

Temperature warming prompts rust warning

Grain growers in the southern New South Wales cropping region are encouraged to monitor their crops for rust diseases as temperatures begin to rise and as up-front fungicide treatments begin to wear off. Cereal disease authorities, with support from the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), advise that stripe rust has been reported across the southern region. In addition, leaf rust of wheat has been detected in the susceptible variety Mackellar at Wagga Wagga in southern NSW and growers are advised to monitor varieties with resistance ratings of moderately susceptible or higher for early spring leaf rust infections. Growers who detect or suspect rust in their crops should contact Andrew Milgate, NSW DPI, phone 02 6938 1990 or email andrew.milgate@industry.nsw.gov.au. More information on cereal rust diseases is available via the GRDC-supported Rust Bust website at www.rustbust.com.au and the GRDC online resource hub at www.grdc.com.au/diseaselinks.

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