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The Weekly Wheat Bulletin is designed to share quick and informal information about the state's wheat crop and disease conditions. Comments are advisory in nature and designed to give growers a "heads up" to be alert for similar conditions. Comments forwarded by Thursday morning of each week will be posted in the Bulletin for distribution Thursday evening. Archived copies of the Wheat Bulletin may be accessed on the California Wheat Commission website: www.californiawheat.org

For those of you that are new to our mailing list, the length of this bulletin will change from week to week. The amount of material is dependent on the contributions of our readers.

Comments

4.7.09 – “Receiving many inquires about purchasing “silage” wheat varieties for grain. Growers concerned with dairy situation and depressed prices for green chop. However they are hesitant since would consume more water/fertilizer, and concerned about quality/protein discounts should they harvest for grain. Also would delay planting of double crop corn for silage if grower has water.

Irrigated wheat acres continue to look good however was 80+ degrees on Monday and windy, if continues growers will have tough time keeping up with irrigating.” *Mike Holdsworth, Western Milling, Goshen CA*

4.8.09 – “We received upwards of 2 inches of rain Tuesday. This should really make for a good wheat crop in the dryland areas. We did get some frost last week, which could effect the wheat that had headed in some of the earlier plantings. Hard to tell at this point. Believe this frost was widespread through the Northern Calif. area. Most wheat that could be irrigated was underway prior to this rain.” *Alan Freese, Solano County*

4.9.09 - “The central San Joaquin Valley received varying amounts of rainfall in the past 72 hours ranging from trace amounts of precipitation to nearly .75”. Some growers have reported heavy rainfall in their fields, while others received little to no precipitation. High winds in excess of 35 mph over the past week have contributed to the generally dry conditions as growers on a 2-3 week irrigation turnaround. Some lodging has occurred, but the main problem has been the wind speeding the drying of the soil. I have noticed some incidents of stripe rust in the past week, with some spores present on varieties with known susceptibility. With the increased humidity expected after these storms, it is important to be extra vigilant in scouting fields and being prepared to spray if rust manifests. There is still plenty of time in most areas for stripe rust to damage this year’s crop and reduce yields.” *Geoff Schulz Penny-Newman Grain Company, Fresno CA*

4.9.09 – “We are beginning to see fields of specific wheat varieties that are showing signs of minor yellowing and some leaf burn. There is no evidence of stripe rust spores or Septoria lesions. At this time it is considered an abiotic condition. Our warm temperatures and winds a couple weeks ago are suspect to some of these symptoms. Irrigations with water run nitrogen is well underway.” *Mick Canevari, Farm Advisor, San Joaquin Co*

Other:

The following email was received by the California Wheat Commission and the Arizona Grain Research and Promotion Council from Chris van Kessel, Chair of the Department of Plant Sciences, U.C. Davis. Congratulations to Dr. Dubcovsky

Dear Bob Falconer (CWC) and Allan B. Simmon (AGRPC)

We are pleased to inform you that Dr. Jorge Dubcovsky has just received the Hoagland award "for outstanding plant research in support of agriculture" from the American Society of Plant Biology. His contributions on vernalization response, grain protein content, and stripe rust resistance are the main accomplishments cited for receiving this award.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you one more time for the continuous support of his excellent research program in cereals.

Best regards,

Chris van Kessel
Chair
Department of Plant Sciences

Market Information:

At the request of one of our subscribers we are including a link to the latest California Feed and Grain Report from USDA/AMS. We hope this is helpful.

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lswcagrain.pdf>

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