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Comments:

5.12.09 - "During May 6 to 7, 2009 field trip, stripe rust infection have been found in susceptible entries of regional performance tests in Kings and Fresno counties of CA. The two check susceptible cultivars Anza and Yecora Rojo showed stripe rust infection severities of up to 60% in both counties. The resistance level of commonly grown wheat cultivars seems to be holding up. The barley regional tests planted in San Luis Obispo, Tulare and Fresno were visited. Due to dry weather, no stripe rust was found in the first two locations. In Fresno the susceptible variety, Max showed infection severity up to 60%." *Zewdie Abate, UC Davis*

5.14.09 – "In the northern Sacramento Valley I have only seen one wheat field with stripe rust this year. The spores on the leaves didn't appear

until the middle of April which is very late and at very low levels. This field was one of several in one area plant to Blanca Grande, which is a known wheat stripe rust susceptible variety. We have a fungicide trial in this field evaluating two new fungicides. In this trial we will be able to measure the effect of a light level of stripe rust developing very late in the season on yield and quality. This is good news for the currently stripe rust resistant varieties. The plant breeders deserve all the credit. It was all the way back to 2002 since we have seen this little of stripe rust in the northern Sacramento Valley. Let's hope this excellent resistance holds for next year." *Doug Munier, Glenn County Farm Advisor*

5.14.09 – Today a group of national wheat organizations from the U.S., Canada and Australia released a joint statement expressing support of the commercial release of biotech wheat into the world marketplace. A copy of the release is attached.

Market Information:

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