

## **Common pests and diseases of Wheat**





- Rain splash spread
- Look for black fungal fruiting bodies



Take all FUNGUS -Gaeumannomyces graminis

- Stunted plants that may produce white ears with no grain inside
- Short black roots
- Patchy and sometimes only areas of field affected



Powdery Mildew FUNGUS - Blumeria graminis

- White fluffy patches on leaves and stems
- Become brown and the leaves die



Brown Rust FUNGUS - Puccinia recondita

- Dusty orange/ brown pustules
- Severe infection will reduce yield especially when on the final leaves







## Loose Smut FUNGUS - *Ustilago nuda*

- Loose smut use clean seed or a carboxin based seed dressing.
- Fusarium; fungicidal sprays can be used if the symptoms are seen early after ear emergence.
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Aphids INSECT- Rhopalosiphum padi +others

- On the leaves and ears can be an issue.
- Spread viruses.



## Ergot FUNGUS – Claviceps purpurea

- Black banana shaped bodies growing from the ears of wheat and barley.
- Not to be eaten- very poisonous
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## Barley Yellow dwarf virus VIRUS

- Aphid spread.
- Often confused with mineral deficiencies
- Usually seen in small circular patches much more damaging if infected as a seeding