

Field Treatments:

Eight levels of increasing management intensity will be applied to each environment that replicates standard through to intensive management (Full disease control, Canopy Controlled, and Nitrogen for a decile 9 season).

There are 2 Nitrogen treatments at all fungicide levels control to assess yield gap related to N and disease.

There are 3 Canopy interventions at high N to assess yield gap related to canopy control

These definitions will be utilised in subsequent yield gap analysis and benchmarking exercises

- Treatment 2 is considered current practice for this zone – ie 1 fungicide unit and 25% below average N
- Treatment 6 is considered adequate to achieve water limited yield potential - Full fungicide protection and enough Nitrogen for decile 8 season
- Treatment 7 is considered the emerging practice to minimise preharvest yield losses - Full fungicide protection and enough Nitrogen for decile 8 season and Canopy protected with a PGR

| Tmt | Treatment name | Fungicide | Canopy | Nitrogen** |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Nil Fungicide_Low N | Nil | Nil | Low - Intermediate |
| 2 | Intermediate_Low N | 1 Unit | Nil | Low - Intermediate |
| 3 | Full Potential_Low N | Full | Nil | Low - Intermediate |
| 4 | Nil Fungicide_High N | Nil | Nil | Non-Limiting |
| 5 | Intermediate_High N | 1 Unit | Nil | Non-Limiting |
| 6 | Full Potential_High N | Full | Nil | Non-Limiting |
| 7 | Full Potential_Canopy | Full | PGR31 & 37 | Non-Limiting |
| 8 | Dual Purpose System | Full | Defoliation | Non-Limiting |
| 9# | | Full | | Nil |

Nil N at Hart only

Cultivars

1. RGT Planet (High Yielding but disease susceptible – ie Planet),
2. Cyclops (High yielding low rainfall erect cultivar eg but brackling prone)
3. Leabrook (Vigorous lodging check, Compass type).

Seed densities:

- All experiments will be sown at 180 seeds/m² (target plant density of ~150 Plants/m²)

Detailed definitions of treatments

Nitrogen

Nitrogen will be a variable managed based on starting soil water and N using yield prophet lite and targeted yield deciles. We will use these tools in combination to determine total N supply to the crop to match N supply to the environment to take account of different

yield deciles and yield potential deciles. Final treatments will be designed in consultation with Tom Price. All N will be applied in a single top-dress as urea during winter as per district best-practice and depending on specific crop development stage.

Table 1. Initial yield targets (note N and yield targets to be reviewed at the end of May depending on soil N and summer rainfall, GSR)

| Yield Targets (t/ha) | Hart | Birchip | Daysdale |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mid (D4-5 Finish) | 3.6 | 6 | 4 |
| High (D9 - Non-Limiting) | 5.7 | 7.8 | 7.2 |
| Total N Supply (kg/ha) | Hart | Birchip | Daysdale |
| Mid (D5) | 150 | 240 | 160 |
| High (Non Limiting) | 230 | 310 | 290 |

Fungicide

Fungicide treatments range from untreated, 1 unit to full control (3 - 4 units). Fungicide units will include Prosaro at GS31. Full control will have Systiva or a SDHI chemistry.

| Treatment no | Sowing | | GS31 | GS39-49 | GS59* |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Nil | Vibrance/Gaucho | | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 Unit | Vibrance/Gaucho | | Prosaro 300ml/ha | | |
| Full | Vibrance/Gaucho | Systiva 150ml/100kg | Prosaro 300ml/ha | Aviator Xpro 500ml/ha | Opus 500ml/ha |

*Optional 4th spray at GS59 if required

Canopy Intervention and canopy control will consist of a PGR/Defoliation.

| Treatment no | Sowing | GS16-22 (Vegetative) | GS30* | GS33 - 7 |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Nil | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PGR | --- | --- | Moddus Evo 200ml/ha | Moddus Evo 200ml/ha |
| Defoliation | | Yes | Yes* | |

*Defoliation = (simulated grazing @GS16 and GS30 - treatments to be finished before Jul 10 irrespective of growth stage). - 1 Grazing maybe acceptable in some circumstances.