

# How to monitor crop development and disease

Strategic Farm Week 2020 Webinar

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#### Format





09:15 – 09:35

Brian Barker

EJ Barker and Sons & Strategic Farm East Host

How to monitor crop development



09:35 - 09:50

Catherine Harries
Crop Health and Protection Scientist (Diseases)

How to disease score your crops



09:50 - 10:20

**Questions from the floor and discussion** 



Your host...
Teresa Meadows
Knowledge Exchange
Manager (East Anglia)

## Session objective



Learn how to disease score your crops and assess crop development through the season to help inform matching inputs to potential through the season and matching yield potential.

Q: What would you like to know by the end of this session?

## Poll



Have you ever plant counted or disease scored your crop?

- A. Plant counted
- **B.** Disease scored
- C. Both
- D. None



## How to monitor crop development

Brian Barker, EJ Barker and Sons and Strategic Farm East Host



# 'Farm to potential not hope'

How crop monitoring has helped me farm more efficiently.





## Why monitor growth?

- Allows for better justification of input investment
- Gives a routine to field walking at key times
- Gets you down and into the crop
- Helps focus mind into crop development











#### How do I do it?

Place a 30cm stick/ruler or clipboard along a row.

Count the number of plants along the length.

Repeat in 10 representative areas of the field calculate the average.

Work out the area counted, eg: 30cm x drill coulter width.

Divide this figure into 100cm x 100cm (10,000cm<sup>2</sup>) to give you a multiplication factor.

Take the average of all counts and multiply by the multiplication factor to give you the plants/m²

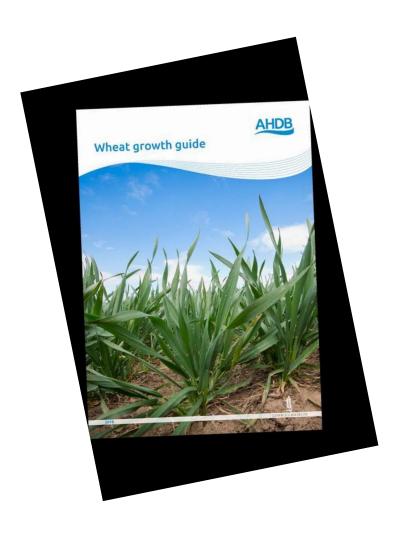
#### Example:

30 cm count length x 20cm (Drill coulter width) =  $600 \text{cm}^2$   $10,000 \text{cm}^2 \div 600 \text{ cm}^2 = 16.67$  (Multiplication factor)  $18 \text{ plants (average number from field) x } 16.67 = 300 \text{ plants/m}^2$ 



## What do I look for?

Sample stage	Counts	Guideline Date	Growth Stage	11t/ha AHDB Benchmark notes
Autumn plants established	Total Plants/m²	Pre 14 <sup>th</sup> December		350 plants/m <sup>2</sup> (target population)
Post Winter Survival	Total Plants/m²	28 <sup>th</sup> February		260 plants/m <sup>2</sup>
Т0	All Shoots/m <sup>2</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup> March	GS30 (Ear 1cm)	940 shoots/m <sup>2</sup>
T1	Shoots/m <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> April	GS31 (First Node)	900 shoots/m², 81kg/ha N, 1.9t/ha Dry matter
Т2	Tillers/m²	19 <sup>th</sup> May	GS39 (Flag leaf full out)	655 fertile tillers/m², 189kg/ha N, 6.9t/ha Dry matter.
Т3	Ears/m²	11 <sup>th</sup> June	GS59 (Ear Completely out)	495 fertile ears/m², 233kg/ha N, 11.4t/ha Dry matter
Post Flowering	Grains per Ear	29 <sup>th</sup> July	GS87 (Hard dough)	19.6t/ha Dry matter
Harvest	TGW of sample	~	Harvest	18.4t/ha Total Dry matter, 282kg/ha N



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## How does it work through the year?

#### Planning:

								Plan	ning			
Field	2018	Est.	Row width cm	Variety	Target Plants/m²	Actual TGW (Off Combine)	Est. Field Loss %	Starting Estimated Yield t/ha	Drill Date	Seed Rate Kg/ha	Seeds Sown/m <sup>2</sup>	Fertiliser placed
Name <b>T</b>	Colui	Colu	Cn ▼	Variety <b>~</b>	plant/n 🔻	grms 🔻	% 🔻	t/ha2 ▼	<b>↓</b> ↑	Kg/ha ▼	Seeds/r ▼	Y/N 🔻
Rushbottom	WW	DTS	33	Siskin	300	49	22	11.0	30/09/2018	200	408	No
Green Farm	2WW	DTS	33	Shabras	300	45.9	22	11.0	09/10/2018	189	412	No
Crown	WW	DTS	33	Motown	300	46.1	22	11.0	10/10/2018	167	362	No
Triangle	WW	DTS	33	Motown	300	46.1	22	11.0	10/10/2018	167	362	No
Wyverstone Road	WW	DTS	33	Motown	300	46.1	22	11.0	10/10/2018	167	362	No
AHDB Benchmark			20	AHDB	300	50	20	11.0	Mid Oct	188	376	No



#### Establishment

									Es	tablishmeı	nt		
Actual Yield 2019 t/ha @ 15%M	Estimated Yield t/ha @ 15%M	Field	2018	Est.	Row width cm	Variety	Emergance Date	30com row count Average	Field Establishe d plants/m <sup>2</sup>	% Plants Est.	Total Field loss to date %	Estimated Yield t/ha	Theoretica I Yield Lost to date T/ha
	t/ha	Name	Colun		Cn▼	Variety▼	▼	_	plant/m 🔻	%2 🔻	%3 🔻	T/ha3 ▼	T/ha4▼
11.54	11.2	Rushbottom	WW	DTS	33	Siskin	13/10/2018	31.5	318	106%	22%	11.4	-0.4
11.29	11.5	Green Farm	2WW	DTS	33	Shabras	22/10/2018	35.1	355	118%	14%	11.9	-0.9
10.36	10.3	Crown	WW	DTS	33	Motown	23/10/2018	28.1	284	95%	22%	9.6	1.4
10.82	10.4	Triangle	WW	DTS	33	Motown	23/10/2018	28.6	289	96%	20%	9.8	1.2
10.59	10.1	Wyverstone Road	WW	DTS	33	Motown	23/10/2018	26.7	270	90%	26%	9.1	1.9
	10.8	AHDB Benchmark			20	AHDB		30	300	100%	20%	11.0	0.0

Counts taken around 15 days of planting at full field emergence with one/two leaf showing.



#### Construction Phase

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11.54	12.1	Rushbottom	WW	DTS	33	Siskin	68	1030	14.7	-3.3	12/04/2019	144	873	1	11.3	-0.1
11.29	11.9	Green Farm	2WW	DTS	33	Shabras	60	909	14.8	-2.9	12/04/2019	135	818	1	9.9	-2.0
10.36	11.1	Crown	WW	DTS	33	Motown	69	1045	13.2	-3.6	12/04/2019	147	891	1	10.8	1.3
10.82	11.3	Triangle	WW	DTS	33	Motown	65.6	994	15.7	-5.9	12/04/2019	120	727	1	8.9	-0.9
10.59	11.1	Wyverstone Road	WW	DTS	33	Motown	71.3	1080	13.9	-4.8	12/04/2019	138	836	1	10.2	1.1
	10.8	AHDB Benchmark			20	AHDB	13.1	262	9.6	1.4		102	1020	4	11.0	1.4

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#### Tiller survival

								Mid Apr	il Shoot Co	unts (T1)	
Actual Yield 2019 t/ha @ 15%M	Estimated Yield t/ha @ 15%M	Field	2018	Est.	Row width cm	Variety	Shoots along 50cm	Shoots per m2	Shoots per Plant	Estimated Yield t/ha	Theoretica I Yield Lost to date T/ha
	t/ha 🔻	Name <b>T</b>	Colun	Colu	Cn▼	Variety <b>~</b>	▼	T/ha8i▼	T/ha8€▼	t/ha11 ▼	T/ha8₄▼
11.54	11.6	Rushbottom	WW	DTS	33	Siskin	120.0	727.3	2.3	9.8	-1.5
11.29	11.3	Green Farm	2WW	DTS	33	Shabras	114.0	690.9	1.9	8.7	-1.2
10.36	10.9	Crown	WW	DTS	33	Motown	131.0	793.9	2.8	10.0	-0.8
10.82	11.1	Triangle	WW	DTS	33	Motown	132.0	800.0	2.8	10.1	1.3
10.59	10.8	Wyverstone Road	WW	DTS	33	Motown	127.0	769.7	2.9	9.7	-0.4
	10.8	AHDB Benchmark			20	AHDB					

T1 timing roughly when tillers are obvious to see and hold.



#### Ear counts

										E	ar Showin	g			
Actual Yield 2019 t/ha @ 15%M	Estimated Yield t/ha @ 15%M	Field	2018	Est.	Row width cm	Variety	Major Tillers along 50cm	Minor Tillers along 50cm	Major Tillers %	Minor Tillers %	Total along 50cm	Ears per m2	Ears per Plant	Estimated Yield t/ha	Theoretica I Yield Lost to date T/ha
	t/ha ▼	Name <b>T</b>	Colun	Colt	Cn ▼	Variety▼	▼	_	%6 <b>~</b>	%7 🔻	No.4	Tillers▼	Till/pl▼	t/ha9 ▼	t/ha1(▼
11.54	11.2	Rushbottom	WW	DTS	33	Siskin	81	22	79%	21%	103	624	2.0	9.0	-2.3
11.29	10.8	Green Farm	2WW	DTS	33	Shabras	61.5	61.5	50%	50%	123	745	2.1	8.3	-1.7
10.36	10.3	Crown	WW	DTS	33	Motown	55.5	54	51%	49%	109.5	664	2.3	7.4	-3.4
10.82	10.6	Triangle	WW	DTS	33	Motown	62	55	53%	47%	117	709	2.5	8.1	-0.8
10.59	10.3	Wyverstone Road	WW	DTS	33	Motown	57	56	50%	50%	113	685	2.5	7.6	-2.5
	10.8	AHDB Benchmark			20	AHDB	23.5	23.5	50%	50%	47	470	2	11.3	0.3

After T2 when all ears have emerged, I separate them into major and minor ears. Then the calculator reflects this from previous season stats that I have done for this. Very helpful when looking at variety differences.



#### Grain counts

								Grains per	r Ear		
Actual Yield 2019 t/ha @ 15%M	Estimated Yield t/ha @ 15%M	Field	2018	Est.	Row width cm	Variety	Grains per Ear Average	Tillers per m2	Actual TGW (Off Combine)	Estimated Yield t/ha	Theoretica I Yield Lost to date T/ha
	t/ha ▼	Name <b>T</b>	Colun		Cn▼	Variety▼	]	Tillers	grms	t/ha9	t/ha10
11.54	11.3	Rushbottom	WW	DTS	33	Siskin	48.16	624	49	11.8	2.0
11.29	10.9	Green Farm	2WW	DTS	33	Shabras	43.3	745	45.9	11.9	3.1
10.36	10.4	Crown	WW	DTS	33	Motown	43	664	46.1	10.5	0.5
10.82	10.9	Triangle	WW	DTS	33	Motown	48	709	46.1	12.6	2.4
10.59	10.4	Wyverstone Road	WW	DTS	33	Motown	44.125	685	46.1	11.1	1.4
	10.8	AHDB Benchmark			20	AHDB	23.5	470	470	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Pre harvest when ears are just turning, pick 15 at random and count the grains what are formed.



## TGW off the combine is the puzzle piece

								Grains p	Ear		
Actual Yield 2019 t/ha @ 15%M	Estimated Yield t/ha @ 15%M	Field	2018	Est.	Row width cm	Variety	Grains per Ear Average	Tillers re m2	r Actual TGW (Off Combine)	Extimated Yi ld t/ha	Theoretica I Yield Lost to date T/ha
	t/ha 🔻	Name	Colun		Cn▼	Variety▼		Tillers	grms	t ha9	t/ha10
11.54	11.3	Rushbottom	WW	DTS	33	Siskin	48.16	62 <mark>1</mark>	49	.1.8	2.0
11.29	10.9	Green Farm	2WW	DTS	33	Shabras	43.3	74	45.9	11.9	3.1
10.36	10.4	Crown	WW	DTS	33	Motown	43	664	46.1	10.5	0.5
10.82	10.9	Triangle	WW	DTS	33	Motown	48	709	46.1	12.6	2.4
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	10.8	AHDB Benchmark			20	AHDB	23.5	470	470	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Final yield off combine adjusted to 15% like the Growth Guide is the Estimated and Actual are not to far away from each other! Done this for two years improving my calculation and technique. Anyone can do it!



## Good, average & poor ranking

Class	Total ha	t/ha	Est. Rank	Est. Theor	TO Rank	T0 Theor Yield t/ha	Field	ha	Variety
	82.06	12.1	4	12.5	1	12.2	Drive Meadow	2.42	Revelation
			3	12.5	2	11.9	Green Farm	9.19	Revelation
			6	11.8	3	11.9	Drome	14.85	Graham
			11	10.4	4	11.6	Long Thurlow	12.66	KWS Siskin
			1	13.1	5	11.5	Barn Field	34.20	Seed
			10	10.4	6	10.9	Cartway	3.89	Revelation
			2	12.6	7	10.8	Allotments	4.85	KWS Siskin
			13	10.0	8	10.4	Wallys	8.11	Graham
			9	11.2	9	10.3	Back Ash	20.85	KWS Siskin
	66.58		7	11.4	10	10.2	Long Meadow	12.59	KWS Siskin
			8	11.3	11	10.1	School	12.00	KWS Siskin
			5	12.4	12	10.1	Retter	13.03	Revelation
			15	9.1	13	8.6	Homelodge	24.89	Revelation
			14	9.4	14	8.5	Little Guinea Row	4.82	Revelation
			16	8.5	15	8.2	Big Lawns	14.50	KWS Santiago
	90.25	8.9	12	10.0	16	8.0	Hills	15.03	KWS Santiago
			17	6.8	17	7.0	West Farm	31.01	KWS Santiago

At key input timings you have a much more standardised format to choose input investment taking into account past and current calculations as well as weather conditions.

You can also include scoring for blackgrass levels seen, active disease, BLW, pests and other close observations.



## Fields change

Class	Total ha	Rank Total	Est. Rank	TO Rank	T1 Rank	T2 Rank	T3 Rank		/ield Average unts so far	Field	ha	Variety
		30	4	1	4	9	12	1	2.2	Drive Meadow	2.42	Revelation
		15	1	5	3	1	5	1	1.4	Barn Field	34.20	Seed
	78.10	13	6	3	1	2	1	<b>←</b> 1	0.9	Drome & Rookery	1/1 85	KWS Siskin
	76.10	36	7	10	9	4	6	1	0.8	Long Meadow	12.59	Graham
		24	2	7	6	5	4	1	0.7	Allotments	4.85	KWS Siskin
		27	3	2	5	3	14	1	0.7	Green Farm	9.19	Revelation
		31	11	4	2	7	7	1	0.4	Long Thurlow	12.66	KWS Siskin
		42	5	12	8	6	11	1	0.4	Retter	13.03	Revelation
		35	9	9	7	8	2	1	0.2	Back Ash	20.85	KWS Siskin
	85.57	42	8	11	10	10	3	1	0.0	School	12.00	KWS Siskin
		53	13	8	11	11	10	g	).9	Wallys	8.11	Graham
		63	12	16	13	13	9	g	9.4	Hills	15.03	KWS Santiago
		57	10	6	12	12	17	g	0.3	Cartway	3.89	Revelation
		64	14	14	14	14	8	8	3.8	Little Guinea Row	4.82	Revelation
	75.22	77	16	15	15	15	16	8	3.7	Big Lawns	14.50	KWS Santiago
	/3.22	75	15	13	16	16	15	8	3.5	Homelodge	24.89	Peveration
		81	17	17	17	17	13	-	<sup>7</sup> .6	West Farm	31.01	KWS Santiago
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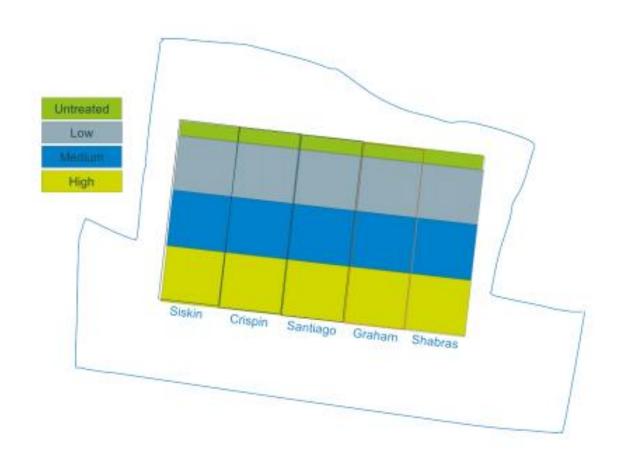
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Fields then move up and down the ranking system which helps pick out variety traits and other scenarios.

The traffic light system is separated by dividing the range by three and separating accordingly.



## Strategic Farm





## Any questions?





#### **Plant Counts Record Sheet**

Field Name	Date			Cou	ints			Average	Plants/m²	Seed rate	Establishment (%)

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## Disease scoring

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## Purpose

- Why to disease score
- When to disease score
- ID
- How to disease score



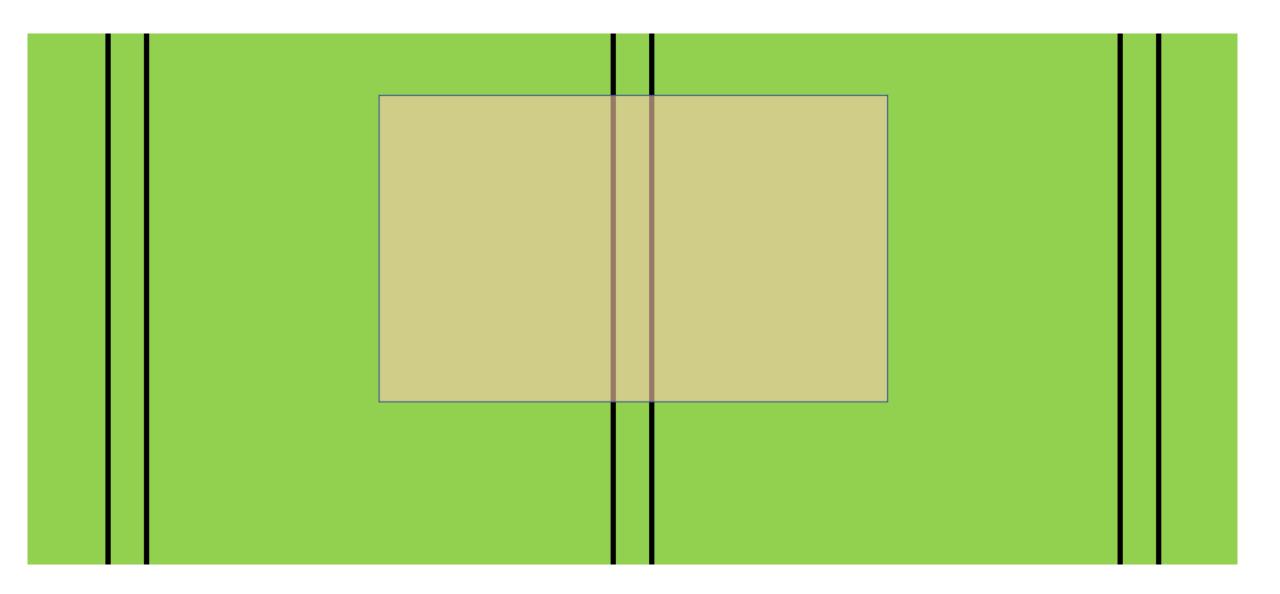


## WHY BOTHER?



## Leave untreated area







## When and why









Credit: Gary Naylor Photography



## When and why



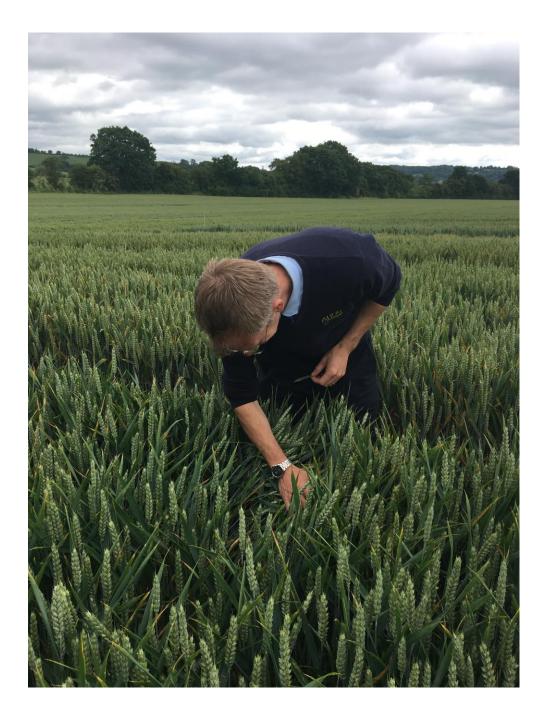
## When and why







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# HOW



## Septoria



















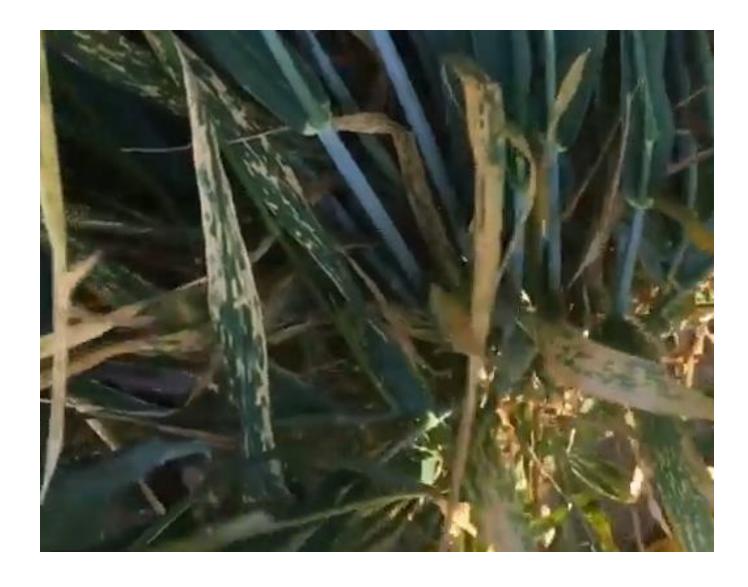
## Old yellow rust















#### Disease ID

- Pustules = yellow rust
- Picnidia = septoria
- Dead leaf = could be anything —— SCORE GREEN LEAF AREA





#### Assessment key

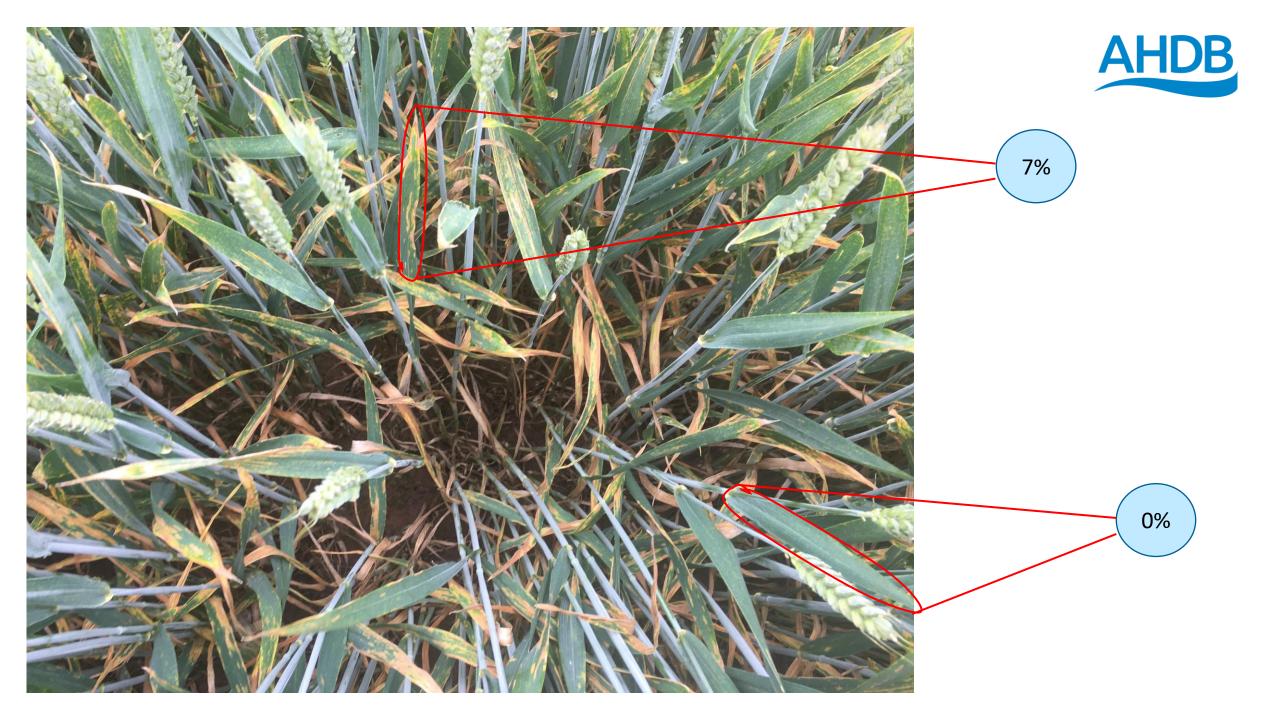
Foliar disease assessment key

- Examine top 4 leaves.
- Ignore all naturally senescent leaf tissue.
- Include all chlorosis and necrosis attributable to disease.
- Record % infection; use interpolated values (e.g. 3%) if necessary.
- If foci present, record average over the area as a whole.

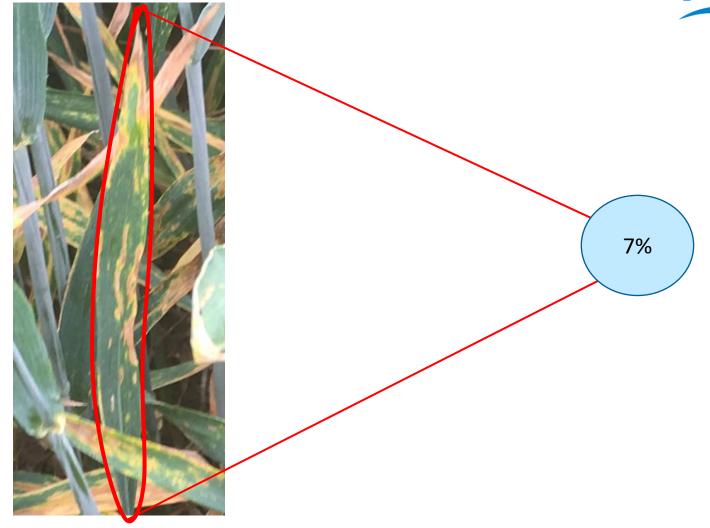
#### Assessment key



% infection	Septoria
0	No infection
0.1	1 lesion per 10 tiller
1	2 small lesions per tiller
5	Small lesions beginning to form areas of dead tissue across width of leaf
10	2 lower leaves – large areas of diseased tissue some covering 1/3 of leaf
25	Leaves appear ½ infected ½ green
50	Leaves appear more infected than green
75	Very little green leaf tissue left
100	Leaves dead - no green tissue left







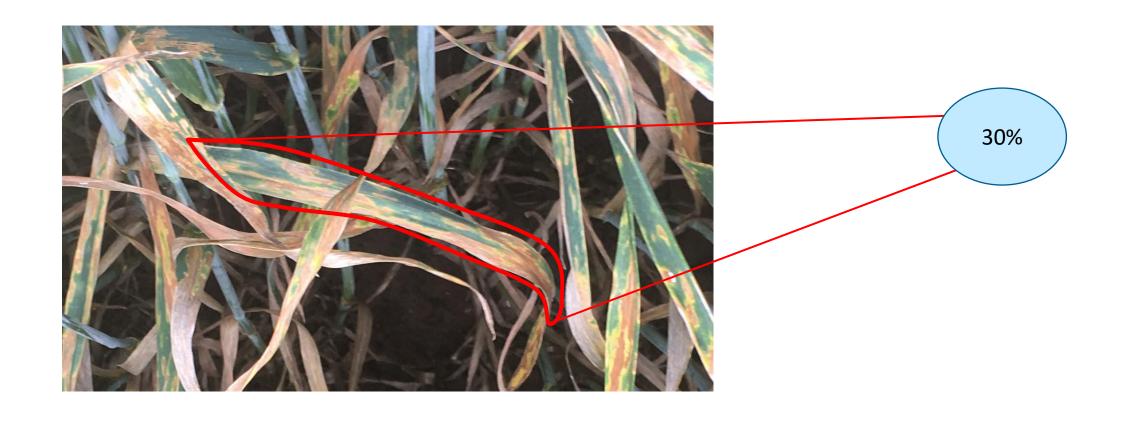


30%



60%





















**O** - 10-20%

**O** - 20-30%

**O** - 30-40%

- 40-50%





O - 0-2%

O - 3-5%

**O** - 6-7%

**O** - 8-10%





O - 0-5%

**O** - 5-10%

**O** - **10-15**%

**O** - 15-20%



Field name: Variety:

Recording date: Growth stage:

Date last sprayed with fungicide (if applicable):

		Date last sprayed with rungicide (ii applicable).								
		% septoria	% yellow rust	% brown rust	% mildew	Eyespot (Y/N)	Head blight (Y/N)	% whiteheads	Record any other diseases seen	
Untreated area	Observation 1									
	Observation 2									
	Observation 3									
	Observation 4									
Treated area 1	Observation 1									
	Observation 2									
	Observation 3									
	Observation 4									
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	Observation 4									
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	Observation 4									



# Thank you

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# Questions and Discussion

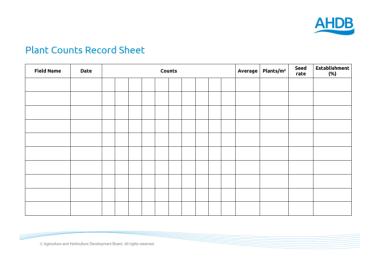




#### Resources



- How to measure plant populations and record sheet
- Disease scoring record sheet
- How to disease score wheat video
- AHDB Wheat, Barley and OSR Growth Guides
- AHDB Recommended List
- AHDB Wheat and Barley Disease Management Guide







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