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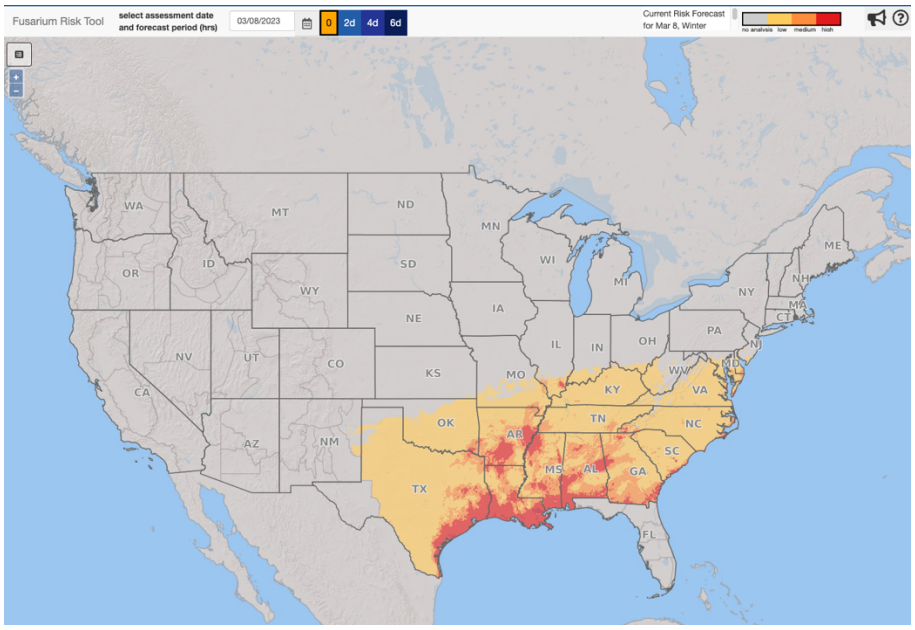
FHB Tool Talk

Dear Extension Workers, Consultants, and Growers Organizations,

Getting useful, accurate information about crop disease risk is likely one of your top priorities. At the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI), we work to share relevant information about Fusarium Head Blight throughout the year.

Recently, USWBSI conducted communications research and found that growers rely on Extension Specialists and Crop Consultants for information. Therefore, the USWBSI is piloting a new program, FHB Tool Talk, to distribute timely information directly to Extension Specialists and Crop Consultants. Emails will highlight USWBSI tools or resources for growers to use to make production decisions, with topics such as FHB risk, fungicide application, and variety selection.

TOOL TALK PICKS: FHB Risk Tool and FHB Alerts



The FHB Risk Tool is now active for the 2023 growing season.

- Provides growers with daily estimates of disease risk for wheat and barley in 35 states.

- Predictions are based on models built using historical weather and disease data.
- Growers can select their variety type (winter vs spring) along with its susceptibility level (susceptible, moderately susceptible, and moderately resistant) to see the current risk by clicking the "bulleted list" square button in the top left corner of the map.
- Maps can also be expanded 2, 4, or 6 days out from the current forecasted weather to view anticipated trends in disease risk.
- If the Risk Tool is not loading on your computer, try disabling your browser's pop-up blocker.

Sign up for FHB Alerts now to get them all season.

- Sign up to get real time alerts with Fusarium Head Blight updates and field reports provided by state Extension Specialists.
- Alerts can be delivered through either email or text message (SMS).
- Customizable: Subscribe to the “National” commentary to receive messages regarding the general overview of the disease. Subscribe to your region to get more local commentaries about what’s happening in your region/state.

Who are we?

The U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI) is a national multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional research consortium whose mission is to enhance food safety and supply by reducing the impact of Fusarium Head Blight (FHB, scab), including the production of mycotoxins for producers, processors, and consumers of wheat and barley. The USWBSI’s is supported with Federal funds appropriated through the USDA-ARS and distributed to over 150 research projects in more than 30 states.

We hope these emails help you provide timely information to your growers and reduce the impacts of FHB on their crops. If you would like to provide feedback, please email the USWBSI Networking and Facilitation Office at nfo@scabusa.org.

Sincerely,

USWBSI Networking and Facilitation Office (NFO) Team



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