

# Cereal Killers

What we saw in 2007  
What we should be aware of  
2008

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# Pesticide update: 2008

- Folicur (tebuconazole) registration for control of head scab in wheat and barley???
- Do not use strobilurin fungicides for aschochyta control in **chickpea** (Headline, Quadris, Quilt - fungicide resistant strains)
- Ascochyta in *pea and lentil* = different species, strobilurins still okay
- Poast in camelina – Yes/No September 2008
  - Ask Amy Bamber, MT Department of Ag for details
    - Thursday @ 3:30 Canadian Room

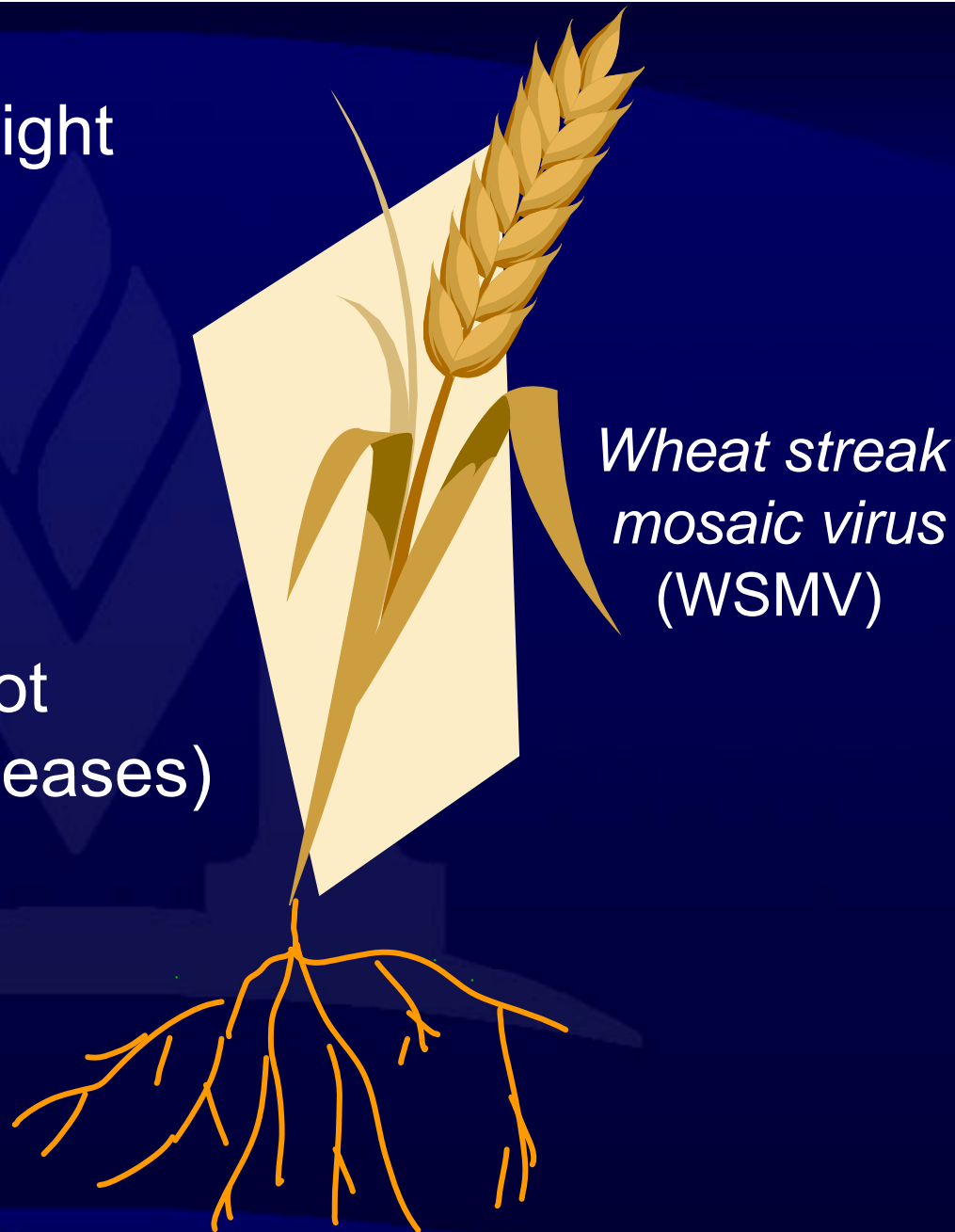


Fusarium head blight  
(scab)

Stripe rust

Septoria/Tan spot  
(early season leaf diseases)

Root lesion nematodes



*Wheat streak  
mosaic virus  
(WSMV)*



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# Root lesion nematodes damaging to wheat



Oregon and Washington  
yield losses up to 36% in  
intolerant cultivars

(Smiley et al. 2005)



Oregon and Washington  
yield losses up to 70% in  
intolerant cultivars

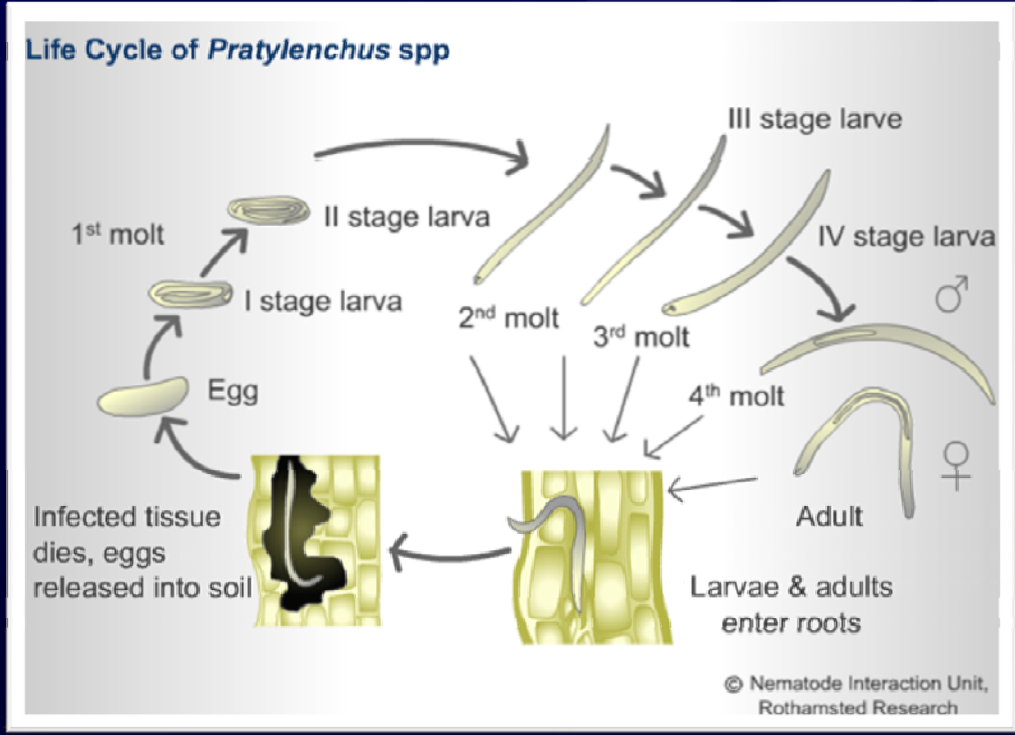
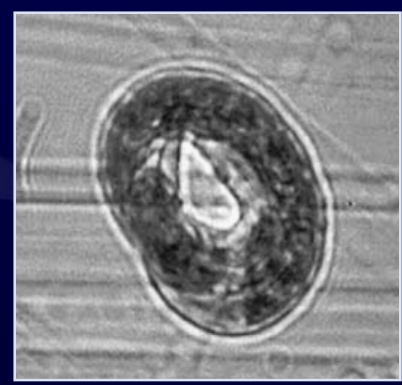
(Smiley et al. 2005)

| Good Hosts | Moderate Hosts  | Poor Hosts |
|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Wheat      | Barley          | Field Pea  |
| Canola     | Oat             | Faba Bean  |
| Mustard    | Durum           | Lentil     |
| Chickpea   | Wild Oat        | Triticale  |
|            | (Vanstone 2002) | Safflower  |
|            |                 | Flax       |

# Root lesion nematode biology

Wide host range for *P. neglectus*

Anhydrobiosis

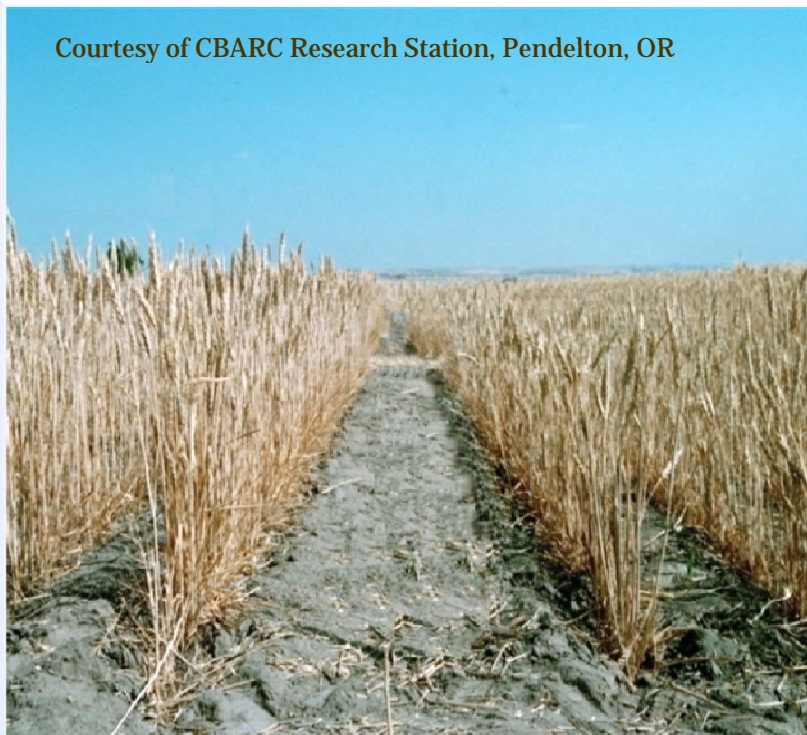


Migratory endoparasites

# Why didn't we look before?

Infestations mimic and are exacerbated by fungal infestations, nutrient deficiencies, and drought.

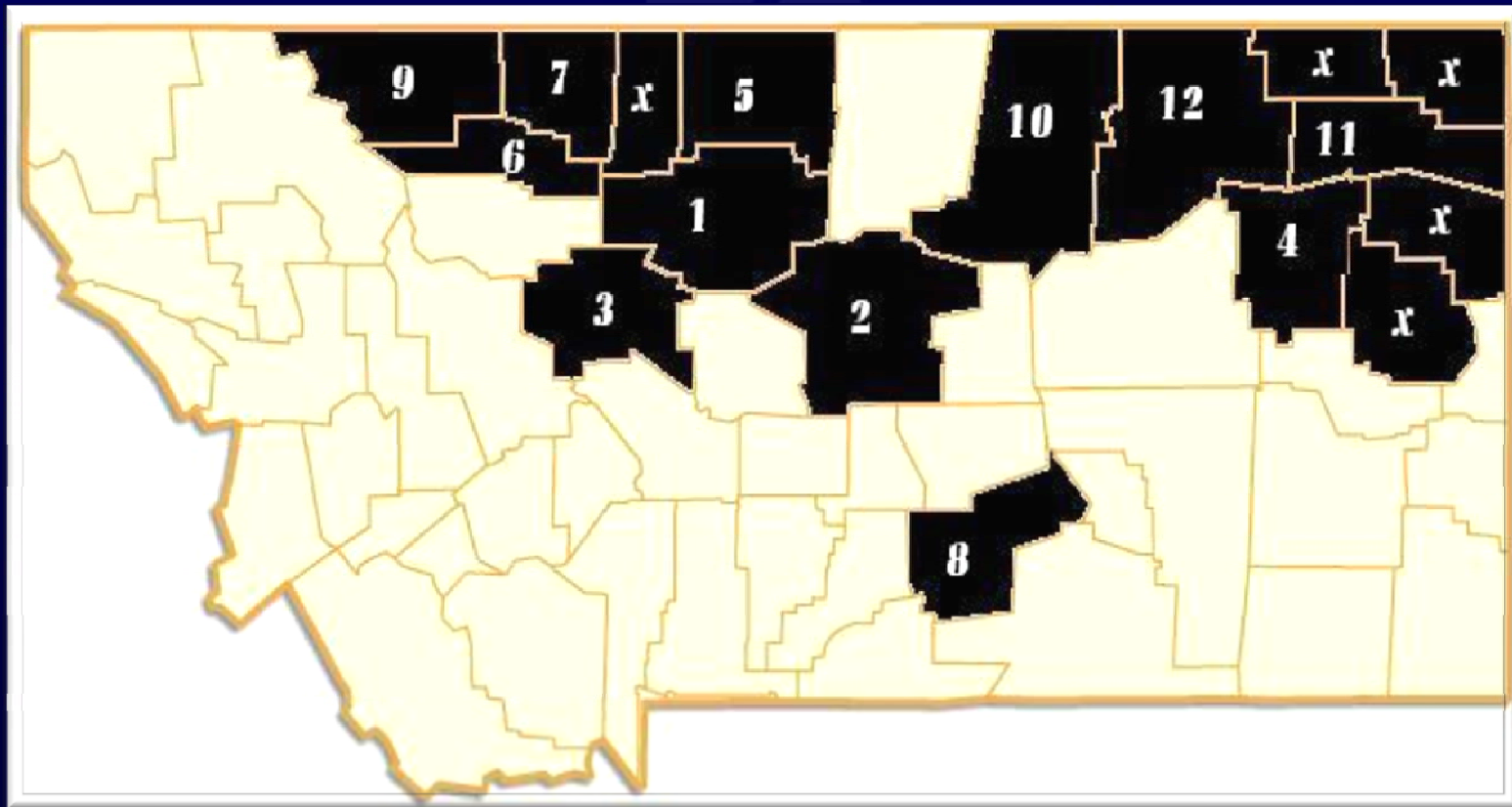
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Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia



# 2006 Survey results for root lesion nematode

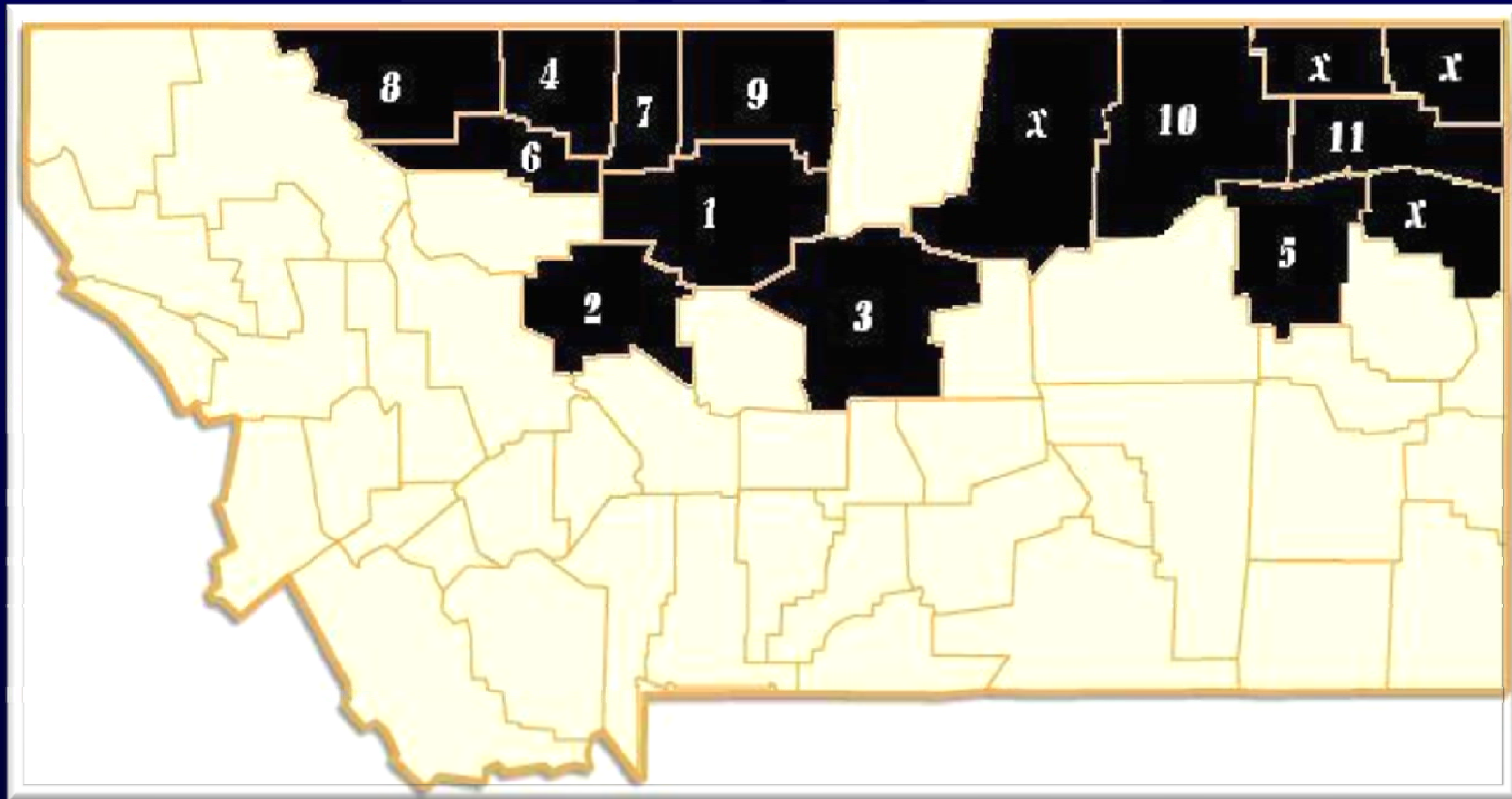


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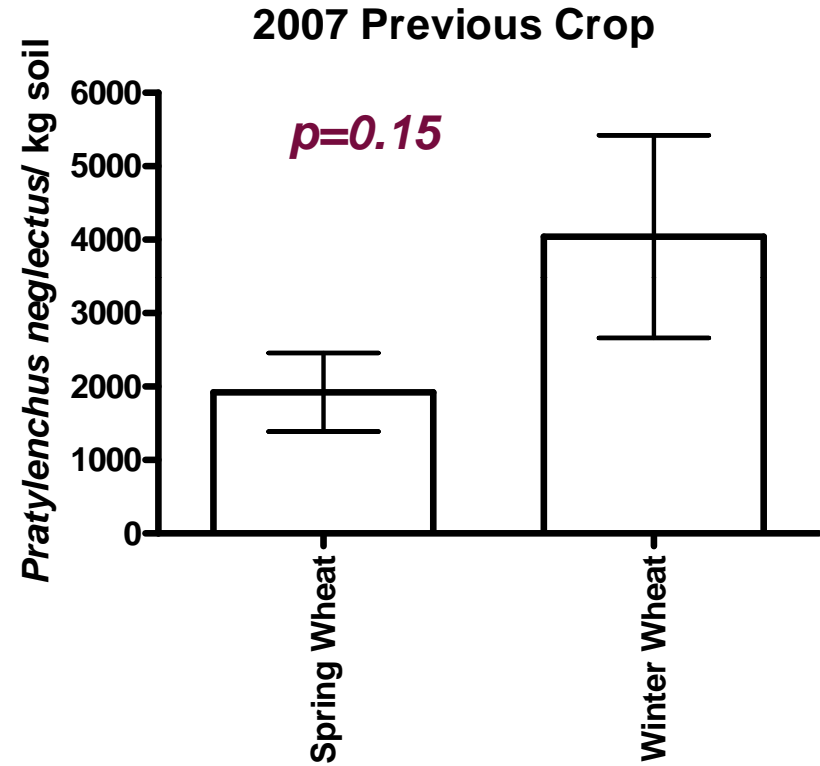
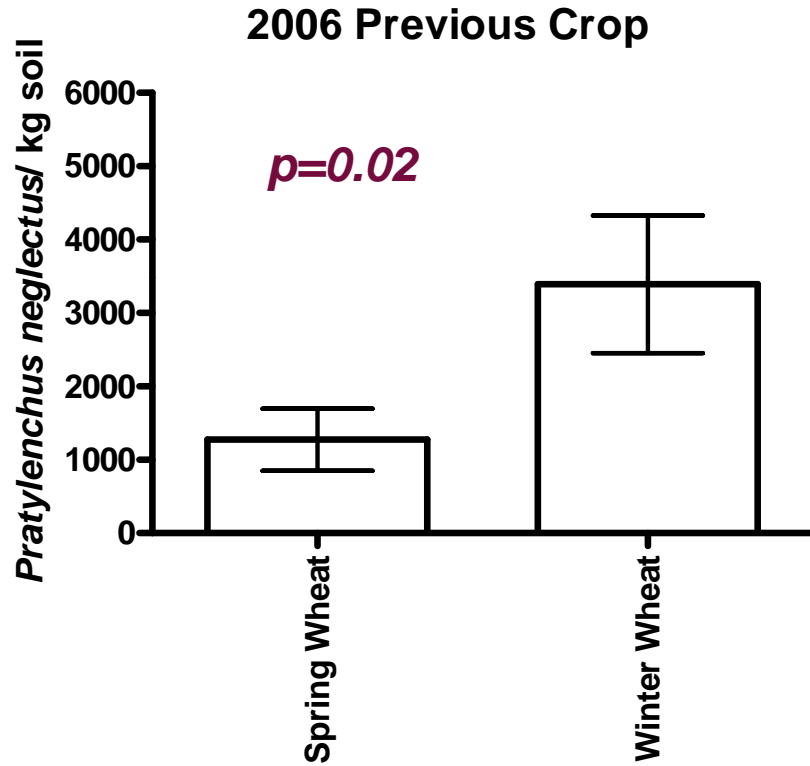


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# Root lesion nematodes



# Root lesion nematode management

Rotation  
to non-host crop

Variety selection

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no chemical control

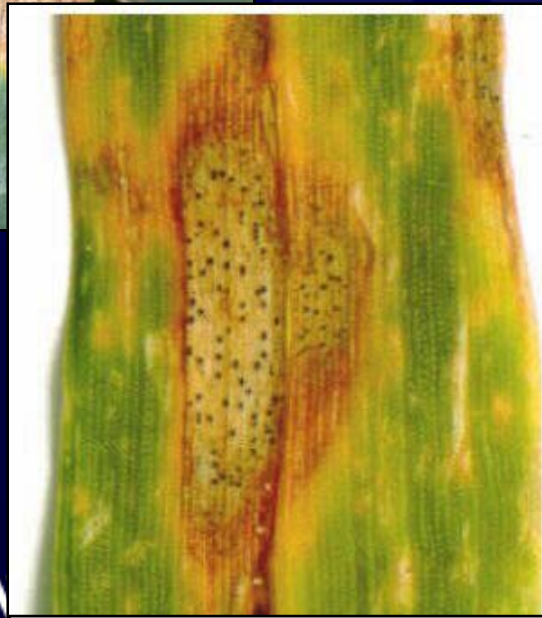
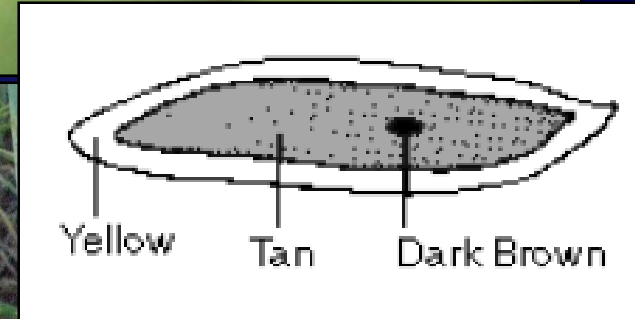


# Early season leaf diseases

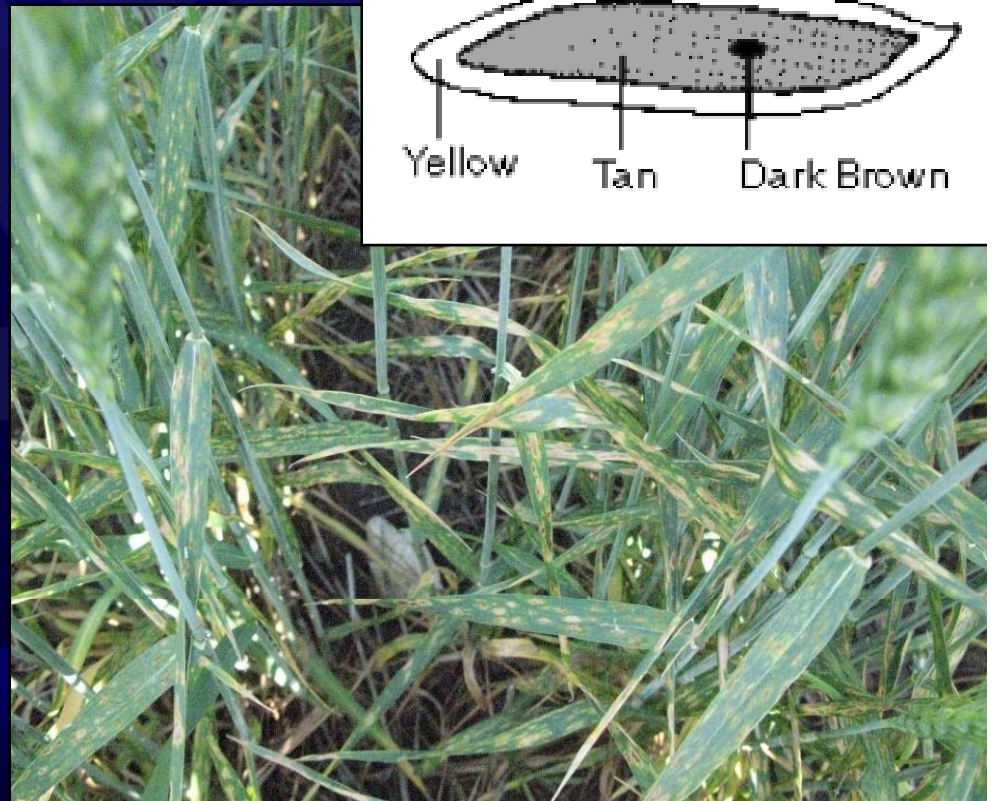
Septoria



Tan spot



Moist chamber



Effect of early season Stratego fungicide application on yields of winter and spring wheat in Montana, 2007.

| Region  | Wheat  | No. producers | No. harvested | Yield (No. of fields) |         |          |
|---------|--------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|----------|
|         |        |               |               | Increase              | Neutral | Decrease |
| Central | Winter | 15            | 14            | 7                     | 5       | 2        |
| Eastern | Spring | 11            | 11            | 4                     | 4       | 3        |
| Total   |        | 26            | 25            | 11                    | 9       | 5        |

Winter wheat: 50% ↑ yield

Spring wheat: 36% ↑ yield

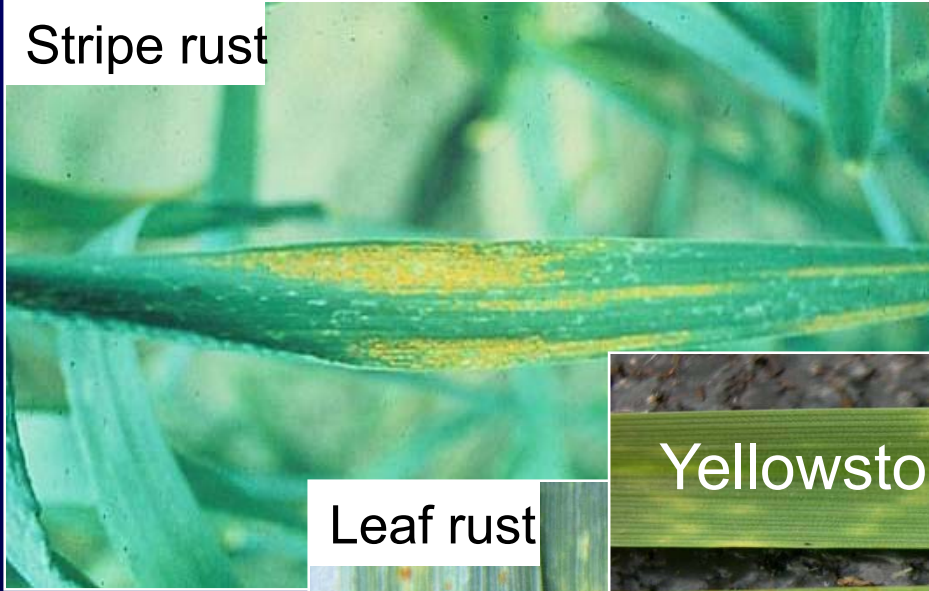
Overall: 44% of fields ↑ yield

(at least 0.3 bu/a; avg. increase = 2 bu/a)



# Stripe Rust

Stripe rust



Stem rust



Leaf rust



Yellowstone



Promontory

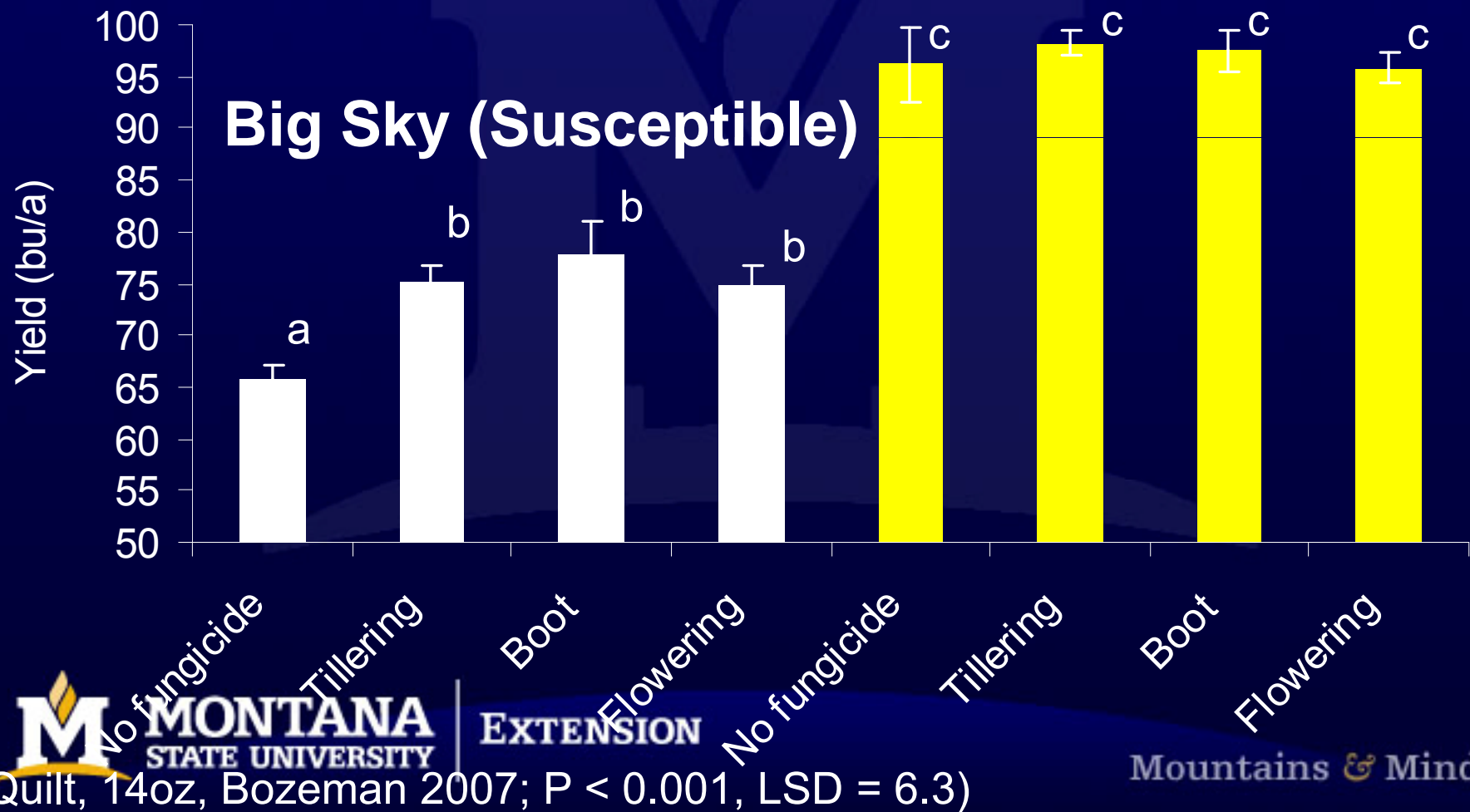


Johnston & Grey, 2006



# Influence of fungicide application on two stripe-rust infected WW varieties

Yellowstone (Resistant)



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(Quilt, 14oz, Bozeman 2007;  $P < 0.001$ , LSD = 6.3)

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# *Fusarium* head blight (scab)

- DON limit 1 ppm for human food; 2 ppm for feed



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# Fusarium head scab: Should I be concerned?

- Do you have a history of scab? \*Residue-borne\*
  - Partially bleached heads
  - Pink kernels (moist chamber)
  - Tombstone kernels
  - Brown at base of head
- Fully or partially bleached heads?  
(root and crown diseases, drought, sawfly)
- Irrigation type
- Tillage regime
- Previous crop



# Variety reactions to *Fusarium* head blight\*

| Variety   | Scab (%) | DON  | Yield (Bu/a) | Test wt |
|-----------|----------|------|--------------|---------|
| Glenn     | 3        | 0.14 | 70           | 64      |
| MT0550    | 5        | 0.25 | 83           | 62      |
| Alsen     | 6        | 0.11 | 71           | 62      |
| Granite   | 7        | 0.38 | 75           | 62      |
| Freyr     | 9        | 0.25 | 87           | 61      |
| Knudson   | 8        | 0.36 | 83           | 60      |
| Explorer  | 15       | 2.11 | 55           | 56      |
| MT0551    | 13       | 1.33 | 67           | 60      |
| Kelby     | 16       | 0.36 | 81           | 62      |
| Vida      | 20       | 1.41 | 70           | 58      |
| Howard    | 22       | 1.08 | 66           | 60      |
| Choteau   | 22       | 2.83 | 78           | 61      |
| Espresso  | 27       | 3.30 | 77           | 60      |
| Hank (CK) | 55       | 9.28 | 56           | 53      |

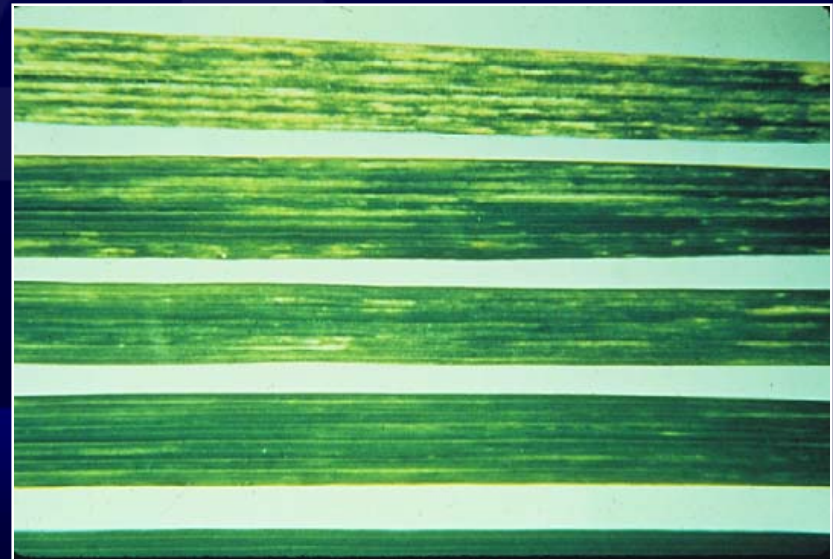
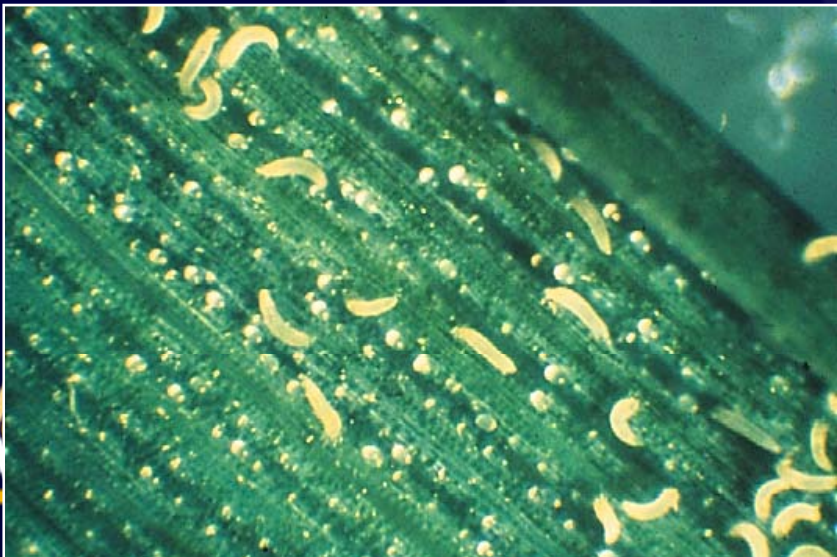
# Scab in barley vs. scab in wheat

- Barley flowers before head emergence; spray earlier
- 2-row barley less susceptible than 6-row barley (head architecture)
- No variety resistance is available

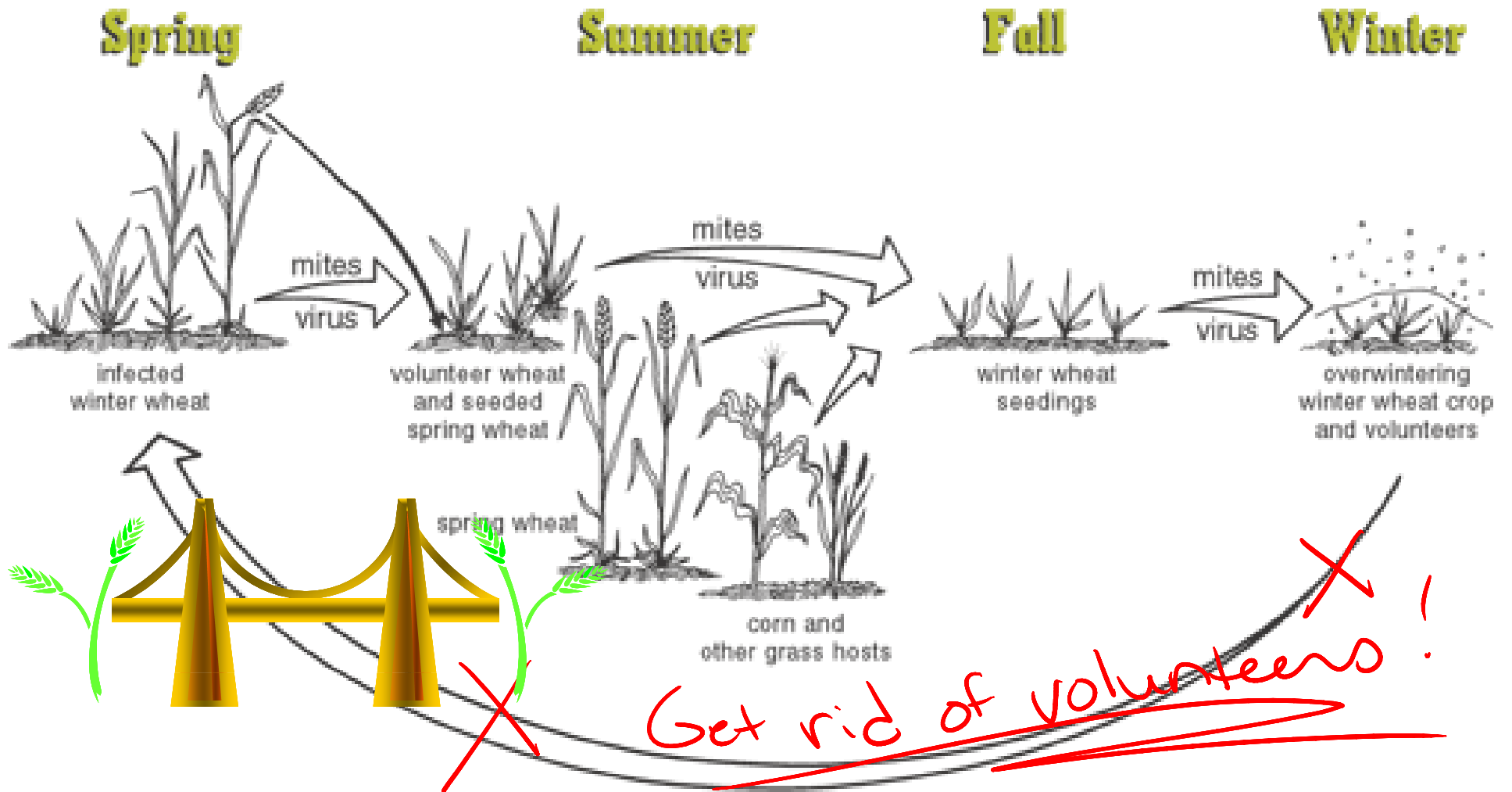


# *Wheat streak mosaic virus*

- Infects both winter and spring wheat
- Earlier infection = greater yield loss
- Grassy weeds, volunteer wheat, corn, etc. can harbor both WSMV and the mite vector



# Disease cycle of WSMV





# Weed Host: Volunteer Wheat

Table 2. Capacity of prevalent grassy weeds in Montana to serve as mite and virus hosts.\*

| Common name            | <i>Scientific name</i>     | Life cycle | Mite host | WSMV host |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Jointed goatgrass      | <i>Aegilops cylindrica</i> | Annual     | Yes       | Yes       |
| Crested wheatgrass     | <i>Agropyron cristatum</i> | Perennial  | Unknown   | Unknown   |
| Wild oat               | <i>Avena fatua</i>         | Annual     | No        | Yes       |
| Smooth brome           | <i>Bromus inermis</i>      | Perennial  | Yes       | No        |
| Japanese brome         | <i>Bromus japonicus</i>    | Perennial  | No        | Unknown   |
| Downy brome/Cheatgrass | <i>Bromus tectorum</i>     | Annual     | Yes       | Yes       |
| Persian darnell        | <i>Lolium persicum</i>     | Annual     | Unknown   | Unknown   |
| Western wheatgrass     | <i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>  | Perennial  | Yes       | No        |
| Feral rye              | <i>Secale cereale</i>      | Annual     | Unknown   | Unknown   |
| Yellow foxtail         | <i>Setaria glauca</i>      | Annual     | No        | No        |
| Green foxtail          | <i>Setaria viridis</i>     | Annual     | Yes       | Yes       |



# Wheat virus survey, 2008

- 9 states in Great Plains Diagnostic Network: WY, MT, CO, KS, OK, TX, SD, ND, NE
- 5 Wheat viruses:
  - *Wheat streak mosaic virus*
  - *High Plains virus*
  - *Triticum mosaic virus*
  - *Barley yellow dwarf virus – PAV*
  - *Barley yellow dwarf virus - RPV*



# How to control plant diseases

- Scout early and often
- IDENTIFY the disease
- Apply proper control measures
- Plan ahead for next year



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Notification about disease, insect, weed, and rodent issues in your region (AgAlerts) will be sent as a weekly fax digest. If you would like to receive pest notifications by fax, please fill out this form and fax to Dr. Mary Burrows, Extension Plant Pathologist, Montana State University (406) 994-7600.

If you would like to receive pest alerts by e-mail please go to <http://pdis.org> and under AgAlerts, click Login/Subscribe, and 'Setup a new account,' then follow the instructions.

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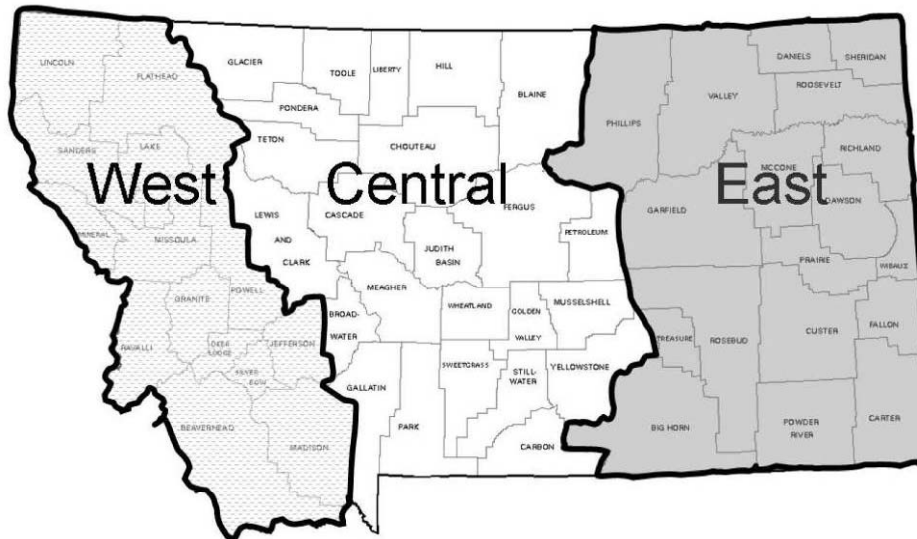
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High Plains Integrated Pest Management Guide

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- Great Plains & AgAlerts (GPDN)

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS:**

- Plant Diagnostic (PDIS)
- PDIS User Survey 2007
- NPDN Diagnostician Survey

**RESOURCE GROUPS:**

- Insect ID
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- Plant Disease ID
- AES Analytical Lab
- Livestock Diagnostic Lab
- Montana State Seed Lab
- MT IPM Center

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### Schutter Diagnostic Laboratory

Montana State University and the Cooperative Extension Service provide plant pest identification through the Schutter Diagnostic Lab. Services provided by the clinic include the identification:

- [Insect](#)
- [Plant](#)
- [Plant diseases](#)
- [Mushroom](#)

Also, we aide in the diagnosis of cultural problems and management recommendations for agricultural producers and homeowners/gardeners. We utilize a wide range of techniques for diagnosis including visual identification, pathogen culture, microscopic identification, and biochemical detection. Early diagnosis of problems facilitate implementation of management strategies resulting in savings to producers. Our specialists have expertise in providing specific recommendations for control, and interface with agronomists and cropping systems specialists to supply information on the best agronomic practices and plant varieties to produce healthy, productive crops.

**Our Goals:**

- Aid growers in identifying insect/plant problems and their solutions

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# Informational sites

- AgAlerts: [PDIS.org](http://PDIS.org)
- Schutter Diagnostic Lab: [Diagnostics.montana.edu](http://Diagnostics.montana.edu)
- [Highplainsipm.org](http://Highplainsipm.org)
- Greenbook.net: Pesticide labels
- NDSU fungicide guide  
<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/plantsci/pests/pp622/pp622.pdf>
- MontGuides:  
<http://extn.msu.montana.edu/Publications/ESCatalog/ANRPublicCatalogAGlist.asp>
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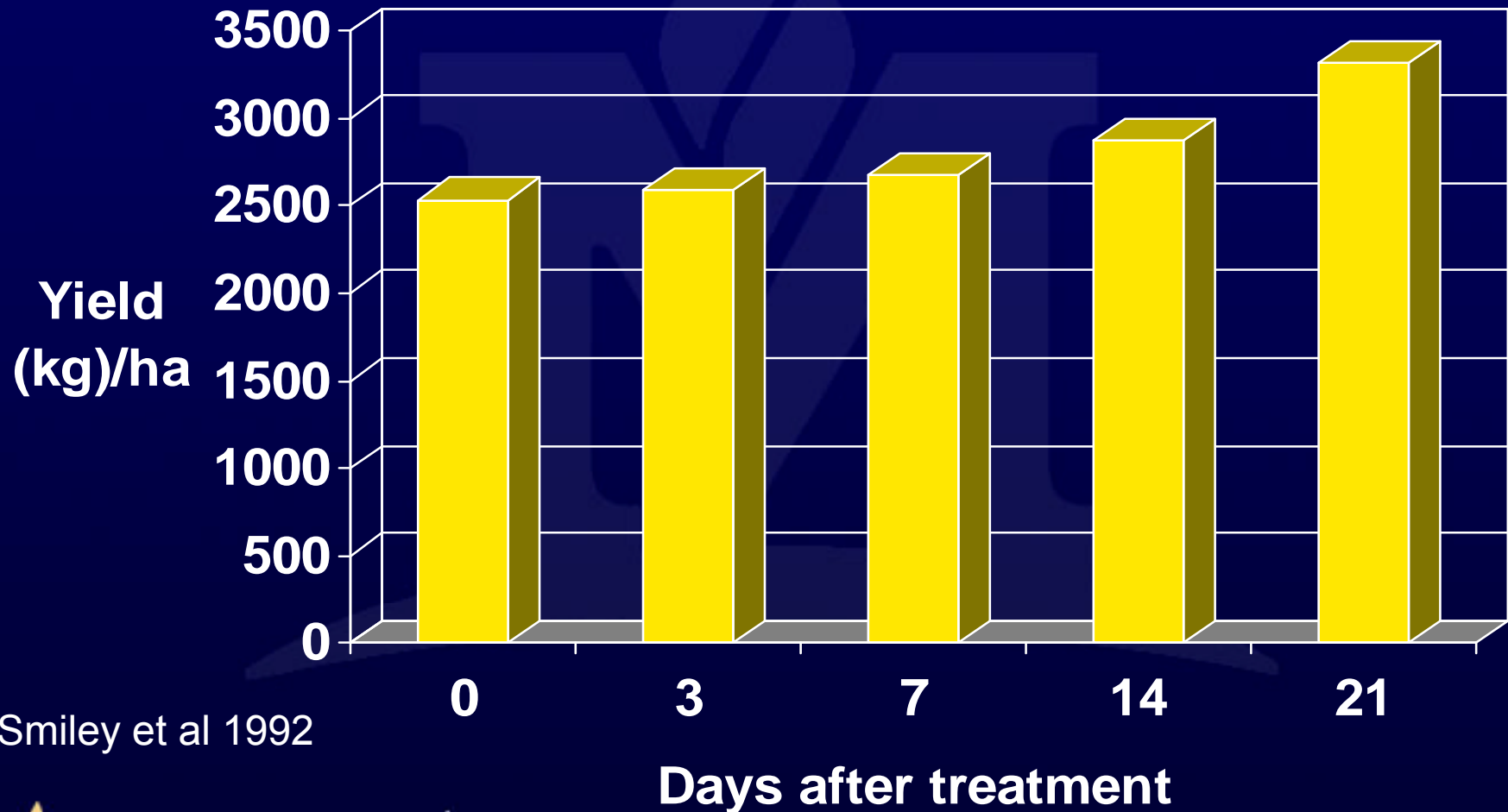
Barley, N of Bozeman, MT  
Roundup (glyphosate): April 16  
Planting date: April 17



Planting date: 1 week later



# Effects of glyphosate timing on barley yield



Smiley et al 1992



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# Seed treatments:

- **Bare Patch:** Baytan, Dividend and Vitavax
- **Pythium\*** : Apron, Allegiance, Dividend XL, RTA and Raxil XT

*\*All Metalaxyl-based products*



#### SEED TREATMENTS PROMOTE SEEDLING

establishment and plant health, helping to reduce losses in seed quality and yield due to many diseases and insects. The ability of seed treatments to control many fungal diseases has made them one of the biggest success stories of plant disease prevention. For instance, seed-borne smuts historically caused tremendous yield and quality reductions in grain-growing regions worldwide. Use of effective seed treatments has reduced the severity of many smuts to the point that their occurrence is now rare. However, smut problems may re-emerge if seed treatments are abandoned.

problems. **Careful consideration of all management options available for recurring pest problems is important.**

The availability of new formulations, which compliment the products which have been used by producers for many years, has resulted in more available seed treatments than ever before. Before selecting a product, producers should determine which diseases and/or insects have been recurring problems in their location. County Extension agents or the plant disease clinic on the MSU campus can aid in identifying pest problems and provide information on the common pest problems in specific areas of the state. **Producers can then choose a product based**

# Other controls

- Timely weed and volunteer control
- Fallow period
- Soil disturbance (disking)
- Crop rotation (*Rhizoctonia* species tend to be host-specific, but some isolates like AG-8 in OR/WA infect wheat, barley, pea, lentil)
  - *Rhizoctonia solani*: Cereals/monocots
- Variety resistance, if available

