Although not seen in crops every year, Sclerotinia can lead to yield losses of up to 60% when conditions favour the disease.

With the recent dry and mild winter and early growing season, Sclerotinia risk is likely to be high. The AHDB Sclerotinia Risk Alerts for 2019 are already showing that sites across the west, south and east are at high risk of disease development.

When risk is high and the flowering period is prolonged, a two spray programme or robust midflowering spray, may be appropriate.

TAURUS (containing thiophanate-methyl) can be a useful tool for the agronomist and grower, giving strong cost-effective Sclerotinia control in tank-mix with a product with a different mode of action.

TAURUS should be used as part of a 2 spray programme at 0.5kg/Ha with an appropriate tankmix partner, during early flower.

Alternatively, if only one spray is planned mid-flower, TAURUS can be a very useful addition, giving good efficacy and helping with resistance management.

For more information on use and tank-mixes, contact your local Certis advisor or call our technical helpline on 0845 373 0305.

For more information about the Sclerotinia risk in your area, please visit: www.ahdb.org.uk/sclerotinia