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**WHEAT STEM RUST  
DISEASE**

Magnified wheat stems  
and leaf showing the stem  
rust fungus which has  
erupted through the sur-  
face. These pustules con-  
sist of myriads of micro-  
scopic spores in the "red"  
or active stage or in the  
black stage which forms  
later in the season and is  
functionless under West  
Australian conditions.

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