

## Instructions for collecting oilseed rape leaf samples

- Collect 30 – 35 leaves from the same number of plants from a single field of OSR (1 leaf from each plant, 30 – 35 individual plants)
- Select plants from across the field by walking a zig-zag or ‘W’ pattern. Avoid sampling from plants that are a typical of the field or have been damaged by wheelings etc
- Avoid sampling dead or dying leaves from the bottom of the canopy
- Shake off excess leaf moisture if the canopy is wet – there is no need to dab or rub clean
- Place leaves in polybag and seal the bag to ensure that a little air is remaining inside so that leaves do not get crushed during transit
- Complete the details sheet and place inside the jiffy bag to accompany the sample. Do not put the details sheet inside the actual sample bag containing the leaves
- Put in post as soon as possible after sampling but please only post samples on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday
- For further information or clarification about sampling please contact Philip Walker at ADAS Boxworth, 01954 267666