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5.21.09 - California (May 12-20, 2009)
"Leaf rust infection has been detected during the second week of May in Davis, CA and increased in severity by the third week of May (up to 60 % severity). The disease arrived late so it is not expected to produce large yield penalties. Several common wheat varieties in the regional trials were infected. No durum wheat line has been found infected. Samples of leaf rust have been sent to the Cereal Rust Laboratory, MN for race analysis." Zewdie Abate, UC Davis

5.21.09 - "Harvest is slowly starting on some early maturing fields of durum, red, and white wheat in the Central and Southern San Joaquin Valley. Initial protein levels are very good with mainly 13% and higher

on the fields harvesting now and set to cut next week. One issue of concern is on some fields in Tulare and Kings County, (primarily those planted before the 20th of November) is that the frost damage initially reported seems to be more substantial than previously thought. Many fields that were chopped for silage have come in 20-35% lighter than in years past. With a significant amount of acres being diverted to the grain market due to the financial situation in the dairy industry, it is likely that fields that appear to be 3 to 4 ton crops will yield significantly less to due to empty heads. It appears that the late frost during anthesis left the heads intact but inhibited pollination in some cases. I am encouraging growers to carefully estimate their yields and closely inspect for frost damage before contracting wheat." Geoff Schulz, Penny-Newman Grain Company, Fresno CA

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