### **Barley Update**





# Disease of Barley

- Scald- build up in crop over season esp. after wet weather
- Leaf rust- mid season disease after warm weather
- Ramularia- late season disease, only visible after ear emergence
- Mildew- moist canopy environment
- Net Blotch- generally minor disease www.cropmark.co.nz



## Scald (Rynchosporium Secalis)





## **Control Strategies -Scald**

- Difficult to control once established at mid tillering/ early stem extension
- Likes cool wet weather, spread by rain splash
- Split application at GS30/GS49 essential for good control
- Protek (carbendazim) 500ml/ha a must in all fungicide mixes



## Leaf Rust (Puccinia hordei)





### **Control Strategies - Rust**

- Likes warm condition
- Starts mid season and builds
- Relatively simple to control
- Proline + strobilurin gives good control at GS49



### Ramularia (Ramularia collo-cygni)





### **Control Strategies - Ramularia**

- Infection levels vary by region- South Canterbury high incidence
- Seems to favour warm humid condition after ear emergence
- Ramularia produces toxins within the plant that react with sunlight leading to rapid loss of green leaf
- Spray at GS49 to cover emerging awns and Flag leaf
- Mixes of Proline, Protek plus a strobilurin provide good control of disease and help maintain green leaf area



### Net Blotch (Pyrenophora teres)





### **Control Strategies – Net blotch**

- Infection seed born
- Controlled by seed treatments and basic fungicide programs





## **Control Strategies – Mildew**

- Likes moist growing condition found in thick canopies
- Heat and wind give good control
- Most varieties adequate control
- Some mildewacides now available (Tern and Impulse)
- Fungicides not generally required unless infect top 2 leaves



## Robust fungicide Program

- GS30/31- 500ml Protek + 200 ml/ha Proline
- GS49 500 ml/ha Protek + 200 ml/ha Proline + 250 ml/ha Acanto
- MOFC \$170-\$410/ha
- Substitute Twist, Fandango and Amistar for Acanto
- May need extra fugicide for winter sown barley under high disease preasure at GS33



## Fungicides for Cereal silage

- Will maintain green leaf area, help miximise grain fill, yield and quality
- Delay harvest by 3-5 days
- Slightly different to Grain as affected by withholding periods
- Proline 42 days, Twist 28 days, Acanto 28 days, Amistar 28 days withholding periods



## Cereal Silage Fungicide programme

- GS26-30 2-400ml/ha Proline and /or 500ml/ha Protek
- GS 39 (flag leaf emerge) 500ml/ha Twist/Acanto + 200 ml Proline OR GS49 (awn tips just emerge)

250-500 ml Acanto / Amistar

Golden Rule- Strobilurins are not very good at eradicating disease, just protecting from it



## Nitrogen

- 140-180 kg/ha required
- Split over two applications windows
- Sowing GS22 and then GS26 GS32
- 1<sup>st</sup> window- establishment and tiller numbers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> window- tiller numbers and tiller maintenance
- Juggle between yield potential and paddock history
- Excess N →Lodging, screenings, regrowth, waste of money



## **Plant Growth Regulators**

- For use in crops > 7-8t/ha and high risk of lodging
- Cycocel up to 2l/ha GS30-31
- Can add Moddus 0.2l/ha and reduce cycocel rate —1-1.5l/ha cycocel + 0.2l/ha Moddus
- Terpal 1l/ha GS49 in high risk situations after cycocel/Moddus at GS30



### **Grain Harvest**

- Harvest when crop mature
- Harvest when dry as possible then dry to 14% moisture
- 2% moisture on 100t grain = 2000l water to be removed
- Use 1-2l/ha roundup to spray off regrowth and any weeds once grain mature



## Silage harvest

- Timing Critical to maximise drymatter and ME and have correct moisture for ensiling
- Cheesy Dough Stage 35 45% DM





### Silage Harvest





### Harvesting

- Aim to harvest at 35-40% drymatter, Cheesy- dough stage
  - —Occur 27-35 days after GS49 (Canterbury) and 32-42 days after GS49 (Gore)
  - -Yield increasing 200-250 kg DM/ha /day
  - DM increases by 1.5-2% /day during grain fill ,
  - -Harvest window of 4-7 days (35-45% DM)



## Silage Harvest

- Harvesting when DM > 45%
  - -Gain loss during harvesting
  - -Consolidation problems in the stack
  - –Poor fermentation
  - -Lower quality
- Better to cut few days early than few days late
- Better ↓ starch and yield than ↑ grain loss, ↓ digest and poor ensiling due to poor compaction

# DM Accumulation of Cask Barley Whole Crop Silage From Ear Emergence to Harvest

Relative Yield	Days after Ear emerg.	Growth Stage	Dry matter %
50	0	64	22
65	6	69	24
87	11	70	28
94	15	83	32
97	22	84	36
100	27	85	42

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### Harvest

- Chop length 25 mm- as small as possible to aid good compaction
- Inoculants improve fermentation, allowing for quicker use and limit yeast growth
- Able to use silage after a week
- Don't cut and wilt on ground

