

# Wheat leaf rust starting to show

Reports from Texas indicate the leaf rust is now approaching 20 percent severity on susceptible wheat varieties fields located near San Antonio, and that the disease was also present at low to moderate levels north of Dallas near the Oklahoma border. Stripe rust was also detected at trace levels in this same area.

There is some evidence that leaf rust has successfully overwintered in parts of Central, South Central, and Northeast Kansas this year. The most recent detections of leaf rust in Kansas come from Barber (south central) and Riley (Northeast) counties.

The disease was only detected on the most mature wheat, and most fields appear to be disease free at this point.

The top three wheat varieties in the state (Jagalene, Overley and Jagger) are known to be susceptible to leaf rust. The susceptibility of these varieties, the apparent overwintering of leaf rust, increasing leaf rust pressure in Texas and delay in crop maturity all increase the risk of severe disease in Kansas this year.

No immediate management actions are necessary, but growers should monitor the leaf rust situation carefully during the next few weeks. Research has demonstrated the most effective time to apply a foliar fungicide to wheat is between flag leaf emergence through heading. The average yield response for foliar fungicides in Kansas is 10 percent. With the higher prices of wheat this year and depending on the cost of the fungicide certainly will encourage farmers to keep an eye on rust. Fields planted to susceptible varieties, and a yield potential of more than 40 bu/A are strong candidates for a fungicide application this year.

### Cedar-Apple Rust

Some plant diseases have seasonal signs. Cedar apple rust is one of those diseases. The pathogen (a fungus) spends part of its life cycle on a juniper/cedar tree, and the other part of its life cycle on apples, crabapples, hawthorns, or quince.

In the past week or so the rust galls on junipers have started to become active in Eastern Kansas. Usually about the first week in May is a time for our area to show the fungus bloom.

Jelly-like orange masses on the junipers produce spores that infect the apple hosts. Once infection occurs, lesions on apple leaves develop in 1-3 weeks. Eventually, fungal spores are produced in these lesions, and the spores are spread by wind and rain back to junipers starting in about July. Without both hosts the fungus can't complete its life cycle.

The disease looks dramatic on junipers, but it does not cause any harm. The rusts can cause problems in the apple host. If infection is severe many leaves drop off early and the tree is weakened due to reduced photosynthesis. However, if your tree only gets a small amount of rust each year it probably won't be an issue for long term tree health.

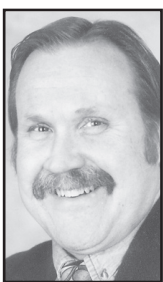
Homeowners with a bad history of this disease (severe defoliation) might consider preventative fungicide sprays on the apple hosts when leaves are out and the orange galls are active. For best control, applications should continue through May or as long as the orange galls are active.

Products with the active ingredients myclobutanil, propiconazole or chlorothalonil are examples of materials labeled for cedar apple rust management in flowering crabapples and non-fruiting apples.

### Crabgrass Preventers

Crabgrass preventers are another name for preemergence herbicides that prevent crabgrass

**Views with Van Keith VanSkiike, Extension Director**



seeds from developing into mature plants. They don't actually keep the seed from germinating; rather, the germinating plant takes up some of the herbicide and is killed. Crabgrass preventers are just that — preventers. With few exceptions they will have no effect on existing crabgrass plants. Therefore, preventers have to be applied before crabgrass germinates. Additionally, they don't last forever once applied to the soil.

Therefore, if some products are applied too early, they may have lost much of their strength by the time they are needed. Most crabgrass preventers are fairly ineffective after about 60 days, although there is considerable variation among products. The most common generic product

is called pendimethalin. Most of these are combined with fertilizer for a cool season lawn spring application.

For most of Kansas, crabgrass typically begins to germinate around May 1, or a little later. Therefore, April 15 to May 1 is a good target date for applying the preventer because it gives the active ingredients time to evenly disperse in the soil before crabgrass germination starts. The Eastern redbud tree is a good choice for this purpose. When the trees in your area are approaching full-bloom, apply crabgrass preventer. A follow-up application will be needed about eight weeks later unless you are using the longer lasting products.

Dimension and Barricade are the only two products that will give season-long control of crabgrass from a single application. In fact, they can be applied much earlier than April 15 and still will have sufficient residual strength to last the season. Barricade can even be applied in the fall for crabgrass control the next season.

Dimension can be applied as early as March 1.

Dimension can kill crabgrass as long as it is young (2 to 3 leaf stage). Dimension is also the best choice if treating a lawn that was planted late last fall. Normally we recommend not using a preemergence herbicide unless the lawn has been mowed two to four times. However, Dimension is kind to young tall fescue, perennial ryegrass and Kentucky bluegrass seedlings and can be applied as early as two weeks after the first sign of germination. Therefore, lawns established in the fall can be safely treated with Dimension the following spring even if they have not been mowed.

Note that products that contain Dimension and Barricade may use the common name rather than the trade name. The common chemical name for Dimension is dithiopyr and for Barricade is proflumicarb.

If you are planting a new lawn this fall you cannot apply a pre-emergent related to these above mentioned products.

The Norton County LEPC and Mitigation Planning Committee will be holding a meeting at the Prairieland Electric Basement on April 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Ben Brake of Brake and Associates will be there to discuss Mitigation Planning and possible grants available to Local Governments and Non Profit organizations.

*Norton County Sheriff's Department*

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of PAUL E. BALLINGER, Deceased Case No. 2008-PR-14

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 31, 2008, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Paul Lee Ballinger and Annita Melton, heirs, devisees and legatees, and Co-Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Paul E. Ballinger,

Deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Paul Lee Ballinger and Annita Melton Petitioners

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on March 31, 2008, in said Court by Barbara Wassinger, executrix of the estate of Rita L. Bieber, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as executrix, allowance for fees and expenses, determination of the devisees

and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of the decedent.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 25, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. on said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Barbara Wassinger, Executrix

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In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY M. THOMAS, Deceased Case No. 2008-PR-13

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 26, 2008, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by James E. Thomas an heir, devisee and legatee, and the Executor named in the

Last Will and Testament of Dorothy M. Thomas, Deceased.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, then they shall be forever barred.

James E. Thomas Petitioner

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In the Matter of the Estate of BOBBY ROBERTS, Deceased Case No. 2008-PR-16

#### NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition has been filed in this Court by Charlotte Roberts, as surviving spouse and one of the heirs of Bobby Roberts, Deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

A tract commencing 442.2 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NW/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth P.M.

in Norton County, Kansas, thence North 41 feet, thence West 134.5 feet, thence South 41 feet, thence East 134.5 feet to the place of beginning,

and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. of said day in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Charlotte Roberts, Petitioner

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