

Identification and Management of Winter Wheat Diseases

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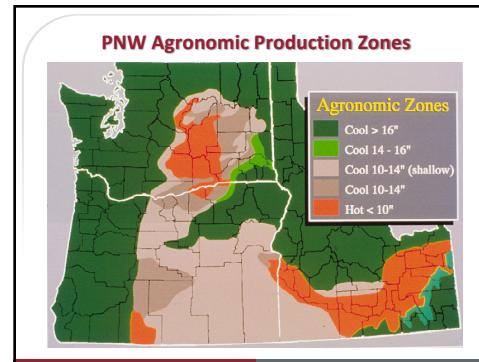
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Fungal Diseases of Wheat in the PNW	
Common name	Pathogen
✓ Stripe rust	<i>Puccinia striiformis</i>
✓ Eyespot	<i>Oculimacula yallundae, O. acuformis</i>
✓ Cephalosporium stripe	<i>Cephalosporium gramineum</i>
Rhizoctonia root rot	<i>Rhizoctonia solani, R. oryzae</i>
Fusarium foot rot	<i>Fusarium culmorum, F. pseudograminearum</i>
Pythium seed/root rot	<i>Pythium spp.</i>
✓ Snow molds	<i>Typhula ishikariensis, Microdochium nivale</i>
Leaf rust	<i>Puccinia recondita</i>
Stem rust	<i>Puccinia graminis</i>

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Virus & Bacterial Diseases of Wheat in the PNW	
Common name	Pathogen
✓ Barley yellow dwarf	<i>Barley yellow dwarf virus, Cereal yellow dwarf virus</i>
Black chaff	<i>Xanthomonas translucens</i>
Soilborne wheat mosaic	<i>Soilborne wheat mosaic virus</i>
Wheat streak mosaic	<i>Wheat streak mosaic virus</i>

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Distribution of Diseases by Rainfall				
Disease	Rainfall zone			
	8-12"	12-18"	>18"	Irrig.
Stripe rust				
Eyespot				
Cephalosporium stripe				
Rhizoctonia root rot				
Fusarium crown rot				
Pythium root rot				
Snow molds				
Barley yellow dwarf				
Soilborne wheat mosaic				

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Management Considerations			
Disease	Cultural practices	Variety selection	Chemical control
Stripe rust	+	+	+
Eyespot	+	+	+
Ceph. stripe	+	+	-
Rhizoctonia root rot	+	-	-
Fusarium crown rot	+	-	-
Pythium root rot	+	-	+
Snow molds	+	+	-
Barley yellow dwarf	+	-	+
Soilborne wheat mosaic	-	+	-

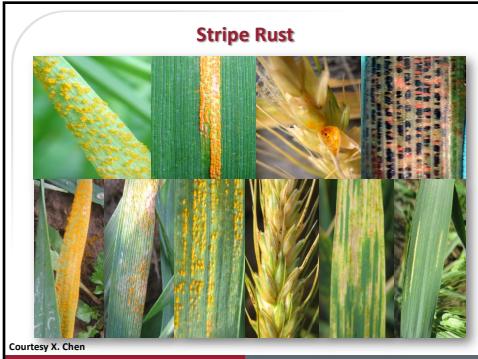
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Cultural Management Practices						
Disease	Seeding date	Residue mgt	Green bridge	Fertility	Crop rotation	Soil pH
Stripe rust	+	-	+	+	-	-
Eyespot	+	+/-	-	-	-	-
Ceph. stripe	+	+/-	-	-	+	+
Rhizoctonia	+/-	+	+	-	-	-
Fusarium	+	-	-	+	-	-
Pythium	+	+	+	-	-	-
Snow molds	+	-	-	-	-	-
BYD	+	-	+	+	-	-
SBWM	+	-	-	-	-	-

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Factors Affecting Stripe Rust

- Favorable temps/moisture for infection
 - temps of 50-64°F w/6 hrs of dew
 - cool temps best for disease development, but less important than infection
- Fall infection
 - susceptible plants in fall
- Winter survival
 - temperatures during Dec-Feb

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Stripe Rust Outlook – November 2022

What we know now:

- Rust developed later in the season during 2022 = due to very little disease in 2021
- Relatively dry fall – normal to late planting/ emergence + Fall weather = below average risk for rust establishment: Still very early
- November & December temperatures will determine rust survival going into 2023
- ➔ Expect Dr. Chen's 1st forecast in January

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Stripe Rust Control Options

- Cultural**
- Green bridge management
 - Avoid early planting
 - Avoid excessive irrigation (furrow better than sprinkler)
- Plant disease resistant varieties**
- ➔ preferably those with HTAP resistance (1-4)
- Monitor rust forecast, scout fields, spray fungicides when necessary**
- ➔ Scout fields for rust, spray susceptible varieties (5-9) or when 1-5% of plants have active rust

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Stripe Rust Resistance - Winter Varieties 2022	
Rating	Varieties
R (1,2)	aMaze, AP Dynamic, AP Exceed, AP Illiad, AP Octane, Appleby CL+, ARS Castella, ARS-Selbu 2.0, Bobtail, Bruet, Cameo, Cara, Chukar, Farnum, Jasper, Kairos, LCS Biancor, LCS Blackjack, LCS Drive, LCS Evina, LCS Hulk, LCS Rocket, LCS Shark, LCS Shine, LCS Sonic, LCS Yeti, LCS Zoom, Legion, Madsen, M-press, Nixon, Norwest 553, Norwest Duet, Norwest Tandem, ORRx2 CL+, Purl, Resilience CL+, Rosalyn, Sockeye CL+, Sprinter, Stingray CL+, SY Assure, SY Banks, SY Dayton, SY Raptor, UI Bronze Jade, UI Bulldog, VI Frost, VI Presto CL+, WB1529, WB1604, WB1720, WB4311, WB4510CLP, WB4623CLP, Whetstone, WB1376CLP, WB1621, WB4394
MR (3,4)	AP Redeye, AP Venom, ARS Crescent, ARS Selbu, Coda, LCS Ghost, Masami, Millie, Piranha CL+, Pritchett, SY Clearstone CL2, SY Ovation, UI-WSU Huffman, WB1376CLP, WB1621, WB4394
M (5)	AP503 CL2, AP Badger, LCS Artdeco, LCS Aymeric, Mary, ORCF102, Otto, Puma, Scorpio, Sequoia, Stephens, SY107, SY Command, SY Touchstone, UI Castle CL+, UI Sparrow, VI Voodoo CL+, WB1783
MS (6,7)	AP700 CL, AP Legacy, Curiosity CL+, Devote, Eltan, Ivy, Keldin, LCS Fusion AX, LCS Helix AX, LCS Jet, Mela CL+, UI Palouse CL+, WB1532, Xerpha
S (8,9)	Battle AX, Brawl CL Plus, Canvas, CP7010, CP7909, Guardian, ORCL103, Snowmass 2.0, UI Magic CL+, WB4303, WB Rimrock, Whistler
	Soft white, Hard red, Club, Hard White

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Stripe Rust Resistance - Spring Varieties 2022	
Rating	Varieties
R (1,2)	AP Octane, AP Renegade, AP Venom, CP3055, CP3066, CP3099A, CP39120, Espresso, Glee, Hale, Hedge CL+, ID, Melba, Seashawk, SY Basalt, SY Gunsight, SY Teton, Tekoa, TMC2021, WB6121, WB6211CLP, WB7202CLP, WB9303, WB9623, WB9662, WB9668, WQ1008, WQL195, YSC-605
MR (3,4)	Alum, Cabernet, Chet, Dayn, Diva, LCS Iron, Louise, Roger, Ryan, SY Coho, SY Selway, SY Steelhead, UI Platinum, UI Stone, SY Saltese, YSC-603
M (5)	Bullseye, Whit
MS (6,7)	AP Mondovi CL2, Hollis, LCS Luna, Kelse, Net CL+
S (8,9)	AP Coachman, Babe, Buck Pronto, CP3530, Jefferson, Jefferson HF, SY605 CL2, UI Cookie, WB1035 CL+, WB6341
	Soft white, Hard red, Club, Hard White, Durum

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Fungicides	
Monitor forecasts and development of rust	
Spray when necessary:	
Spray when susceptible varieties (5-9) have 1 to 5% rust	

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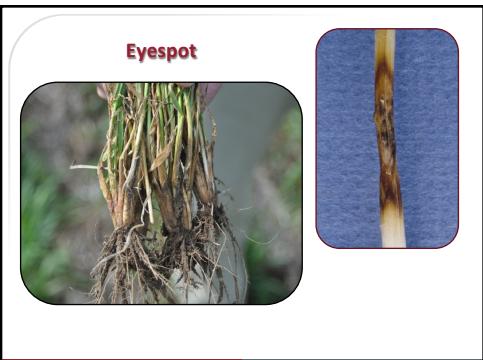
Rust Fungicides - 2022								
Class	Active ingredient	Product	Rate/A	Stripe rust	Leaf rust	Stem rust	Harvest restriction	
Strobilurin	Propiconazole 23.0%	Aproach SC	6.0 - 12.0	E	E	G	Feeke 10.5	
	Pyraclostrobin 22.9%	Headline SC	6.0 - 9.0	E	E	VG	Feeke 10.5	
	Azoxystrobin 22.9%	Quinton EC	4.0 - 12.0	E	E	VG	Feeke 10.5	
	Myclobutanil 22.9%	Cougar 5.75 SC	4.0 - 10.0	E	E	VG	30 days	
Triazole	Tebuconazole 38.7%	Folicur 3.6 F	4.0	E	E	VG	30 days	
	Prothioconazole 41%	Prolite 400 SC	5.0 - 5.7	VG	VG	VG	30 days	
	Tebuconazole 35%	Prosaro 421 SC	6.5 - 8.2	E	E	E	30 days	
	Propiconazole 41.8%	Tilt 3.6 EC	4.0	VG	VG	VG	Feeke 10.5-4	
	Myclobutanil 22.9%	Sphere	4.0 - 7.3	E	E	E	30 days	
	Tebuconazole 22.9%	Absolute Maxx SC	5.0	VG	E	VG	35 days	
	Triadimenol 22.9%	Aproach Prima SC	3.4 - 6.8	E	VG	—	45 days	
	Cyproconazole 7.17%	Delaro 325 SC	8.0	VG	VG	VG	Feeke 10.5 35 days	
Mixed modes of action	Propiconazole 16.0%	Triflypyroxifen 13.7%	—	—	—	—	—	
	Pyridostrobin 11.4%	Miravis Ace SE	13.7	VG	VG	VG	Feeke 10.5-4	
	Flutriafol 11.7%	Nestcor EC	7.0 - 13.0	E	E	VG	Feeke 10.5	
	Propiconazole 11.7%	Priaxor	4.0 - 8.0	VG	VG	G	Feeke 10.5	
	Pyraclostrobin 28.0%	Quilt Xcel 2.2 SE	10.5 - 14.0	E	E	VG	Feeke 10.5-4	
	Propiconazole 10.8%	Strategy YLD	4.0	VG	VG	VG	Feeke 10.5 35 days	
	Flutriafol 11.7%	Trilegro SE	9.4 - 13.7	E	E	VG	Feeke 10.5-4	
	Propiconazole 11.9%	Toppguard EQ	4.0 - 7.0	E	E	VG	Feeke 10.5-4 30 days	
	Flutriafol 18.63%							
	Azoxystrobin 25.30%							

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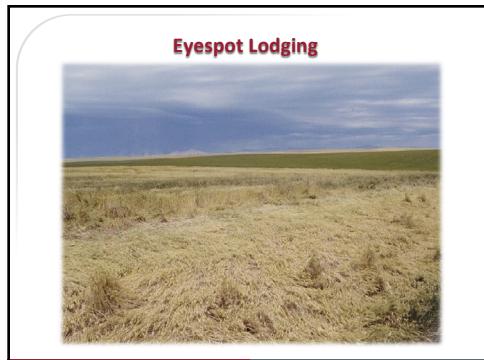
Summary: Management Considerations

- Plant only varieties with effective resistance, preferably HTAP (ratings 1-4); avoid very susceptible varieties
- Avoid very early planting of winter wheat
- Reduce volunteer wheat and other grasses
- Avoid excessive irrigation; furrow better than sprinkler
- Monitor forecasts, rust development and reaction type of known varieties
- Spray when necessary; earlier is usually better than later

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Factors Affecting Eyespot

- Autumn temperatures
- Rainfall
- Snow cover
- ➔ November 2022 outlook:
 - Similar to stripe rust: normal to late planting/emergence + relatively dry fall conditions + mild winter temperatures = below average risk for susceptible varieties
 - Scout fields of susceptible varieties prior to jointing to determine severity

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Control of Eyespot

- Cultural practices
 - ➔ seeding date
- Resistant varieties
- Foliar fungicides

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Eyespot Resistant Winter Varieties

• Cara	• M-press	• Rosalyn
• Dyna-Gro Impact	• Nixon	• SY Raptor
• Jasper	• Northwest Tandem	• SY Touchstone
• LCS Blackjack	• OR2X2	• VI Bulldog
• LCS-Drive	• Otto	• VI Frost
• LCS-Jet	• Pritchett	• WB 1529
• Madsen	• Resilience CL+	• WB 1604

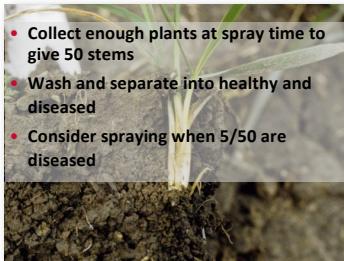
Soft white, Hard red, Club

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When to Spray?

“the 10% rule”

- Collect enough plants at spray time to give 50 stems
- Wash and separate into healthy and diseased
- Consider spraying when 5/50 are diseased



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Fungicides Registered for Eyespot

Tilt + Topsin-M (4 oz + 10 oz)
 (propiconazole + thiophanate-methyl)
 Alto + Topsin-M (3.0-5.5 oz + 10 oz)
 (cyproconazole + thiophanate-methyl)
 Nexcior (9-13 oz)
 (fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin + propiconazole)
 Priaxor (3-4 oz)
 (fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin)
 Quilt + Topsin-M (14 oz + 10 oz)
 (propiconazole + azoxystrobin + thiophanate-methyl)
 Trivapro (13.7 oz)
 (propiconazole + azoxystrobin + benovindiflupyr)

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Cephalosporium stripe

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Cephalosporium Stripe

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Factors Affecting Cephalosporium Stripe

Autumn temperatures
Rainfall
Soil freezing
Soil pH

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Controlling Cephalosporium Stripe

Cultural Practices

- Seeding date
- Crop Rotation
- Soil pH modification

Resistant/tolerant varieties

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Influence of Soil pH on Cephalosporium Stripe

→ Confirmed pH response in Washington

Control Inoculated Control Inoculated
pH 4.5 pH 7.5

Love & Bruehl, 1987

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Tolerance to Cephalosporium

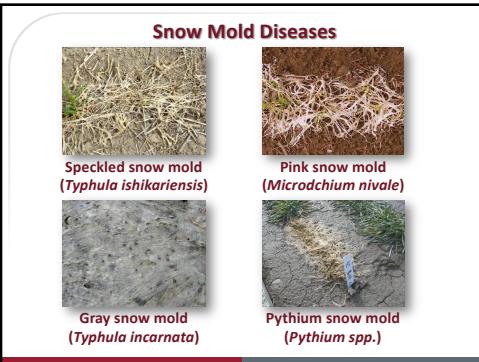
• Bobtail	• LCS Jet	• SY
• Bruehl	• Masami	Touchstone
• Coda	• Mela CL+	• UI Palouse
• Curiosity CL+	• Norwest Duet	CL+
• Eltan	• Norwest	• UI Magic CL+
• Farnum	• Tandem	• WB 528
• Jasper	• ORCF 103	• WB 1529
• Keldin	• Pritchett	• WB 1532
• LCS-Artdeco	• Skiles	• Whetstone
• LCS Drive	• SY Dayton	• Xerpha

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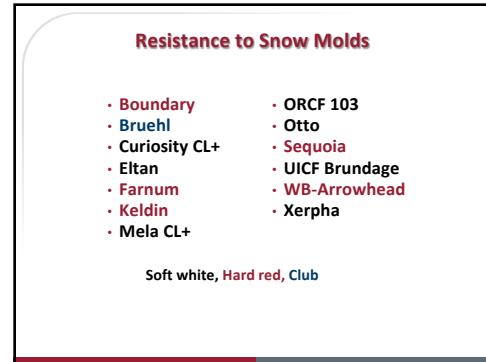
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Snow Mold Diseases

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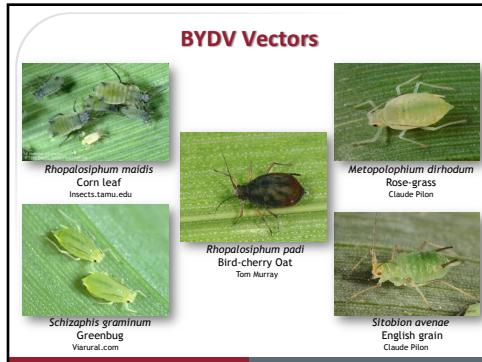
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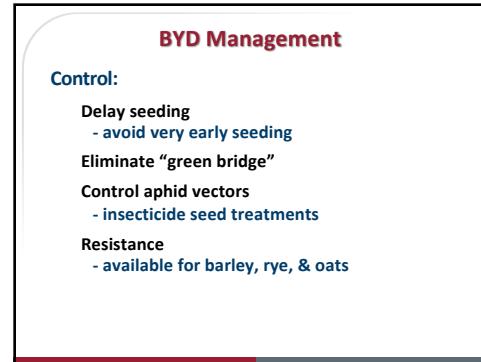
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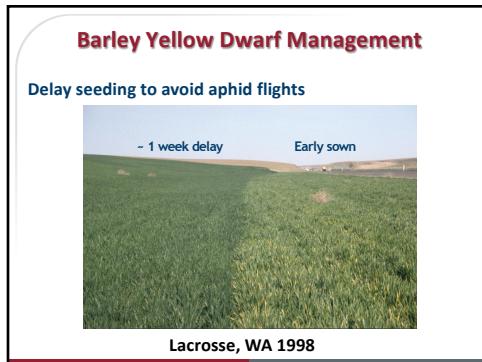
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Eyespot	+	+	+
Ceph. stripe	+	+	-
Rhizoctonia root rot	+	-	-
Fusarium crown rot	+	-	-
Pythium root rot	+	-	+
Snow molds	+	+	-
Barley yellow dwarf	+	-	+
Soilborne wheat mosaic	-	+	-

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Cultural Management Practices						
Disease	Seeding date	Residue mgt	Green bridge	Fertility	Crop rotation	Soil pH
Stripe rust	+	-	+	+	-	-
Eyespot	+	+/-	-	-	-	-
Ceph. stripe	+	+/-	-	-	+	+
Rhizoctonia	+/-	+	+	-	-	-
Fusarium	+	-	-	+	-	-
Pythium	+	+	+	-	-	-
Snow molds	+	-	-	-	-	-
BYD	+	-	+	+	-	-
SBWM	+	-	-	-	-	-

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Disease Information Resources

Wheat and Small Grains website
<http://smallgrains.wsu.edu/>
Twitter @WSUWheatDoc

Stripe rust alerts: **updates by Dr. Chen begin in January**
• <http://striperustalert.wsu.edu/>

Variety Ratings: Stripe rust, eyespot, Cephalosporium stripe
• WSCIA seed guides
• Variety Selection Tool

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Diagnosis of Problems

Plant Pest Diagnostic Clinic
Test. Don't Guess!
Verify the disease or pest **before** making management decisions.

Services Available:

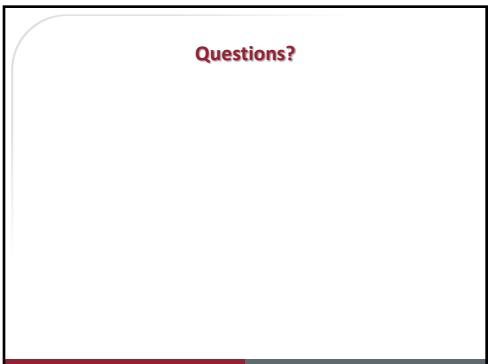
- Pest identification
- Pathogen culture and identification
- Pathogen testing
- Management recommendations

More information and detailed instructions on sample submission and forms are available at <http://wsuextension.wsu.edu/diagnose/>

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