



# Central West Farming Systems

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## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED – July 2004

We're trying something new - so if you hate it, please let us know. We thought we would send out a sheet each month to answer some of the questions that we've been asked and to keep you up-to-date on any timely information we may get. We hope you enjoy ☺

### RUGBY STRIPE

Does your wheat suffer from yellow stripes across the leaf, giving the appearance of an Australian football sock? This is Rugby Stripe. It's caused by seed sown to deep or frost/cold wet weather as the leaf is emerging from the soil. Seedlings recover from Rugby Stripe.



fungus. Standard seed treatments have no effect on either disease. Fungicide is available but Gordon's recommendation is to monitor the disease. As flag leaf emergence (in wheat) and flag minus one (in barley) approaches check that the disease is still active. If it is, then consider spraying if there is a high yield potential and the forecast for above average rain.

### RED LEGGED EARTH MITES

These are about as they have been hatching after frost. They cause silver or white discolouration of the leaf. Seedlings affected can die. Look for a 1 mm long insect with a black body and red legs and look for damage. They aren't fussy, they like wheat, barley, oats, triticale, lucerne and canola. They are controlled by insecticides, contact your local agronomist for advise.

### STRIPE RUST

Has anyone seen any signs of it yet? We've sown H45 on the Core Site at Condobolin. We treated it with Jockey® before sowing. We will let you know if we see any problems in the trial. Most people we've spoken to didn't put on a seed dressing, so you may notice any problems before we do. So **please let us know if you spot Stripe Rust.** Look for stripes of yellow/orange pustules full of powdery spores, on the leaves.

### LEAF SPOTS IN WHEAT AND BARLEY

Gordon Murray at Wagga Wagga has had reports of leaf spots and has sent out an info sheet. The reports have been on wheat sown into wheat stubble and barley into barley stubble. The wheat spot is Yellow Leaf Spot and the barley spot is Spot Form of Net Blotch. "Both diseases start as small brown spots on the leaves, sometimes with a faint yellow halo. On wheat, yellow leaf spot lesions enlarge and the whole leaf yellows and dies. On barley, the lesions of spot blotch do not enlarge as much, but the leaf also yellows and dies." Both diseases are caused by a

### UP COMING EVENTS

The Grains Council of Australia is holding Single Vision workshops – the future of the grain industry. There are only 3 in NSW and one is at **West Wyalong on August 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### HEARD ON THE ABC RADIO

If you get accidentally jabbed while giving OJD vaccinations to sheep, you don't need antibiotics but surgery to abrade the wound. Make sure your doctor is aware of that.

If you have a question you would like answered, or info to share, please let us know.

Cath and Sharon

# CWFS FIELD DAY DATES

Most dates aren't set yet but those we have are –

Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Rankins Springs**

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - **Merriwagga**

**Condobolin Ag Station** Field Day is likely to be 29<sup>th</sup> Sept or 13<sup>th</sup> Oct (to be confirmed).

For more information call Sharon 6895 1050.



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## Rural Web Addresses

We have list some internet addresses which might interest you. Happy surfing!!

[www.cwfs.org.au](http://www.cwfs.org.au)

[www.grdc.com.au](http://www.grdc.com.au)

[www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

[www.agriculture.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.gov.au)

[www.thefarmshed.com.au](http://www.thefarmshed.com.au)

[www.farmonline.com.au](http://www.farmonline.com.au)

[www.grainscouncil.com](http://www.grainscouncil.com)

[www.lachlan.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lachlan.cma.nsw.gov.au)

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[www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au)

[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

[www.nff.org.au](http://www.nff.org.au)

[www.ruralskills.com.au](http://www.ruralskills.com.au)

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