

Audience: CropSafe and CropAlert mailing list

Email subject line: Pre-season CropAlert newsletter

Dear all,

Below are some useful resources for the coming cropping season.

Field days 2020

We are still planning to deliver field days but are also looking at alternatives to ensure that we are able to safely deliver the information that you need and in a timely fashion. Further information will be provided during June/July when we know more.

Disease guides

The cereal and pulse disease guides have been updated with the latest disease ratings and are attached to this email. They can also be found at <http://bit.ly/CerealDiseaseGuide> and <http://bit.ly/PulseDiseaseGuide>

Crop disease management apps for iPad and Android tablet

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has recently released a stripe rust app that can help predict the economic impact of in season fungicide application. This app is part of a suite of apps that DPIRD have already released for blackleg and sclerotinia in canola.

A user guide is available for the StripeRustWM app – to receive a copy please email crop.safe@agriculture.vic.gov.au

All three apps can be found for tablets in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store by searching for BlacklegCM, SclerotiniaCM, and StripeRustWM.

Blackspot forecasts for field pea

Updates for the blackspot manager forecast will be available from the DPIRD website at the following link <https://bit.ly/2wXFSZV>

Blackspot manager helps growers be aware of the blackspot risk in field pea. The model predicts the risk based on the time of sowing and the number of spores that have been released from stubble in the region prior to the crop being sown.

Seasonal climate update

Links to *The Fast Break* and *the Very Fast Break* can be found at <https://bit.ly/39FEuIO>
Information for upcoming climate webinars can be found at <https://bit.ly/3bKFZa0>

Biosecurity awareness

Have you ever wondered what happens when you report an exotic pest? Plant Health Australia have created online training modules for growers to make the process clear and so that growers can understand their obligations for reporting pests.

<https://bit.ly/2Rnab3c>

Kind regards,

the CropSafe and Horsham Pathology teams