





## Barley Fusarium Head Blight Symptoms (primarily due to *Fusarium graminearum*)

Symptoms occur on:

- Spikelet & grain tissue Initial symptoms:
- Brown discoloration on spikelets that can be confused with hail damage or other diseases
- Premature ripening may occur

Kernel/spikelet appearance:

- Brownish discolouration
- Pinkish/orangish/salmon coloured sporulation or hyphal growth may occur
- Blackish fruiting bodies (perithecia) may be present
- Grain may be contaminated with deoxynivalenol

Occurrence:

- Historically an issue in the eastern Prairies
- Over the past 5-15 years
  Fusarium graminearum has occurred with increasing frequency and impact in central & western regions





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