

Foliar Fungicide Efficacy Ratings for Wheat Disease Management 2015

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Efficacy ratings for each fungicide listed in the table were determined by field testing the materials over multiple years and locations in Kansas. They were verified by the members of the North Central Extension and Research Committee (NCERA-184) for the management of small grain diseases.

Efficacy is based on proper application timing needed to achieve optimum effectiveness of the fungicide as determined by labeled instructions and overall level of disease in the field at the time of application. Differences in efficacy among fungicide products were determined by direct comparisons among products in field tests and are based on a single application of the labeled rate as listed in the table.

Quick Guidelines for Fungicide Use

Research conducted by K-State indicates that a single fungicide application made to susceptible wheat varieties when the risk of disease is high will often result in a 4 percent to 13 percent yield increase with an average increase of approximately 10 percent relative to wheat that remained untreated. A lower yield response is likely if the disease remains at low levels or is absent. The following guidelines will help maximize the potential for effective disease management and a positive yield response.

Application timing. In general, the largest reductions in disease severity and greatest increases in wheat yield or grain quality occur when fungicides are applied between full extension of the flag leaves and anthesis (when the male flower parts have just begin to emerge). Applications intended for the management of glume blotch or head scab should be made between the beginning of anthesis and 50 percent flowering. Always consult the product label for specific growth stage restrictions and preharvest intervals (PHI) before making fungicide application.

Pay attention to disease scouting reports. The risk of severe disease and yield loss is greatest when foliar diseases become established early and result in consistent disease pressure throughout the growing season. Discovery of low disease levels within a field or regional reports of disease outbreaks when the local wheat crop is between jointing and flag leaf emergence, is a valuable indicator of an elevated disease risk and potential yield loss.

Know the vulnerabilities of varieties. Growing wheat varieties that are susceptible to leaf rust, stripe rust, tan spot, or powdery mildew increases the risk of severe disease and yield loss. Fungicides are most likely to improve yield when applied to varieties that are susceptible to one or more of these common diseases. Varieties with moderate or high levels of resistance to these diseases are less likely to benefit from a fungicide application. For more information, refer to *Wheat Variety Disease and Insect Ratings*, MF991 and *Evaluating the Need for Wheat Foliar Fungicides*, MF3057.

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Efficacy of fungicides for wheat disease control based on appropriate application timing

Class	Fungicide(s)			Powdery mildew	Stagonospora							
	Active ingredient	Product	Rate/a (fl. oz.)		leaf/glume blotch	Septoria leaf blotch	Tan spot	Stripe rust	Leaf rust	Stem rust	Head scab	Harvest restriction
Strobilurin	Picoxystrobin 22.5%	Aproach SC	6.0 - 12	G ¹	--	VG ²	VG	E ³	VG	VG	NL	Feekes 10.5
	Fluoxastrobin 40.3%	Evito 480 SC	2.0 – 4.0	G	--	--	VG	--	VG	--	NL	Feekes 10.5 and 40 days
	Pyraclostrobin 3.6%	Headline 2.09 EC	6.0 - 9.0	G	VG ²	VG ²	E	E ³	E	G	NL	Feekes 10.5
Triazole	Metconazole 8.6%	Caramba 0.75 SL	10.0 - 17.0	VG	VG	--	VG	E	E	E	G	30 days
	Propiconazole 41.8%	Tilt 3.6 EC ⁴	4.0	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	P	Feekes 10.5
	Prothioconazole 41%	Proline 480 SC	5.0 - 5.7	--	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	G	30 days
	Tebuconazole 38.7%	Folicur 3.6 F ⁴	4.0	NL	NL	NL	NL	E	E	E	F	30 days
	Prothioconazole 19% Tebuconazole 19%	Prosaro 421 SC	6.5 - 8.2	G	VG	VG	VG	E	E	E	G	30 days
Mixed modes of action ⁵	Metconazole 7.4% Pyraclostrobin 12%	TwinLine 1.75 EC	7.0 - 9.0	G	VG	VG	E	E	E	VG	NL	Feekes 10.5
	Fluxapyroxad 14.3% Pyraclostrobin 28.6%	Priaxor	4.0 - 8.0	G	VG	VG	E	E	E	VG	NL	Feekes 10.5
	Propiconazole 11.7% Azoxystrobin 13.5%	Quilt Xcel 2.2 SE ⁴	10.5 - 14.0	VG	VG	VG	VG	E	E	VG	NL	Feekes 10.5
	Prothioconazole 10.8% Trifloxystrobin 32.3%	Stratego YLD	4.0	G	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	VG	NL	Feekes 10.5 and 35 days
	Cyproconazole 7.17% Picoxystrobin 17.94%	Aproach Prima SC	3.4 - 6.8	VG	--	VG	VG	E	VG	--	NR	45 days

¹ Efficacy categories: NL=Not Labeled; NR=Not Recommended; P=Poor; F=Fair; G=Good; VG=Very Good; E=Excellent; -- = Insufficient data to make statement about efficacy of this product.

² Product efficacy may be reduced in areas with fungal populations that are resistant to strobilurin fungicides.

³ Efficacy may be significantly reduced if solo strobilurin products are applied after stripe rust infection has occurred

⁴ Multiple generic products containing the same active ingredients also may be labeled in some states. Products including tebuconazole include: Embrace, Monsoon, Muscle 3.6 F, Onset, Orius 3.6 F, Tebucon 3.6 F, Tebustar 3.6 F, Tebuzol 3.6 F, Tegrol, and Toledo. Products containing propiconazole include: Bumper 41.8 EC, Fitness, Propiconazole E-AG, and PropiMax 3.6 EC. Products containing propiconazole + azoxystrobin include: Aframe Plus and Avaris 2XS.

⁵ Products with mixed modes of action generally combine triazole and strobilurin active ingredients. Priaxor is an exception to this general statement and combines carboxamide and strobilurin active ingredients.

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