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### **Nebraska Wheat Producers on Alert for Stripe Rust**

On May 21, 2010, Stephen Wegulo, University of Nebraska Extension Plant Pathologist reported increasing stripe rust in Eastern Nebraska. According to Wegulo, “Stripe rust can cause 100% loss to a wheat crop. This year’s prolonged cool, wet weather has favored and continues to favor development and spread of this disease.”

Stripe rust has been found in low levels in southeastern and south central Nebraska and has been reported in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and South Dakota. Producers have been scouting wheat fields and are taking the necessary steps to prevent the spread of this disease.

Additional information on stripe rust and its treatment can be found at:

<http://cropwatch.unl.edu/web/cropwatch/archive?articleID=4138675>

The Nebraska Wheat Board administers the one and one quarter cent per bushel excise tax levied on wheat marketed in Nebraska. The Board invests the funds in programs of international and domestic market development and improvement, policy development, research, promotion and education.

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