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Comments:

5.13.08 – “Reports of above avg. yields on green chop wheat (10-20%)” *Mike Holdsworth, Western Milling, Goshen CA*

5.15.08 - “Wheat harvest started last week and this week seems to in full swing. On fields harvested yields seem to be good with protein levels spotty.” *Roy Motter, grower, Imperial Valley*

5.15.08 – Lower Sacramento Valley Wheat Crop Update

“Most wheat fields are maturing well with some running short on soil moisture.

Second irrigations are going on in the Delta at this time. I am not finding much frost injury in my area. High winds are causing some lodging in fields of higher fertility.

I am happy to report that we did not lose any more varieties to Stripe Rust (SR) during the past few weeks. Lee's Jackson's list is still holding up: Very Susceptible-Anza, Yecora Rojo, Express, Summit, Blanca Grande, Solano, and Joaquin. Moderately susceptible - Mika, Dash-12, Clear White, Otis. I'll add PR 1404 here, though it has good adult plant resistance. The following varieties have resistant stripe rust reactions at my trials at the UC Davis site: Patwin, Cal Rojo, Lassik, Espresso, Blanca Royale, and Blanca Fuerte. We did spray 2 early planted commercial fields of Cal Rojo last month that had large stripe rust infected areas, but have found only light striping in our test plots since then. We looked at a field of Blanca Fuerte in the Delta that had single plants with SR. This turned out to be off-type contamination within the seed lot and not the variety. Big sigh of relief. It is important to contact your Farm Advisor if you see SR in any of the varieties we consider resistant.

I saw some moderately heavy Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus (BYDV) in PR1404 fields in the Delta this week. These were late December planted and had a high aphid population in them last month. Aphids are the vector for BYDV”. *Kent L. Brittan, Yolo, Solano and Sacramento County Farm Advisor.*

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