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Wheat Disease Update

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Oklahoma: A few more reports of common bunt (stinking smut) have come to my attention – mostly from western Oklahoma. The best way to avoid problems from common smut or loose smut is to plant seed wheat treated with a fungicide active against these two diseases.



For a more thorough discussion of the bunts and smuts, go to <http://entopl.okstate.edu/ddd/hosts/wheat.htm> and click on any of the three tabs, “Common bunt,” “Loose smut,” or “Karnal bunt.”

For a discussion of the effects of planting date on wheat diseases and insect pests along with a discussion of the bunts/smuts and the use of seed treatments to manage diseases and insects in wheat in Oklahoma, go to a newly published Current Report CR 7088 – “Effect of Planting Date and Seed Treatment on Diseases and Insect Pests of Wheat”, which is available at: <http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7836/CR-7088web.pdf>.

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