

Vetch Management Alert

Whilst the ongoing rains are excellent for cereal, canola and pulse crops; it does present challenges to vetch hay and seed crops.

Vetch Hay:

Early maturity varieties such as "Rasina" are now producing pods. These pods are more difficult to cure than the stems, especially if immature seeds are allowed to form.

This creates a greater risk of mouldy hay and furthermore fire risk by baling podded vetch.

Action point: Hay freeze the crop with 1.0L/ha glyphosate 450 + Will 700 @ 0.3%, 80L water rate

- The crop will remain green and standing until the weather is right for mowing or wind rowing; but will not grow seed pods.
- There is only a 1 day withholding period for hay freezing.
- The hay produced remains suitable for any QA market

Vetch disease update:

Botrytis (BGM) is re-infecting all varieties, even after cover sprays applied two weeks ago. BGM in vetch looks different to lentil BGM (see below), resembling Faba bean "chocolate spot"

Action Point: Vetch seed crops will require a second cover spray ASAP as there is low inbuilt resistance.

- Contact us for cheaper fungicide options for vetch seed crops.

