

# Wheat rust topic of webinar

Several cases of severe leaf rust and stripe rust in wheat were found in locations around College Station, Texas, during March – even in some varieties thought to resist the disease.

Those varieties, said Kansas State University plant pathologist Erick DeWolf, include Fuller, Santa Fe, Art, Overley, Jagger and Jagalene. Wheat disease specialists and breeders are working to determine if the reports represent an underlying change in the stripe rust population in the region.

“There is a possibility that these varieties have some adult plant resistance that will slow the progress of disease,” DeWolf said, “but the severity of disease is cause for concern.”

“Cool temperatures and frequent rainfall through the region has favored the early development of these diseases.”

To help growers, consultants, applicators, Extension agents and

others in the industry learn about the identification and management of leaf and stripe rust on wheat, K-State Research and Extension will hold a Wheat Rust Webinar from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Monday, May 3.

The webinar will include discussion of the identification, management and tolerance of wheat varieties to stripe and leaf rust, along with a discussion of the different fungicide options, said Brian Olson, Northwest Area Extension agronomist. Time is built into the agenda for questions.

Information and online registration is available at [www1.gotomeeting.com/register/473120000](http://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/473120000).

“Several other varieties known to have intermediate or moderately susceptible reactions to stripe rust are also showing signs of severe disease,” DeWolf said. “I believe these reports of stripe rust and leaf rust have important implications for wheat producers in Kansas.”

“These are the highest severi-

ties for stripe rust in recent years, and the severity of the disease on varieties previously thought to be resistant is cause for concern... TAM 112 is widely grown in western Kansas and is known to be moderately susceptible to stripe rust regardless of changes in the pathogen population.”

DeWolf said farmer do not need to take immediate management action, but that they should moni-

tor the disease situation carefully.

“We should get a much clearer indication of which varieties are vulnerable to stripe rust and leaf rust by the middle of April,” the plant pathologist said.

Information about leaf rust and stripe rust is available in a new K-State Research and Extension publication found online at [www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/plant2/mf2919.pdf](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/plant2/mf2919.pdf).







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