ for metaldehyde run off on his farm, where he only uses ferric phosphate.

As Weston Hall Farm falls into one of Severn Trent’s priority catchment areas, Alistair is eligible for the Farm to Tap scheme. With the support of his



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“In my first year on the scheme, I received £6/ha for reduced metaldehyde levels. Last year, my funding increased to £8/ha and I achieved a £100 bonus thanks to reducing metaldehyde below the recommended level of 0.1ppb.



“I’d recommend the scheme - if you want to look after your soil and protect the wider environment, then you should want to use ferric phosphate.

“There’s nothing to lose by joining and every farmer should get involved to improve the quality of our water.”

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