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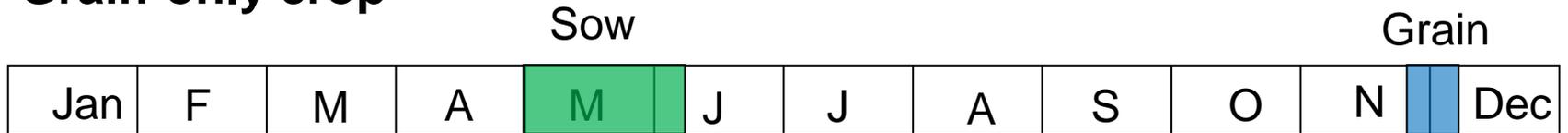
# Blackleg in dual-purpose canola

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# Dual-purpose crops

## Grain-only crop

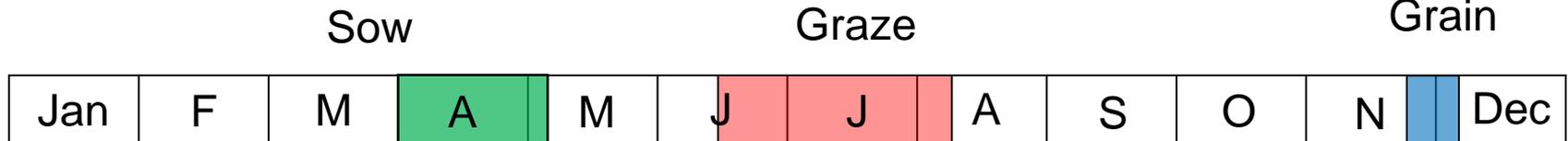


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## Dual-purpose crop



# Dual-purpose canola

**TABLELANDS/LONG-SEASON AREAS/IRRIGATION: Winter types**



**SLOPES: Grain/Graze - Early sowing of Late Spring types**



**WHEAT BELT: - Clip-grazing (No-trade-off) – Normal window spring types**



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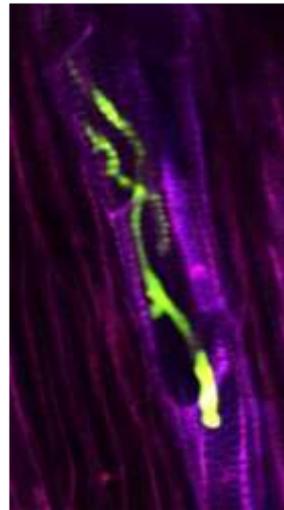
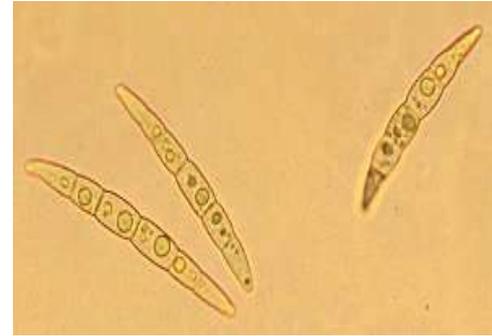
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# *Leptosphaeria maculans* (blackleg)



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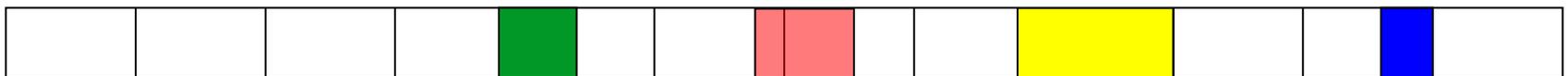
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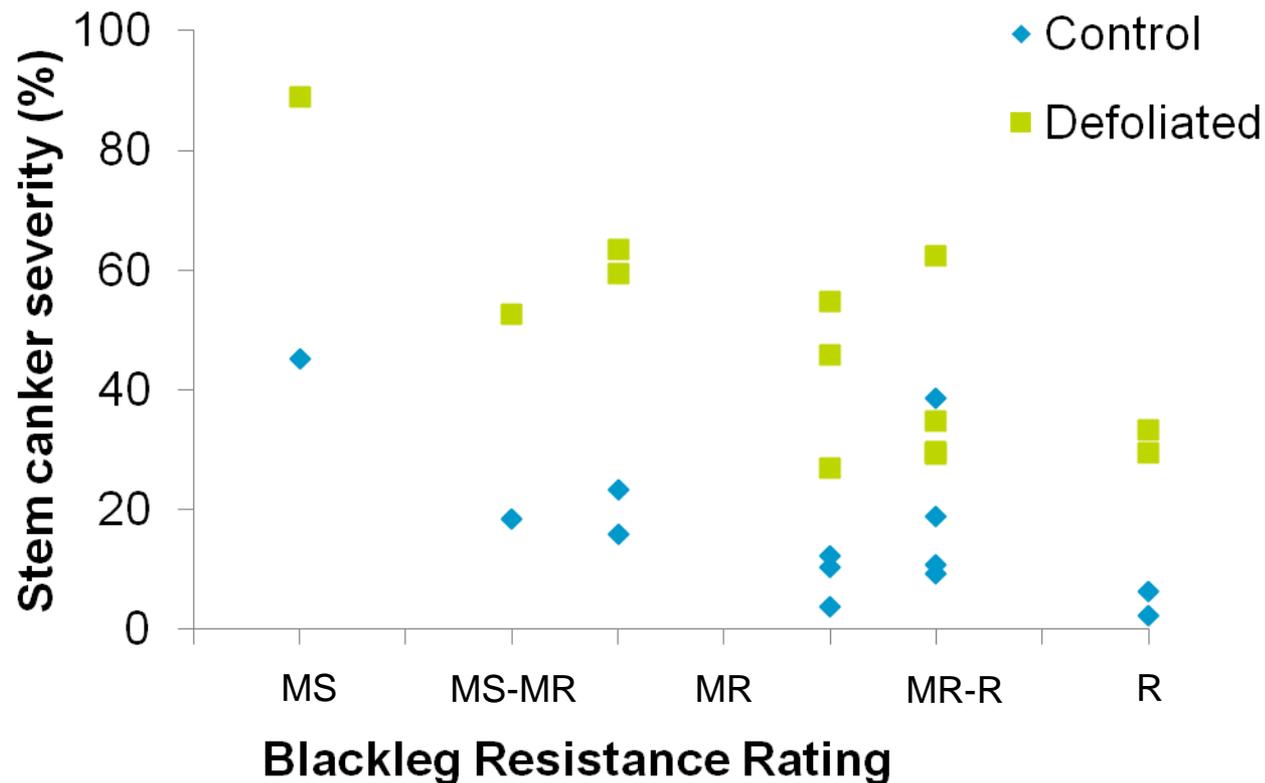
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# Experiments defoliated or grazed with sheep



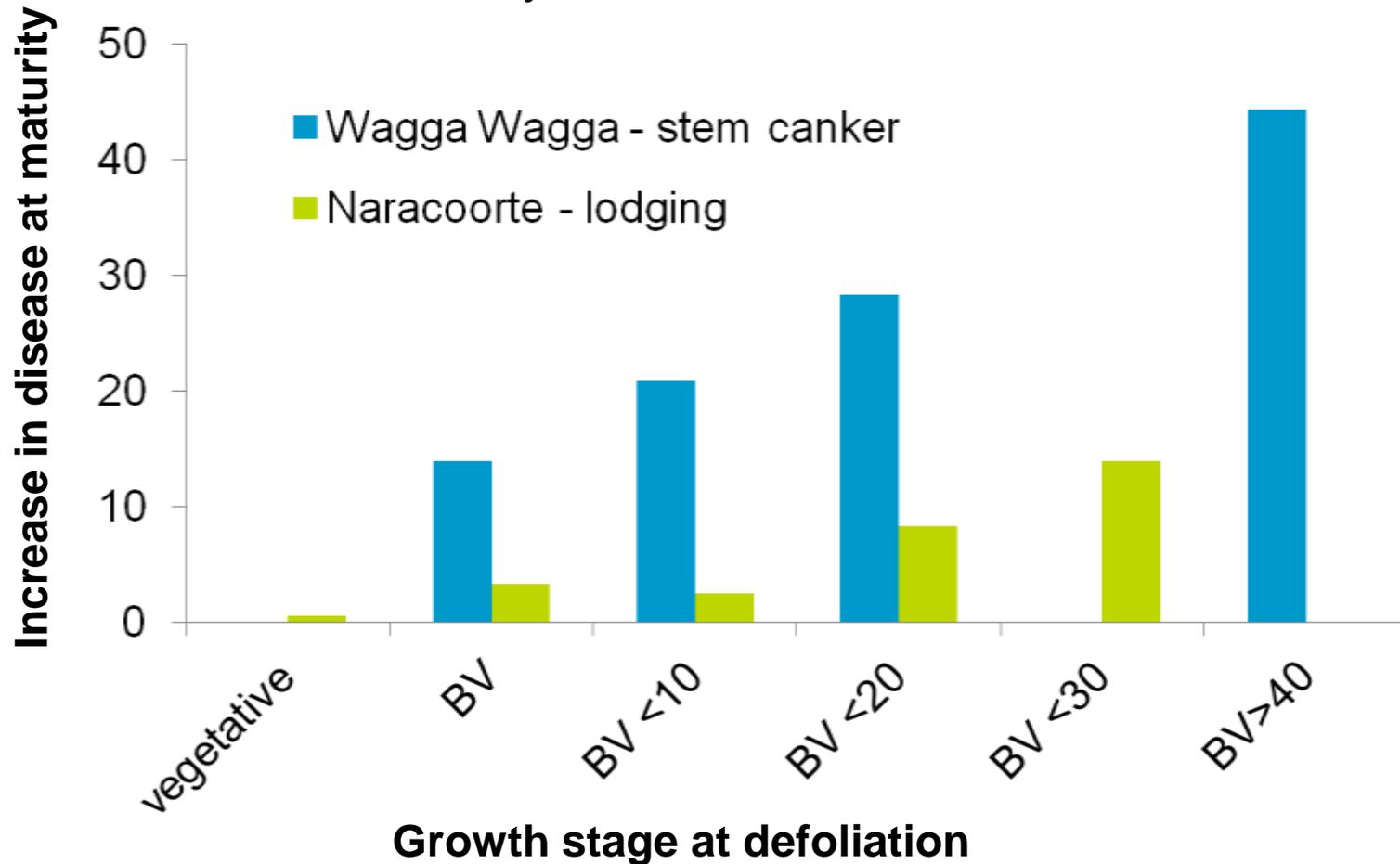
# Blackleg Resistance Rating

- 13 cultivars -Blackleg Rating MS to R
- Mechanically defoliated



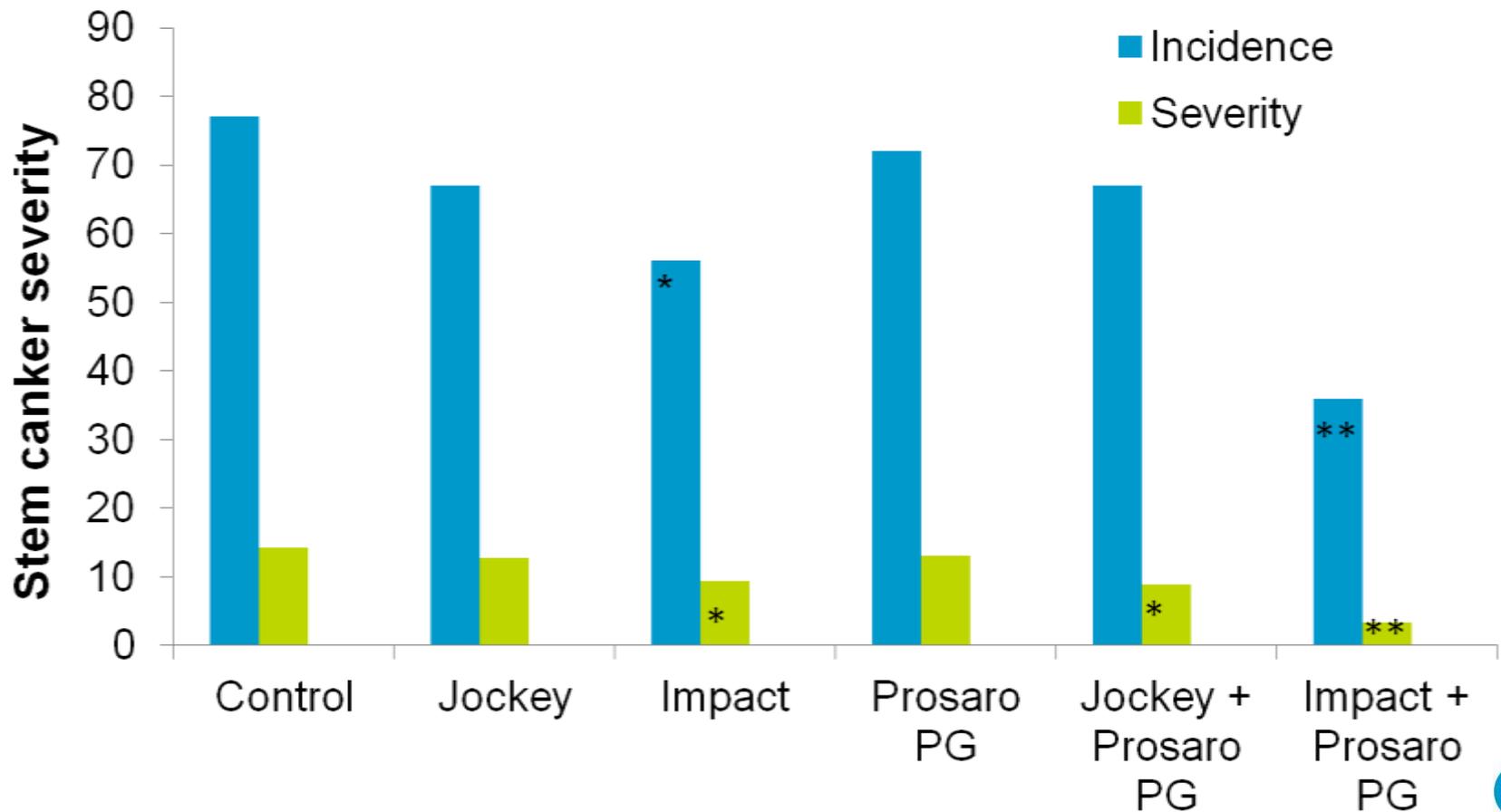
# Growth stage at defoliation

- 36 cultivars – range of maturity
- Mechanically defoliated



# Fungicides

- Hyola971CL (winter) sown March
- Grazed by sheep

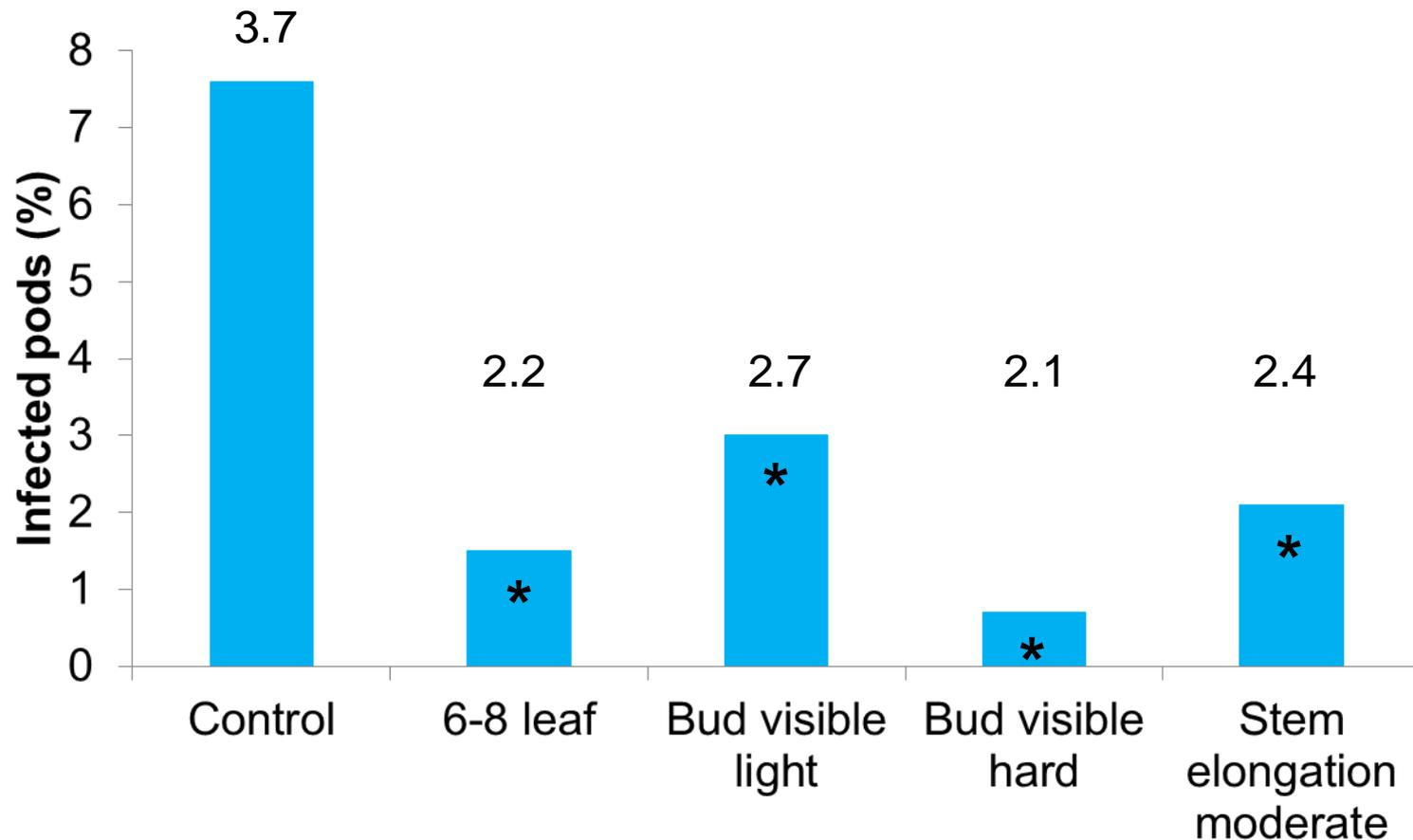


# Blackleg pod infection



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- Hyola575CL sown late April
- Defoliated mechanically



# Conclusions

- Grazing/defoliation increases blackleg severity
  - Use cultivars with high blackleg resistance
- Late or heavy grazing increases blackleg severity
- Fungicides may be effective for blackleg in grazed crops
  - Impact and Prosaro (pre or post?)
- Removal of diseased leaf tissue
  - Reduce spread of blackleg in the crop canopy
  - Other diseases – sclerotinia?