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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:

4.23.09 – “Stripe rust infection has been recorded from April 20-23, 2009 in wheat and barley experiments in Davis and Colusa. In Davis the level of infection on susceptible wheat (D6301) and barley (Max) varieties was high with severity higher than 50 %. In Colusa, the weather was ideal for stripe rust with high level of severity in susceptible cultivars including Yecora Rojo and Anza. A few new entries were highly susceptible (close to 100 % severity). Samples have been collected from both locations for submission to WSU for race identification. We also observed BYDV in Davis and septoria and powdery mildew in Colusa.” *Zewdie Abate, UC Davis*

4.28.09 – “We have spent the last week taking flour mills and end users out to wheat fields in Fresno and Kings County. Feedback from them has been great and the fields look good. It looks like two more irrigations will be needed to finish off the crop. Penny-Newman will be supplying lunch on May 7th for the UC Field day and it will be a pasta feed. Everyone is Welcome.” *Jason Nearn, Penny-Newman Grain Co.*

4.29.09 – “Wheat continues to look good. I am applying the last water to all but the latest planted. Would think that my first field should be ready for harvest in 2 to 3 weeks.” *Roy A. Motter, Spruce Farms, LLC, Imperial County*

4.30.09 - “The central and southern San Joaquin Valley wheat crop is now in the early grain-fill to soft dough stages. In some areas, harvest may begin as early as May 18th with the majority of the crop starting to harvest the first and second weeks of June. Stripe rust has been almost non-existent in wheat varieties, though it has been fairly prevalent in susceptible triticale varieties. Water is still short as some growers will not have the water necessary to finish the crop properly, thus reducing yields.” *Geoff Schulz Penny-Newman Grain Company, Fresno CA*

Calendar:

5-7-09 – Small Grains and Forage Field Tours in Visalia and Five Points Ca. Times: 8:30 am and 9:00 am respectively. For information call (559) 685-3303. (See attached file for the notice)

5-21-09 – UC Davis Alfalfa and Small Grains Field Day, Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, UC Davis Agronomy Field Headquarters, Davis CA.
<http://ucanr.org/eventdisplay.cfm?caleventnum=57383>

Market Info:

www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lswcagrains.pdf

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