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Weekly Wheat Bulletin

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www.californiawheat.org*

Crop Comments

4-19-07 "I've been looking for wheat stripe rust in Glenn, Butte, and Tehama Counties for the past few weeks. This week is the first week I have seen any stripe rust spores on wheat leaves. The spores were at a very low level in two fields I checked of about ten total. In most of the eight other fields I am seeing light levels of what I think is a resistant reaction (yellow speckling on the leaves and some yellow and tan striped areas). If stripe rust is present in a later developing field (no flowering yet) there is time to treat with a fungicide."
Doug Munier, UCCE Farm Advisor, Glenn, Butte, Tehama counties.

"Cooler weather the last week or so should help fill the heads on the wheat.

Not seeing any other problems due to the dry and windy desert weather. I think that the later planted wheat will see a yield reduction due to the hot weather the first 10 days of March."
Roy Motter, Grower, Imperial Valley

4-16-07 "We got 1 1/2 inches of rain on Sat. There was quite a bit of wheat cut for hay which was rained on. The adjuster required a 12' strip the entire length of the field to be left to determine what the yield of the crop would have been. Most of the farmers down here have only catastrophic insurance which isn't much. The rain really helped and may have saved a few fields that I have planted.

In Dixon we had rust in our Summit. We sprayed because the crop looks so good and it has been irrigated."
Alan Freese, Grower, Birds Landing, Solano County.

4-19-07 "I am now finding some small spots of stripe rust at all variety trial locations and fields of Summit, Blanca Grande, Solano, and a little in Clear White. Most fields are mature enough (past bloom) that I feel we can wait it out. This is, of course, something you should consider for each field and talk

over with your PCA if you have one. I took out Iago Lowe, graduate student at UCD working on Septoria, to look for and collect Septoria pycnidia. We had a very hard time finding any; good news. It looks like the weather has been very unfavorable for Septoria, so far. Most of the fields were irrigated in time to save the flag leaves, but some either could not, chose not or were too late. At this stage in wheat development if there is not a green healthy flag leaf the grain will not fill (develop normally). Test weight will be extremely low and dockage very high. In the dryland hills this last rain saved us, yields are down but the flag leaves are still green in most of the varieties. I only hope for a bit more rain in the hills. Please come view the wheat variety trials, now is the best time. Contact me for locations and maps.” **Kent Brittan, Farm Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension, Yolo, Solano, Sacramento counties**

2007 Wheat Variety Survey

The 2007 California Wheat Variety Survey was released this week and can be found at the following website address, or by calling the California Wheat Commission.

http://www.californiawheat.org/variety_survey.htm

Resource - Diseases

Fact Sheets (Series 3/3)

“Stem Rust” Fact Sheet Available at the following website address:

<http://maswheat.ucdavis.edu/Education/PDF/facts/rustfacts.pdf>

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Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP) for Wheat is a multi-state, multi-institution project, funded by USDA/CSREES

dedicated to the genetic improvement of US wheat through research, education and extension. For more about this program please visit the following website:

<http://maswheat.ucdavis.edu/Education/index.htm>

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Events / Dates to Remember

UC Davis Small Grains and Alfalfa Field Day, Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 am at the Agronomy Field Headquarters on Hutchison Drive, ½ mile west of HW 113.

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Announcements

Announcement of Value-Added Producer Grant Application Deadlines- closing date May 16, 2007

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of approximately \$19.3 million in competitive grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2007 to help independent agricultural producers enter into value-added activities.

Awards may be made for planning activities or for working capital expenses, but not for both. The maximum grant amount for a planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum grant amount for a working capital grant is \$300,000

The full announcement can be found at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-7110.pdf>

Risk Management Agency – Non-Insurance Tools Funding, closing date May 17, 2007

The purpose of the Non-Insurance Risk Management Program Partnerships is to fund the development of non-insurance

risk management tools that will be utilized by agricultural producers to assist them in mitigating the risks inherent in agricultural production. The proposal must address the objective listed in section I.D. Approximately \$3 million is available to fund an undetermined number of partnerships. Projects may be funded for a period of up to three years. Applications are accepted from public and private entities; individuals are not eligible to apply. No cost sharing by the applicant is required. There are no limitations on the number of applications each applicant may submit.

More information at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-5971.htm>