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Kan. Farmers Note Disease Level In Wheat

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service says farmers are concerned about disease levels in this season's winter wheat crop.

The agency said Monday in its weekly update the problem is getting worse, with 20% of the crop suffering light disease infestation. About 5% of the crop shows moderate infestation. Farmers are reporting powdery mildew, stripe and leaf rust.

Still, the wheat condition report remains mostly upbeat, with 11% of the crop rated as excellent and 52% rated as good. About 28% got a fair rating, with 9% in poor to very poor condition.

The crop continues to mature, with 64% of the wheat now headed.

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