

**PROGRESS OF DAMAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF CEREAL LEAF
BEETLE IN EASTERN WASHINGTON STATE**

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Recently, the cereal leaf beetle (Chrysomelidae: *Oulema melanopus* L.) immigrated into Washington State and has spread into several counties in the south and east. A large population of the beetle has established itself in Nine Mile Falls in Spokane County at a seed farm. Here ongoing research is determining the impact of the beetle on wheat production and attempting to establish an insectary for a biocontrol agent. We set up experimental treatments to determine yield impact on wheat treated with a seed treatment (Adage) and a foliar treatment (Warrior) and compared these to untreated controls.