



A spray in time will save...

AN old saying talks about "a stitch in time saves nine," but when it comes to the use of farm chemicals, it could well be that a spray in time could save nine bushels or even nine bags, with the rapid spread of Stripe rust having the potential to remove 1.8t/ha (nine bags) from the bottom line.

A wet Dowerin field day could well point to increased grain yields, but it also provides a great environment for the spread of fungi, especially the latest WA scourge, Stripe rust.

Anecdotal evidence from the latest bout of rust outbreaks is indicating how well the 4Furrow fungicide treatment is holding out, with the expected "12 – 16 weeks" protection being easily attained.

4Farmers Triadimefon 125 is a very effective foliar spray, either as your first spray treatment or as a follow up to a 4Furrow; whether attacking an established infestation or as an insurance. Its price means it is easily the most cost-effective rust control treatment.

But 4Farmers Tebuconazole 430 provides another great option if the crop is further advanced, the yield potential is greater, or if a wider range of fungal diseases are present.

If Septoria or Yellow Spot have been problems in the past, consider using Tebuconazole to control these as well as rusts.

Tebuconazole should not be applied to cereal crops more than once per season, but the higher rate will give a significantly longer period of protection.

4Farmers now have Propiconazole registered, and this product also will control a wider range of diseases than Triadimefon. In fact, its disease spectrum is nearly the same as Tebuconazole, with its main advantage being in control of barley net blotch.



Discussing seasonal prospects at the 4Farmers stand at Dowerin were (from left) Terry Piper, 4Farmers Chief Agronomist, Phil Patterson, 4Farmers Chairman, with Paul and John Berger, Gnowangerup.

DOWERIN SUCCESS

THE 4Farmers display at Dowerin was a great success, giving clients and visitors a chance to catch up with the 4Farmers team, as well as providing a warm and dry location in the 4Farmers Ram Shed for farmers to take refuge during the occasional rain squalls.

It also demonstrated how public support over the last decade has allowed the company, which started as a bright idea with a couple of products not much more than 10 years ago, to become a major retailer with a full range of crop protection and animal health products.

Keep a watch for insects

REPORTS from around the state have identified a wide range of insect pests active in crops and pastures, including Budworm, Armyworm and Cutworm, as well as Cereal Aphids, RLEM, Lucerne Flea and Diamond Back Moths.

Infestations are wide spread, so it will pay to check crops regularly for insect damage, especially if an application of fungicide is being contemplated because a tank mix with an insecticide can save an application cost.

4Farmers have a wide range of competitively priced insecticides and a

talk with your agent can give you all the details needed on insecticide options.

If RLEM are a problem, it pays to spray them as they start to lay their over-summering eggs. You can find the correct date to apply this spray on your property (or properties) by ringing the AWI Ltd Helpline on 1800 070 099.

Technical information can be obtained from 4Farmers agents or from Terry Piper, Chief Agronomist, 4Farmers, Welshpool. Phone 9356 3445.

Don't forget the sheep

SEPTEMBER is the time that the spring shearing run is in full swing and it is also the time to spray for lice, either to control an infestation or to take out a bit of insect insurance.

4Farmers Triflumuron is an Insect Growth Regulator (IGR) that prevents the development of immature lice, including those that hatch within 20 days of application.

It is not only gentle on the sheep, it is kind to the farmer because the IGR may be applied up to seven days after shearing, or to unshorn lambs up to two months old.

Talk to your 4Farmers agent and discover that 4Farmers Triflumuron is gentle on your chequebook also.

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4Farmers are pleased to announce they have added the fungicide PROPICONAZOLE to their already wide range, which - along with Tebuconazole - assists the control of Septoria diseases.

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IT PAYS TO REMEMBER

Before 4Farmers Chlorpyrifos went on the market for \$250, other suppliers charged \$350 for the same amount.