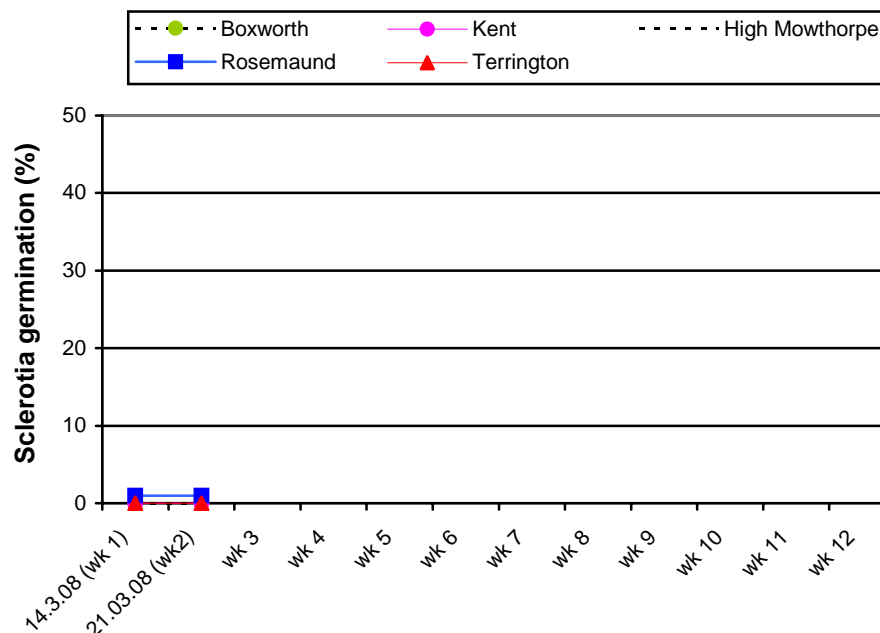


Early Sclerotinia germination. PGR timings approach.
Look out for light leaf spot



Crops are growing strongly after early nitrogen treatment and forward crops are close to the mid stem extension stage (30-50cm tall), with a low percentage of taller plants starting to flower. A few forward crops are ready for PGR treatment.

Light leaf spot is present in the north and west particularly where a winter spray was missed. It should be tackled early, by start of stem extension, with a non-PGR triazole at a threshold of 15-20% plants. (This is a lower threshold than last year because of the increased value of rapeseed). The threshold increases at later growth stages due to lower yield loss - 25% at mid-stem extension and 30% at yellow bud.

Phoma leaf spot is common but it is too late to achieve good control of stem canker.

Sclerotinia germination has started early this season with the first occurrence at ADAS Rosemaund last week. No new germination has occurred this week and at present the sclerotinia risk is low. Soils are moist on the surface in many areas and sclerotinia activity should increase as soil temperatures rise.

ACTION

Decisions and actions with plant growth regulators will be required on suitable crops at the mid stem extension to yellow bud stage. PGR treatment should not be used on thin or stressed crops. For light leaf spot a fungicide spray is advised if more than 25% plants are affected at mid stem extension, though this disease control will now form part of PGR or Sclerotinia control decisions.

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