

When To Roll Field Peas on Dry Year



Most growers would prefer to roll their peas shortly after seeding in order to prevent stones from entering the combine at harvest time and to make harvesting easier and quicker. In dry springs when soil conditions could lead to soil drifting, a grower can wait and roll their peas between the 2nd and third node stage on a warm 25°C plus day.

When rolling after emergence

1. Do not roll peas when they are first emerging. This could slow development of the peas.
2. When rolling after emergence (2nd to 3rd node stage) do not roll in the morning. Wait until air temperatures are around 25°C before you start to roll to avoid damage to the plants.
3. Check for damaged plants to ensure plants are not breaking off.
4. If damage is too severe, wait for a warmer day.