

WASP 2018

In 2018 there are two WASP trials established; one on the support block at Carenda, Boyanup that features non-wetting sand (10 lines tested); and the other on the dairy platform at Matt Brett's property, Dardanup that features more fertile clay loam soils (11 lines tested). Four replicates of each line were randomly allocated once in each of four blocks in plots that were 1.4m by 5m.

Both sites were sown on the 1st May with Agstar csbp (26N, 26P, 18S kg/ha). Insecticide was used at both sites on 9th May to control black beetle and RLEM using 1L/ha of Chlorpyrifos and 100 ml/ha of bifenthrin. Snail and slug pellets were broadcast at both sites in May. Dicamba M @ 5L/ha was used to control broadleaf weeds including mint weed (Dardanup) and subclover (Carenda). On 11th June all plots were topdressed with (Kg/ha); single super (Dardanup) or Super SR (Carenda) 100; MoP 50; and Urea 130. After each harvest we topdress with the same fertiliser mix with the aim of providing macro nutrients at a level that does not limit production.

We have been battling a nice wet Winter this year but have managed to scurry in and out between rain dumps. The Dardanup site has been quicker to establish and the first harvest was 25th June with the Carenda plots harvested on 6th July.



Pre- and post- harvest plots at the Dardanup site on the day of harvest three, 3rd September, 2018