Ascochyta & Phytophthora resistant chickpea

KEY FEATURES

- Moderately Resistant/Resistant (MR/R) to Ascochyta blight (resistance is > Flipper but < PBA Boundary).
- Moderately Resistant (MR) to Phytophthora root rot (resistance is > Jimbour but < Yorker).
- High yielding across all chickpea growing regions of Northern NSW and Southern Qld.
- Tall, erect plant type (similar to Jimbour and Kyabra).
- Mid-season maturity (equivalent to Jimbour and Kyabra).
- Medium sized desi seed suited to the direct human consumption market.
- Excellent milling quality.

MAIN ADVANTAGES

PBA HatTrick is an Ascochyta blight resistant desi chickpea that is well suited to all current chickpea growing areas in Northern NSW and Southern Qld.

It is the first variety to combine moderate to high levels of resistance to the two key disease limitations in north-eastern Australia (Ascochyta blight and Phytophthora root rot).

PBA HatTrick also captures the plant architecture, yield potential, broad adaptation and seed quality of its Jimbour parentage.

SEED PROTECTION & ROYALTIES

PBA HatTrick is protected under Plant Breeder’s Rights (PBR) legislation. Growers can only retain seed from their production of PBA HatTrick for their own seed use.

An End Point Royalty (EPR) of $4.40 per tonne (GST inclusive), which includes breeder royalties, applies upon delivery of this variety.

Seed is available from the commercial partner Seednet.

AREA OF ADAPTATION

Seednet
Plants Productivity
PULSE BREEDING AUSTRALIA

PBA HatTrick® is well adapted to all areas of Region 2 (Central/North-Western Slopes of NSW and Darling Downs of Qld) and Region 3 (Central/North-Western Plains of NSW and Western Downs/Maranoa of Qld) where chickpeas are currently grown. Yields are similar to Jimbour® and Kyabra® and generally much higher than Flipper® and Yorker®.

PBA HatTrick® is not recommended for Central Qld where yields are lower than those of the established varieties. As part of the Ascochyta blight management program for Central Qld an industry moratorium prevents the movement of seed from Regions 2 & 3 into Central Qld. PBA HatTrick® is not recommended for Southern NSW, Victoria, South Australia or Western Australia.

YIELD & ADAPTATION

Yield of desi chickpea varieties in north-eastern Australia

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<th>Variety</th>
<th>Averaged yields for Regions R2 &amp; R3 expressed as a % of PBA HatTrick® yield</th>
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Source: Trial results from Pulse Breeding Australia (PBA) and National Variety Trials (NVT) programs.
Region 2 (R2) Central/North-Western Slopes (NSW) and Darling Downs (Qld).
Region 3 (R3) Central/North-Western Plains (NSW) and Western Downs/Maranoa (Qld).
Region 4 (R4) Southern NSW Medium/High rainfall east of the Newell Hwy.
Region 5 (R5) Southern NSW Low/Medium rainfall west of the Newell Hwy.

Disease resistance rating and yield loss of desi chickpea in north-eastern Australia

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<tr>
<th>Variety</th>
<th>Ascochyta blight (AB)¹</th>
<th>Phytophthora root rot (PRR)²</th>
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<td>Resistance rating 2009</td>
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<td>PBA Boundary®</td>
<td>disease free</td>
<td>1.91</td>
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Source: NSW-DPI and Qld DEEDI Plant Pathology teams.
¹ Ascochyta blight yield loss trial, Tamworth 2009 & 2010 - NSW-DPI.
² Phytophthora root rot yield loss trial, Warwick 2009 - DEEDI and NSW-DPI.
³ Yields are in the presence of high disease pressure with no fungicide applications.

Agronomic traits of desi chickpea in north-eastern Australia

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<tr>
<th>Variety</th>
<th>Flowering score ¹</th>
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<td>5.8</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>1.7</td>
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Source: Pulse Breeding Australia trials program 2004-2010.
¹ 1 = very early; 9 = very late.
² 1 = fully erect; 9 = flat on ground.
DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Ascochyta blight (AB)

Follow the general guidelines for reducing the risk of Ascochyta blight in ‘Winter Crop Variety Sowing Guide’ from NSW-DPI or ‘Chickpea: Ascochyta Blight Management’ from Pulse Australia

- PBA HatTrick® represents a significant improvement in Ascochyta resistance compared to other desi varieties currently grown in the target regions of Northern NSW and Southern Qld.
- Its Moderately Resistant/Resistant (MR/R) Ascochyta rating means that disease development will be slow and there will be no or minimal yield loss in most seasons.
- In most seasons there is no cost benefit in applying a fungicide before Ascochyta is detected.
- However, in seasons of high disease pressure, a reactive foliar fungicide spray strategy may be warranted and at least one pod protection spray is likely to be required.
- Monitor the crop 10-14 days after each rain event and if Ascochyta is detected consult your agronomist.

Phytophthora root rot (PRR)

- PBA HatTrick® is Moderately Resistant (MR) to Phytophthora. It is slightly more resistant than Jimbour® and Kyabra® and slightly less resistant than Yorker®.
- The resistance means that production losses will be significantly reduced compared to those of Susceptible (S) varieties. However, losses can still occur under conditions that are highly conducive to Phytophthora.
- Appropriate paddock selection will minimise disease risk (e.g. avoid poorly drained areas and paddocks with a history of Phytophthora; ensure at least a two year break).

Botrytis grey mould (BGM)

- Controlled environment testing, confirmed by opportunistic field testing in 2010, indicates that PBA HatTrick® is Susceptible (S) to BGM, broadly similar to all other regional desi varieties, except for Jimbour® which is rated Moderately Susceptible (MS).
- Monitor for BGM in spring as temperatures and humidity rise. Apply a registered fungicide containing either carbendazim or mancozeb once BGM has been identified within the crop.

Virus

- PBA HatTrick® is rated Moderately Susceptible (MS) to the suite of viruses that affect chickpea, similar to other commonly grown desi varieties.
- Retention of cereal stubble, timely sowing and establishment of the recommended plant population (see below) provide the most effective management in virus-prone districts such as the Liverpool Plains.
- There is no evidence to support the use of seed or foliar insecticides to reduce losses caused by viruses in chickpea.

AGRONOMY

Plant characteristics

PBA HatTrick® is similar in appearance to one of its parents Jimbour®. It has a tall, erect plant type with pods held well above the ground. Under high yielding situations it has exhibited a slightly increased tendency to lodge, although this is not considered a significant problem. Flowering and harvest maturity are similar to Jimbour® and Kyabra®, and significantly earlier than Flipper® and Yorker®.

Sowing

- Target the optimum planting window for your area, but avoid very early sowing.
- Sow high quality seed at rates calculated to achieve a plant population of 25-30 plants/m². Typically 50 to 65 kg/ha, depending upon germination percentage and planting conditions.
- Inoculate with Group N Chickpea Rhizobium.

Tolerance of physical stresses

- Moderately intolerant of salt (same as Flipper® and Kyabra®; more tolerant than Jimbour®; less tolerant than Yorker®).
- The tolerance of PBA HatTrick® to label recommended rates of registered herbicides is similar to Jimbour® based on visual observations from three years of trials conducted on calcareous alkaline soils in South Australia.
- Widespread field evaluation in the Northern Region has found no increased sensitivity to other commonly grown varieties to registered herbicides provided label directions are complied with.
- There is no evidence of increased sensitivity to frost compared to other varieties.
**SEED QUALITY**

PBA HatTrick® is a standard ‘Indian’ type desi chickpea. Seed size, shape and seed coat texture are very similar to Jimbour®, whereas colour is slightly darker. Milling quality is excellent, giving dhal yields 1-2% higher than other varieties commonly grown in north-eastern Australia. The dhal is similar in shape and size to that of Jimbour® and has the distinct dimpling required by Indian markets to differentiate it from field pea dhal.

**MARKETING**

PBA HatTrick® has been assessed by traders in India and considered suitable for both direct consumption and splitting end uses.

**BREEDING**

PBA HatTrick® (evaluated as CICA0512) was developed by the PBA desi chickpea program, led by NSW-DPI from a cross between Jimbour® and the Ascochyta resistant Iranian landrace ICC14903.

**PATHOLOGY**

Disease management information has been compiled from experiments conducted by NSW-DPI through the GRDC project DAN00110 ‘More Profitable Chickpeas through Disease Management and Disease Screening - Northern Region’ and by DEEDI through the GRDC project DAQ00108 ‘Reducing the Impact of Pulse Diseases in the Northern Region’.

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**Variety** | **Seed weight (g/100)** | **Dhal yield (%)**
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PBA HatTrick® | 20.1 | 65.1
PBA Boundary® | 19.5 | 64.7
Jimbour® | 19.8 | 64.2
Kyabra® | 25.3 | 64.9
Flipper® | 18.1 | 62.4
Yorke® | 21.2 | 62.9

Source: Pulse Breeding Australia

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