Black Stem Rust: Status in Washington State, a Case study

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BSR in Washington

Wheat production in WA

History of BSR in WA

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Current Status of BSR in WA

- Recent collections
- Race situation

WA Wheat Facts



Avg annual precip 1971-2000, © 2006, PRISM Group, Oregon State University, http://www.prismclimate.org

History of BSR in WA

G.W. Fisher (1944)

- winter temps too severe for survival of uredinia
- ideal conditions for survival & maturation of telia
- rainfall/temp for teliospore germination & basidiospore production are near optimal in May to early June
- avg temps are below optimal for development of uredinia

Palouse climate unsuited for regular epidemics

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Non-epidemic yrs: 1917, '18, '22-25, '29, '39

- usually too dry and too cool for uredinial development

Epidemic yrs: 1916, '37, '38, '41-43

 highly variable, but sub-average temps in May and above-average precipitation in June/July e.g. 36 vs. 19 (E vs. NE) rainy days from April-July over these years

WA Barberry Eradication Program

Washington's program initiated in 1944 (laws against barberry since 1923)

Only eastern Washington, wheatproducing counties (21) included

Stimulated via a familiar pattern of rust epidemic (1941-43) and a concurrent war effort

Program funding was terminated in 1978, although most of the last surveys were completed in 1977



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WA BE Program 1944-1956



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RESURVEYS OR SUBSEQUENT SURVEYS



DESCRIPTION OF AREA WITH MAP ON BACK

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Barberry Eradication Program

Spokane Co. 1957





Properties surveyed

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Reevaluation of BE Program

Foster, 2002-03: M.S. Botany, WSU

100 properties surveyed in Whitman County with a total of 5,255 shrubs (1944-1978) Cross-section of rural and urban properties Discovered 9 shrubs on 6 properties 5 shrubs producing berries One property had never been recorded with barberry previously

Whitman County BE Survey Locations





Foster 2002



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BSR collected from two late-sown spring barley fields in 2007 Oakesdale, Whitman Co. Baronesse – moderately severe Arden, Stevens Co. Radiant – severe Samples sent to CDL for race-typing

Races of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* Identified in Washington in 2007 (CDL data)

No.	Race	Virulence formula on differential <i>Sr</i> genes	Additional virulence	No. of isolates	Location
1	BBBB	-		1	Arden
2	BCBB	9g		1	Arden
3	BLBB	11		1	Arden
4	GCBN	7g, 9a, 10, 21		1	Oakesdale
5	GFCJ	8a, 9d, 9g, 10, 17, 21		1	Oakesdale
6	GKBG	6, 8a, 9d, 9g, 21		1	Oakesdale
7	JMBB	9e, 9g, 11, 21		1	Arden
8	QCCD	5, 9g, 10, 17, 21		1	Oakesdale
9	QCCL	5, 9a, 9g, 17, 21	Sr24	1	Arden
10	QCCN	5, 9a, 10, 9g, 17, 21		1	Oakesdale
11	QCML	5, 9a, 9g, 17, 21, 36		1	Arden
12	QFBS	5, 8a, 9a, 9d, 9g, 10, 21		1	Arden
13	QFCD	5, 8a, 9g, 10, 17, 21		2	Oakesdale
14	QFCJ	5, 8a, 9d, 9g, 10, 17, 21		1	Arden
15	RCCN	5, 7b, 9a, 9g, 10, 17, 21		4	Arden,
					Oakesdale
16	RFCJ	5, 21, 7b, 8a, 9g, 17, 9d, 10		1	Oakesdale
17	тттт	5, 6, 7b, 8a, 9a, 9b, 9d, 9e, 9g, 10, 11, 17, 21, 30, 36, TMP		1	Arden
	TTKS (Ug99)	5, 6, 7b, 8a, 9a, 9b, 9d, 9e, 9g, 10, 11,17, 21, 30	Sr31 (Sr24)		Africa

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Diversity of races is typical of a sexually reproducing population

 molecular data indicate this population is even more diverse than is apparent from race diversity

- likely that *formae speciales* in addition to *P. graminis* f.sp. *tritici* are present

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Next steps?