



Try Before You Buy

Getta Getta, North Star, NSW

Key takeaway

- Water use efficiency planted single skip under a pivot.
- Understand air movement throughout the different leaf shape types.
- Monitor boll rots etc as the crop starts to open.
- Understand the change in environment for silver leaf white fly.

System

Irrigated, pivot
Single skip

Rainfall

191 mm

Top yield

11.72 ba/ha
Siokra 253B3XF

Trial snapshot

Planting date 04/11/2025

Picking date 29/04/2026

Previous crop Corn

Varieties Siokra 253B3XF, Sicot
606B3F, Sicala 320B3XF
and Sicot 757B3XF



Grower perspective

“2025/26 was near clinical for us in Pivot 1. Emergence was always going to be an issue dealing with the previous years corn stubble. Planting proceeded early November. All lines emerged as equals. This always helps with the outcome achieved.

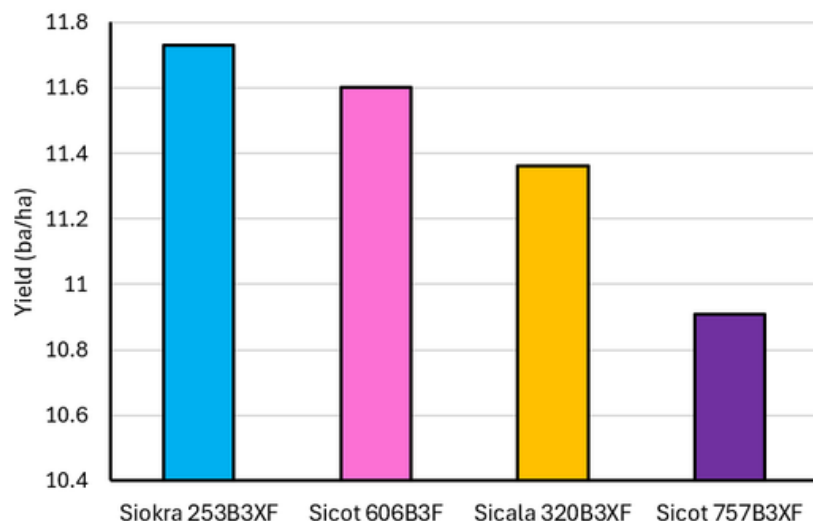
While there were robust conversations around the need if any for Mepiquat during the growing stages I don't feel it was required until the crop was cut out. Reducing any stress's is important to us as in our minds as where not wanting to encourage any disease. By the season end in the lowest area it was about but not prevalent.

Overall March was very kind to us. The farms objectives to better understand our options in years of reduced water have been understood better. - **Bob Hilton**, Farm Manager 'Getta Getta'

Season & field summary

For the most part the outcome was not duly influenced by in crop rain. Prior three crops have been corn because of the high incidence of various strains of Verticillium Wilt. The incidence of Verticillium Wilt this past season was lower than the past.

Trial results



TBYB yield results from 'Getta Getta', North Star. Results are from LDC MAC2 Goondiwindi.

Yield & fibre quality comparison

Variety	Yield	Staple length (imp)	Strength (g/tex)	Micronaire	Lint turnout (%)
Siokra 253B3XF	11.73	1.22	34.2	4.2	48.2
Sicot 606B3F	11.60	1.19	34.6	4.8	43.2
Sicala 320B3XF	11.36	1.27	35.1	4.2	43.2
Sicot 757B3XF	10.91	1.27	35.2	4.3	43.0

Agronomy insights

Single skip configurations allow for deeper light penetration which assists with improved photosynthesis. The extra benefits of additional air movement help with both crop temperatures and reduced incidences of boll rot etc. Under over head irrigation water use efficiencies mean we have more control over how much water is available in the soil profile. We see these benefits with okra shaped leaf types such as Siokra 253B3XF come on.

Fit & management considerations

Growers will need to consider some water losses are expected from ground surface evaporation as the ground cover between the rows diminishes in time. Opportunities to apply crop inputs remain open for a longer period of time.

This can also be said of foliar applied nutrition which in crop will likely provide for higher efficiency rates. Drone technologies are assisting with being able to apply inputs while watering the crop where the foliage is dry or will remain dry for sufficient uptake.

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