

Wheat leaf rust may show in fall

Wheat Leaf Rust In the Fall?
 This fall differs from several recent falls in that we have had moisture. With that moisture we now have a good stand of wheat.
 As in any year, the wheat varies in development. With the cool and damp weather that we have been having you would not expect to have any problems in the crop.
 However the state plant pathology lab has been seeing an increase of rust in wheat around the state. We also have been finding rust in volunteer and some drilled wheat. The conditions we had seem to be what leaf rust really likes.
 I have had several reports from south of us, in Wallace and Logan counties, of fields having spots turning yellow.
 Several producers have expressed concern about wheat streak mosaic, which can be a problem especially areas that have had hail this summer. However according to Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and



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dormant state and the sooner that happens the better.
 If the fall stays open and if temperatures don't get cold enough, the rust could continue to develop.
 The question is then, can rust overwinter causing an early rust infestation next spring?
 Jim says, "Generally, the answer is no, it won't overwinter if we have a normal cold winter. However, if we have an unusually warm winter, then it's possible leaf rust could overwinter and get an early start next spring."
 No research has been done on leaf rust treatment in the fall, Shroyer said, because the threat usually disappears with cold weather. Unless the winter is unusually mild, most of the rust spores will be killed by low winter temperatures.

Extension Wheat Specialist, in many of these chlorotic (dying) areas you will find large orange pustules on the leaves. This would be leaf rust and it is what's causing the yellowing of the fields.
 In a news release from K-State University Shroyer said, "I don't recall it ever being this widespread before. We always see some of this in south central Kansas, but it's quite unusual to see it so far west."
 "The number one question is, will it hurt the wheat? Generally, the answer is no, but I've had reports that some small wheat is dying," Shroyer said.
 Cold weather and freezing temperatures will put the wheat into a

Honor those serving our military

We all know someone who has served or is serving in the United States military. While their reasons may vary for enlisting, they all have similar reasons for serving — to protect our way of life, our freedom.
 During November — month of remembrance and thanksgiving — I urge Kansans to remember the veterans in their lives and communities and to thank them for their service and dedication to this fine country.
 On Thursday, I hope you join me in observing Veterans Day. Take this opportunity to attend a Veterans Day program and thank a veteran for their service.
 Veterans Day is not just a day off — it's our heroes day. A day to thank all the courageous men and women who have stood strong and fought bravely — some paid with their lives.
 When I was getting ready to write this column, I thought of the many active duty service men and women stationed all over the world. One is Col. Michael Manske. Mike is a brave man who has put his civilian life on hold to protect your family and mine.
 I thought of his family, his young daughters, his students at Washburn University, and his hometown of Westwood, Kan. Col. Manske just returned from serving his second tour fighting the war in Iraq. I asked him to write a letter describing his time in the military, his experiences and why he continues to serve.



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hold my vacant seat, has had to carry on its important work without me.
 All have contributed greatly to supporting me during this time. I have tried to honor their collective sacrifice with my service.
 My father raised me to believe in the absolute obligation of public service, that every citizen has a duty to serve in some capacity, and without that service, this country could not survive. Through all the hardship, I'm proud to do my part.
 I am especially proud to be a Kansan this month and thankful for Mike's sacrifices. Col. Manske is one of thousands of Kansans who put their lives on the line for all of us.
 If you would like to read Col. Manske's letter in full, please visit www.kansasstatetreasurer.com. I hope you take time to honor veterans on Nov. 11 and spend time with family and friends over Thanksgiving.

"My Daddy is protecting the American flag!"
 Hope some day they will understand this sacrifice, and mine, was worth it. But, I am comforted by the belief they will grow up in a world that was made a little safer by what we have done.
 During this difficult time I have been deeply touched by the support I have received. My ex-wife, with whom I share custody of our daughters, has had to care for the girls full-time without much of a break for most of the past two years.
 My employer, Washburn University, has had to cover my classes with the teaching load of other professors. And the Westwood Planning Commission, where they still

Wedding held at Handy House



Todd and Pam Bloom

Tadd Bloom and Pam Hernandez, both of Goodland, married at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the historic Ennis-Handy House, the first wedding ever in the house.
 Municipal Court Judge Leann Taylor presided. Attending were the bride's parents, Don and Shirley Kreutzer of Colwich; the groom's mother, Juanita Bloom of Goodland; two Sherman County Historical Society board members, Carol Baum and Lloyd Holbrook; and other family members and friends.
 A surprise picnic and reception was held in Gulick Park. The couple honeymooned in Kansas City and at the Cheyenne Frontier Days.
 The marriage took some time to come together; the couple had dated in high school and then ran into each other at a class reunion 10 years ago.
 She teaches special education at North Elementary School, and he is the human resource director at Frontier Equity Exchange.

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