NSW Canola Pathology Update 2022

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INTRODUCTION

Key Issues - 2022

- Canola placed under many stresses in 2022
  - Multiple diseases – Blackleg, Powdery mildew, Sclerotinia stem rot, Alternaria, virus
  - Widespread waterlogging, saturated soil conditions esp. spring, flooding in some districts
  - Anaerobic soil conditions and poor root growth
  - Late rains and pod infection
  - Crops generally performed well given the conditions – big crops and big yields
- Be aware of the legacy affect of pathogens – 2023 and 2024
- Increased potential for Sclerotinia stem rot to develop – e.g. Med/low rainfall
- Pasture mixes and 'Double breaks'
- Use of foliar fungicides
  - understanding of application timing
  - periods of protection from various products

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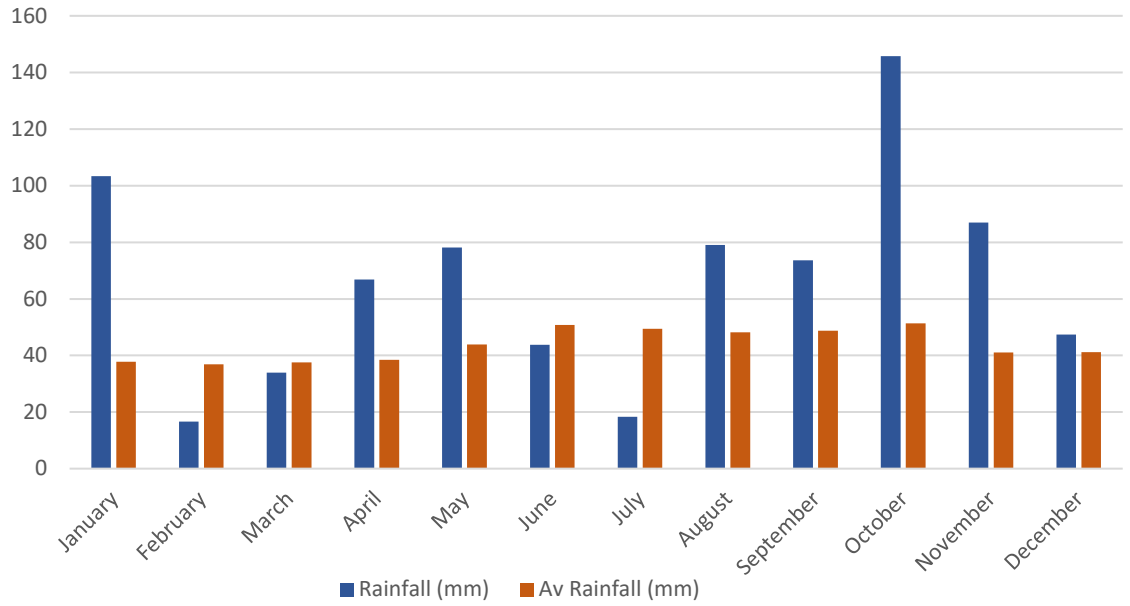
WAGGA WAGGA RAINFALL - 2022

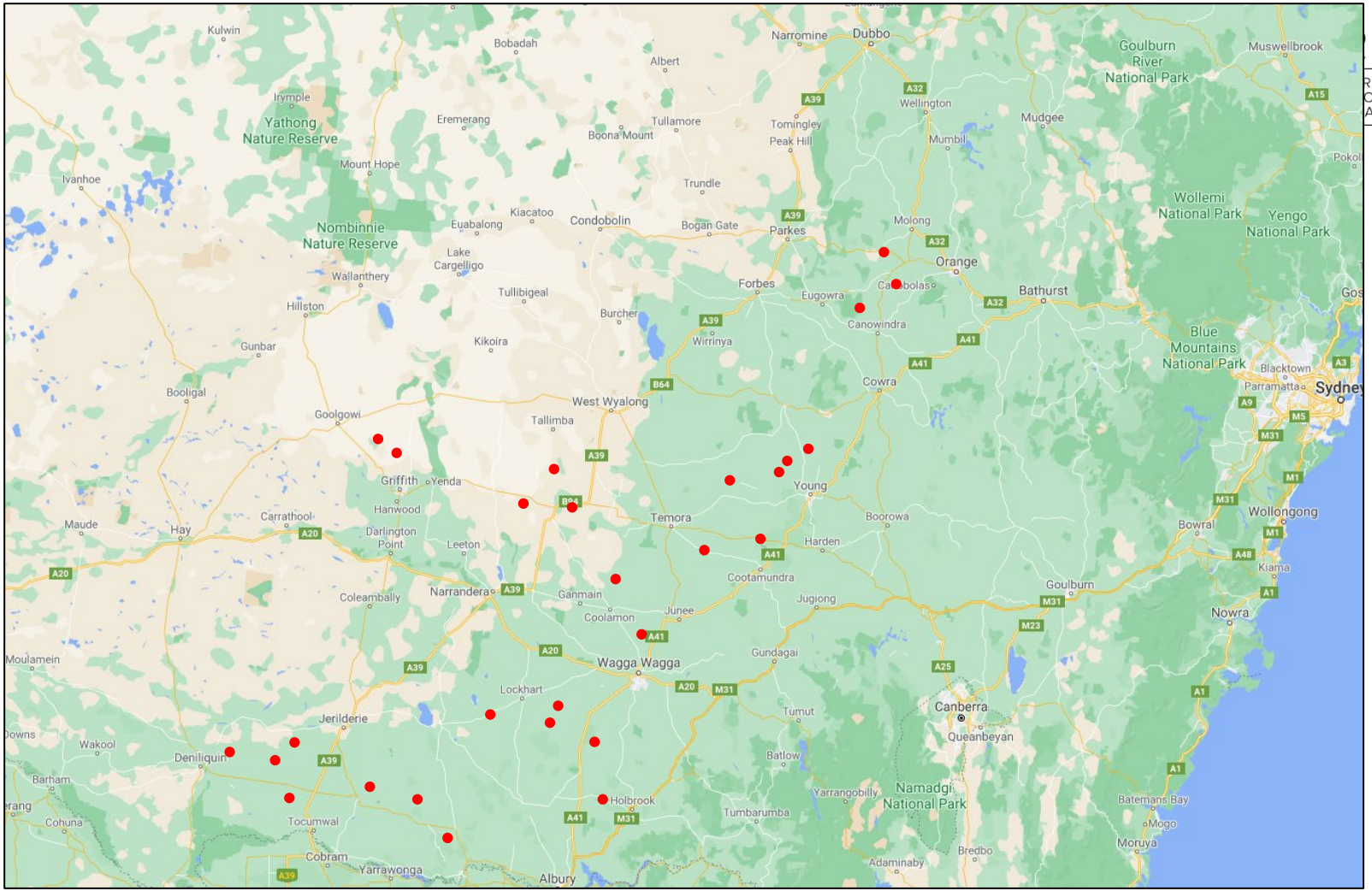


Wet days	2021	2022
June	13	19
July	24	11
August	10	23
September	8	16

ANNUAL DISEASE SURVEY*

Disease Present	Crop number (%)
Blackleg	45/50 (90%)
Blackleg lesions above 50% height	4/50 (8%)
Sclerotinia stem rot	15/50 (30%)
Alternaria lesions	7/50 (14%)
Root disease	12/50 (24%)

*Results of Annual Disease Survey
50 commercial canola crops assessed for incidence and severity of disease
Area sampled from Dubbo to Victoria border
Crops sampled Aug-Sept 2022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Bobadah
Albert
Narromine
Dubbo
Goulburn River National Park
Muswellbrook
Irymple
Yathong Nature Reserve
Eremerang
Tullamore
Boona Mount
Tomingley
Peak Hill
Wellington
Mudgee
Mumbil
Mount Hope
Ivanhoe
Trundle
Nombinnie Nature Reserve
Euabalong
Kiacatoo
Condobolin
Bogan Gate
Parkes
Molong
Wollemi National Park
Yengo National Park
Lake Cargelligo
Wallanthery
Orange
Forbes
Eugowra
Bathurst
Tullibigeal
Hillston
Burcher
Canowindra
Wirrinya
Gunbar
Kikoira
Blue Mountains National Park
Blacktown
Parramatta
Sydney
Booligal
Cowra
West Wyalong
Goolgowi
Tallimba
Griffith
Yenda
Young
Hanwood
Carrathool
Maude
Hay
Darlington Point
Leeton
Temora
Boorowa
Harden
Bowral
Wollongong
Cootamundra
Kiama
Coleambally
Narrandera
Ganmain
Jugiong
Goulburn
Coolamon
Junee
Nowra
Moulamein
Wagga Wagga
Gundagai
Lockhart
Tumut
Canberra
Queanbeyan
Jerilderie
Wakool
Deniliquin
Batlow
Barham
Yarrangobilly
Namadgi National Park
Batemans Bay
Holbrook
Tumbarumba
Tocumwal
Cohuna
Mogo
Moruya
Cobram
Yarrawonga
Bredbo
Albury
Adaminaby

Parkes – 15th Sept 2022

Iandra – 14th Sept 2022

Beckom – 18th Aug 2022

Rankins Springs – 26th Aug 2022

BLACKLEG

- Favourable conditions for the disease to develop throughout the season
- Dryish conditions early – mid winter ➡ Ascospore release late May
- Multiple infection events throughout August to November
- Wet spring extended ascospore release ➡ development of UCI and pod infection
- Symptoms ranged from leaf lesions to UCI

- *Implications for 2023*
  - Large areas of canola stubble releasing spores in 2023
  - Increase in area sown to canola
  - Continued widespread use of foliar fungicides

	Average of CSII						
	Group A	Group ABDF	Group AD	Group B	Group BF	Group C	Group H
	MS	R	R-MR	MS-S	MR-MS	MR	R
NSW							
Beckom	39	2	6	31	38	4	2
Condobolin							
Cootamundra	34	5	5	28	31	2	6
Cudal	16	5	13	61	41	5	15
Gerogery	24	1	5	21	26	5	7
Grenfell							
Lockhart							
Parkes							
Wagga Wagga	37	13	12	26	66	6	16
Wellington							

LATE POD INFECTION

- Reports of pod infection (mould) causing downgrading of grain at delivery sites across NSW in 2022.
- Similar issues in 2010 and 2016
- Concerns that mould (white seed) could be a hazard.
- Results of continued rains throughout mid/late spring
  - Spread of foliar pathogens up canopy – Blackleg, Alternaria, Sclerotinia
  - Mycotoxin testing – no hazards
- Lead to a revision of delivery standards (5 vs 40 seeds/1000)
- Control options are very limited due to residue issues with late fungicide applications (outside label use guidelines)
- Environmental conditions during pod formation and pod development

Image - AOF

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