

Hello everyone,

This will be a short update as there isn't a great deal to watch out for right now that hasn't been discussed in previous updates, and I will be busy doing disease and weed surveys in the next few weeks. The focus of these will be in Barley, Canola and Fescue crops, the goal being establishing the overall level and composition of diseases/weeds in our area this year.

As always, contact me anytime with questions!

Lygus: Remember to keep scouting your Canola fields for Lygus until the seeds in the pod are firm, and as haying is ongoing you might expect some influx of these insects depending on where your field is located. Remember to keep pre-harvest intervals in mind and use a sweepnet to check for threshold numbers before spraying. For more information, check this week's Prairie Pest Monitoring update, or the websites below:

For scouting tips and help with thresholds:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=a4d74761-d683-4e68-8c5e-60f592bc4ee8>

For Lygus information:

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex741](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex741)

<http://www.canolacouncil.org/canola-encyclopedia/insects/lygus-bug/>

Smut: I've been seeing a small incidence of smut in barley and wheat fields in the Baldonnel and Montney areas. Planting resistant cultivars may help for next year- more information here:

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm2431?opendocument](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm2431?opendocument)



Loose smut in barley crop, notice seed in the head is replaced with the fungus. (Courtesy AB Ag)

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