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### **Fusarium Head Blight Risk is High—Be Prepared to Apply Fungicide**

According to Marcia McMullen, Extension Plant Pathologist at North Dakota State University, a “high risk of head scab infection exists today and for the next few days across North Dakota for flowering wheat varieties that are moderately susceptible, susceptible or very susceptible to the disease. Even spring wheat varieties, such as Glenn and Brick, which are moderately resistant to head scab, have infection risk in the eastern part of the state.”

Barley also may be at risk if the heads are fully emerged from the leaf sheath.

McMullen advises that growers make plans to treat barley and wheat at vulnerable stages with a suitable fungicide. She says “Given the high risk at this time for flowering varieties, growers should be using the most efficacious fungicides, Prosaro or Caramba, to get optimum reduction of disease and the mycotoxin, DON.”