





### Effects of Head Morphology and Phenology on Fusarium Infection Processes and Implications for Disease Management in Barley

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## Phenology



Recurring life cycle stages influenced by genetic and environmental interaction (flowering time and heading)

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### Phenology

Important because barley florets are the site of *Fusarium* infection



### Barley flowering/anthesis -vs- heading



Heading date is not Flowering time in Spring Barley

Alqudah and Schnurbusch, 2017, Frontiers in Plant Science

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Feekes 10 10.3 10.5 (+1-3 d) (+3-6 d)

## Barley heading stages

### Fungicide application in spring barley

Heading +3-5 days application was the most efficacious in spring barley



2014 & 15 – Barley IM Trials – LREC and FAR

These IPM studies have been conducted with Prosaro, Caramba, Miravic Ace and Adepidyn



## Managing Scab in winter barley with resistance and Fungicides



Comparison of Miravic Ace, Prosaro and Caramba, for management of DON in Winter Barley



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Timing of fungicide application is similar in both spring and winter barley

### Variability of heading stages in the field



Feekes 10.5 +3 d 10 10.5

Even more variability in winter barley

# More variability in winter barley

A consideration is cleistogomy vs chasmogomy

Cleistogamy also provides a means of escape from fusarium head blight infection

Environment influences appear to influence winter barley cleistogamy which may also have a negative effect on head blight infection



Nair et al., 2010, PNAS

### Barley head/floret morphology



Barley head morphology differences result in distinct infection processes and disease progression

The florets and their morphological characteristics are determinant of pathogen infection and colonization processes

2-row

6-row

## Floret infection in wheat lacking Type II resistance spread through the rachis



wheat

barley

Jansen et al., 2005, PNAS

## Investigation of head morphology traits that influence infection processes

2-row



Domed trichomes and cork cells

6-row



Prickle-lke trichomes and cork cells



Imboden et al., 2018, MPP

# Trichome morphology influences infection processes



Detached floret







Imboden et al., 2018, MPP

# Head/floret maturity influenced disease spread

"Infections of more mature florets supported the spread of hyphae into the vascular bundles, whereas younger florets did not show this spread"



Vascular bundles

Pre-lemma/palea fusion

Post lemae/palea fusion



Imboden et al., 2018, MPP

Conclusions on implications of understanding the effects that barley phenology and head morphology have on FHB management

Timing of fungicide application to protect the entire head across the field

Increase genetic resistance mechanisms





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