

Cleaning, drying and processing
seed grown for sale –
methods and equipment

Harvesting:

- Maximise proportion of fully ripe seed
- Minimise shattering / other losses
- Minimise contamination

- Don't need – lots of expensive equipment
- Do need – care and attention



Dry seed

- Need - Builders bags / Tarps / Dry, clean floorspace
- Thresh, sieve, winnow
- Avoid - breaking seed, contamination with dirt / weed seeds, damp / mildew





Wet seed

- Care and experience needed to assess when seed is ready
- Need – buckets, water supply, sieves
- May need fermentation
- Washing – thorough but gentle
- Drying – quick enough to avoid moulds, but without harming germination



More unto the pitch



Enough (left) before Leeds play Liverpool in the 1974 FA Charity Shield

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Drying

- Critically important to get this right
- Damp seed won't store – mildews, insects etc
- Over-drying seed may damage germination



- Experience
- Care
- Space