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Wheat Disease Update

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Several samples have come in over the last two months that have been positive for common bunt (stinking smut). 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, see <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 and seed treatments on wheat diseases and insect pests obtain Current Report (CR) 7088 – "Effect of Planting Date and Seed Treatment on Diseases and Insect Pests of Wheat," which was recently updated and is available on the Print-On-Demand (POD) system (<http://pods.dasn.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/HomePage>).

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