
Diseases of Cotton

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SEEDLING DISEASES

**- PRE-EMERGENCE
DAMPING-OFF**

**- POST-EMERGENCE
DAMPING-OFF**

- SORESHIN

POSTEMERGENCE DAMPING OFF



SEEDLING DISEASE



**SORESHIN AND DECAY CAUSED
BY RHIZOCOTONIA SOLANI**

SEEDLING DISEASE



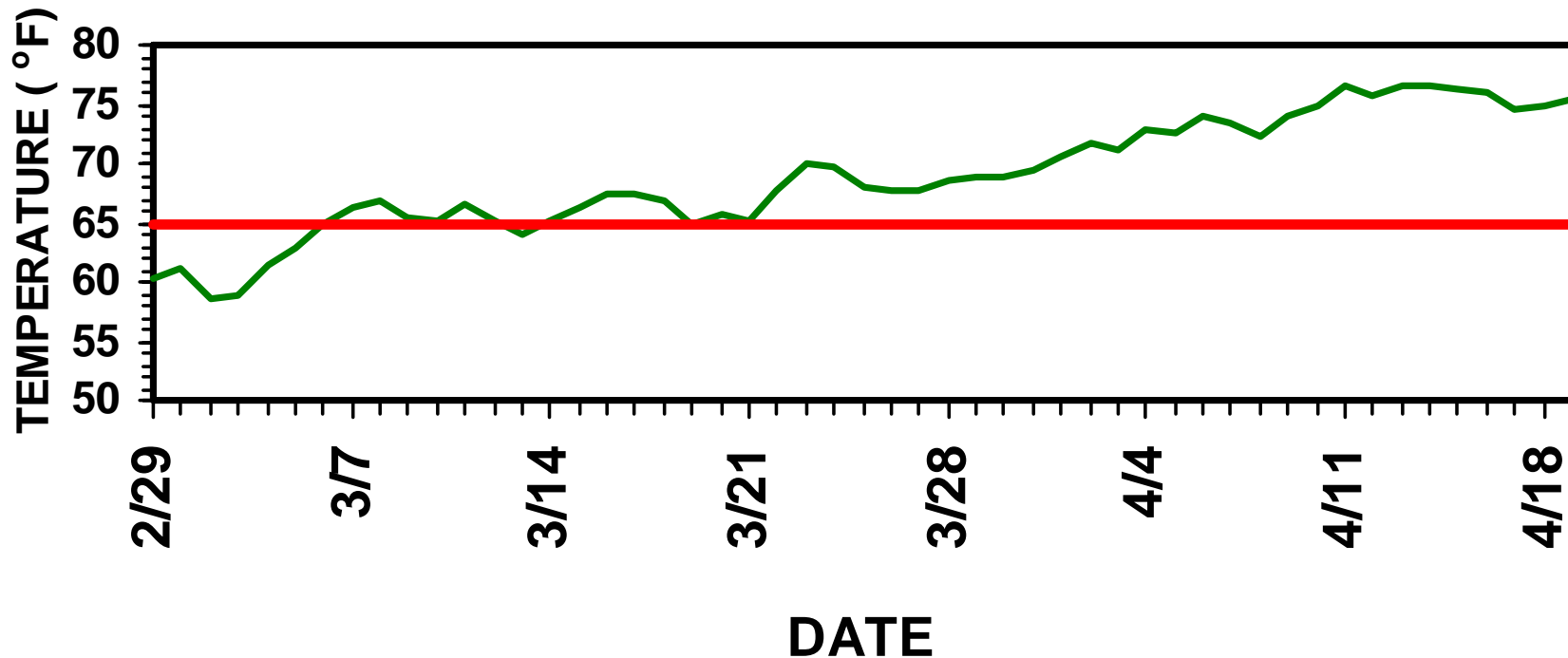
Cotton: Blackened root caused by *Thielaviopsis basicola*. PHOTO: T. Isakeit, Texas A&M

THE BEST MANAGEMENT FOR SEEDLING DISEASE:

**WAIT UNTIL SOIL
TEMPERATURE IS 65° F.
BEFORE PLANTING**

WHARTON: SOIL TEMPERATURE

3" - AVERAGE OF SIX YEARS



65 °F: SOIL TEMPERATURE FOR PLANTING

FUNGICIDE SEED TREATMENT



**RIGHT SIDE: NO
TREATMENT,
DAMPING-OFF**

**LEFT SIDE:
FUNGICIDE-
TREATED SEED**

COTTON SEEDLING DISEASE

SEED TREATMENTS ALONE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH WHEN DISEASE PRESSURE IS HIGH BECAUSE OF:

- LARGE AMOUNT OF RESIDUE**
- COOL, WET WEATHER**

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**INCREASED IN THE PRESENCE OF
FRESHLY-KILLED COVER CROP**

IN-FURROW FUNGICIDE APPLICATION:



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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**[Http://ipm.tamu.edu/crops
/pubs/seedling_diseases.
html](http://ipm.tamu.edu/crops/pubs/seedling_diseases.html)**

PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON) ROOT ROT:



Cotton root rot (*Phymatotrichopsis omnivora*). Photo by Tom Isakeit, TAEX, Weslaco, 1995

PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON)

ROOT ROT:



AERIAL PHOTO OF COTTON FIELD ON CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION, TAKEN WITH INFRARED FILM, SHOWING THE CIRCULAR PATTERN (DARK AREAS) OF DISEASE DEVELOPMENT.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CARLOS FERNANDEZ

PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON)

ROOT ROT:

**WILTED
PLANT
FLANKED
BY TWO
DEAD
PLANTS**



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Cotton root rot (*Phymatotrichopsis omnivora*). Photo by Tom Isakeit, TAEX, Weslaco, 1995



PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON)

ROOT ROT:

AN EARLY SYMPTOM ASSOCIATED WITH THE INITIAL WILT IS THE PRESENCE OF WHITE MYCELIA ON THE LOWER STEM



PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON)

ROOT ROT:

Mycelial strands (arrow) of *Phymatotrichopsis omnivora* on lower stem and taproot of cotton. Photo by Tom Isakeit, TAEX, Weslaco, 1994



PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON)

ROOT ROT:



**DISTINCTIVE
CRUCIFORM
BRANCHING
OF HYPHAE**

PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON)

ROOT ROT:

Spore mat (fresh) of *Phymatotrichopsis omnivora* on soil surface. Photo by Tom Isakeit, TAEX, Weslaco, 1994



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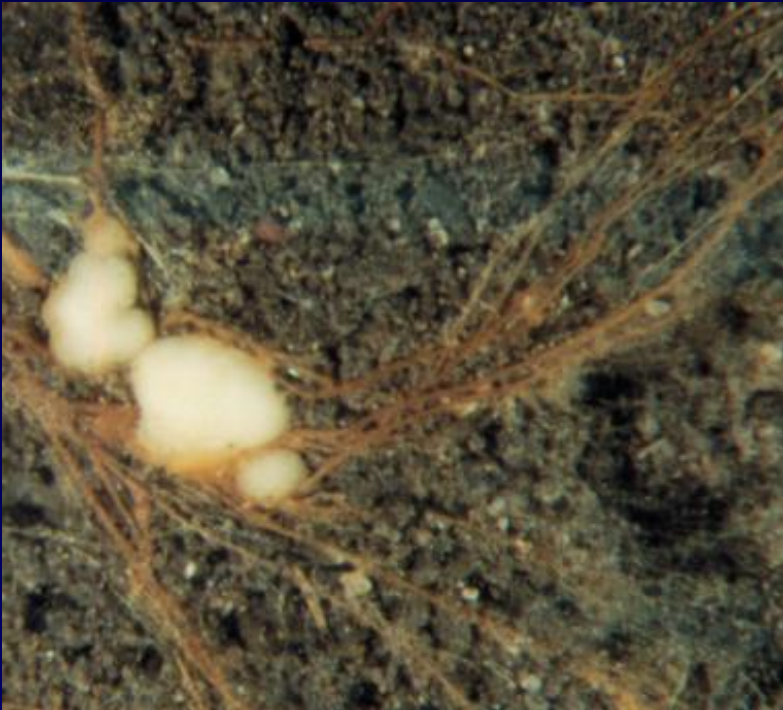
ROOT ROT:

Spore mat (dried) of *Phymatotrichopsis omnivora* on soil surface.
Photo by Tom Isakeit, TAEX, Weslaco, 1994



PHYMATOTRICHOPSIS (COTTON)

ROOT ROT:



STRANDS OF THE FUNGUS (LEFT PHOTO) AND SCLEROTIA OF THE FUNGUS (RIGHT PHOTO) IN SOIL. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHARLES KENNERLEY

RENIFORM NEMATODE:

**THREE
FEMALES
ATTACHED
TO A
SMALL
ROOT**



**PHOTO CREDIT:
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RENIFORM NEMATODE:

Reniform nematode - Robison field
6/13/01 1900/500 cc



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Cotton: Field symptoms of reniform nematode. Photo by Tom Isakeit, TAEX, Weslaco, 1993



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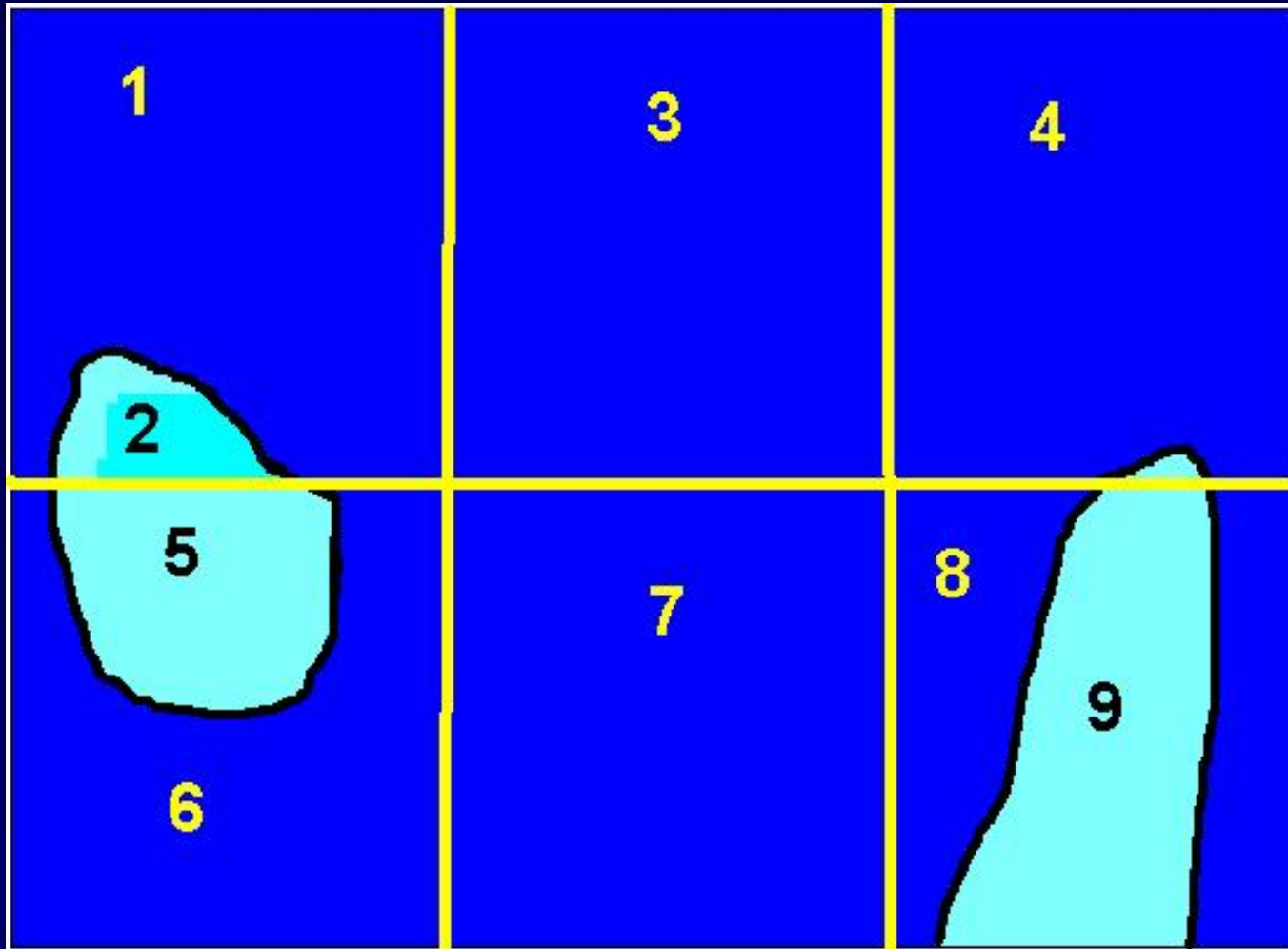


RENIFORM NEMATODE:



Cotton: Symptom of reniform nematode. Photo by Tom Isakeit, TAEX, Weslaco, 1995

RENIFORM NEMATODE SAMPLING:



**2 & 5:
AREA OF
POOR
GROWTH**

**9: OTHER
SOIL TYPE**

**20-30 CORES
FROM 10
ACRE BLOCK**

RENIFORM NEMATODE:

POPULATION THRESHOLDS

PREPLANT: 1,000 JUVENILES/PINT

**FALL SAMPLE: 5,000 JUVENILES
AND ADULTS / PINT**

RENIFORM NEMATODE:

CONTROL

- * PREVENT NEW INFESTATIONS BY CLEANING EQUIPMENT**
- * 1- OR 2-YEAR ROTATION WITH CORN, SORGHUM, RICE, RESISTANT SOYBEAN VARIETIES**
- * WEED-FREE FALLOW**

RENIFORM NEMATODE:

TEMIK OR TELONE LIMITATIONS

- * HOLD POPULATIONS DOWN FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY**
- * CHEMICALS HAVE LIMITED MOVEMENT IN HEAVY SOILS**
- * NEMATODES CAN BE FOUND SEVERAL FEET DEEP**

PREMATURE DEFOLIATION:



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- * CAUSE IS NOT KNOWN
- * WIDESPREAD, MANY VARIETIES
- * FOLIAR PATHOGENS: MINOR
- * K DEFICIENCY?
 - WATER IMBALANCE
 - STRESS OF FRUIT LOAD

FUSARIUM WILT:



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VASCULAR DISCOLORATION SEEN WHEN STEM IS CUT

ROOT KNOT NEMATODE:



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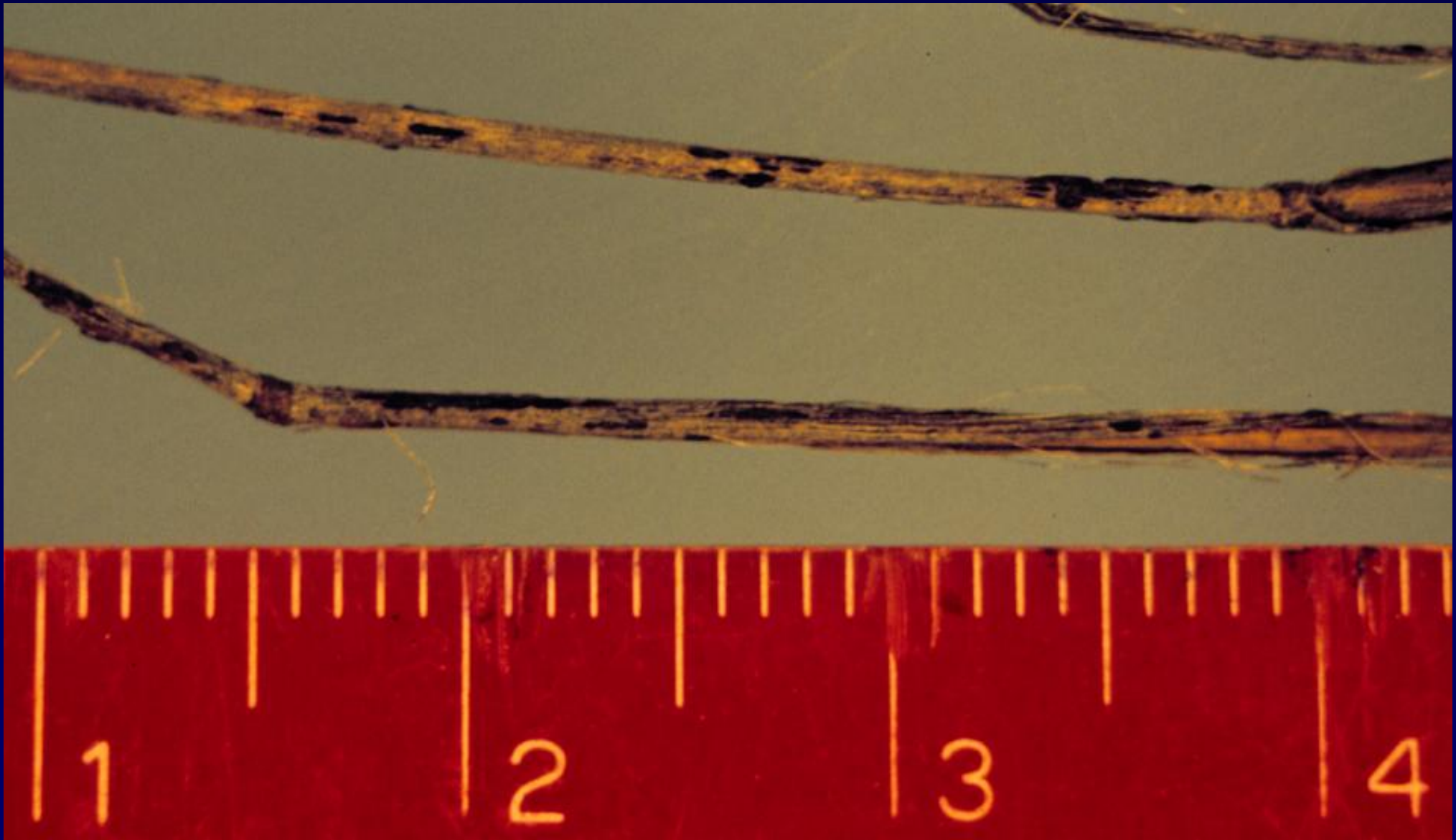
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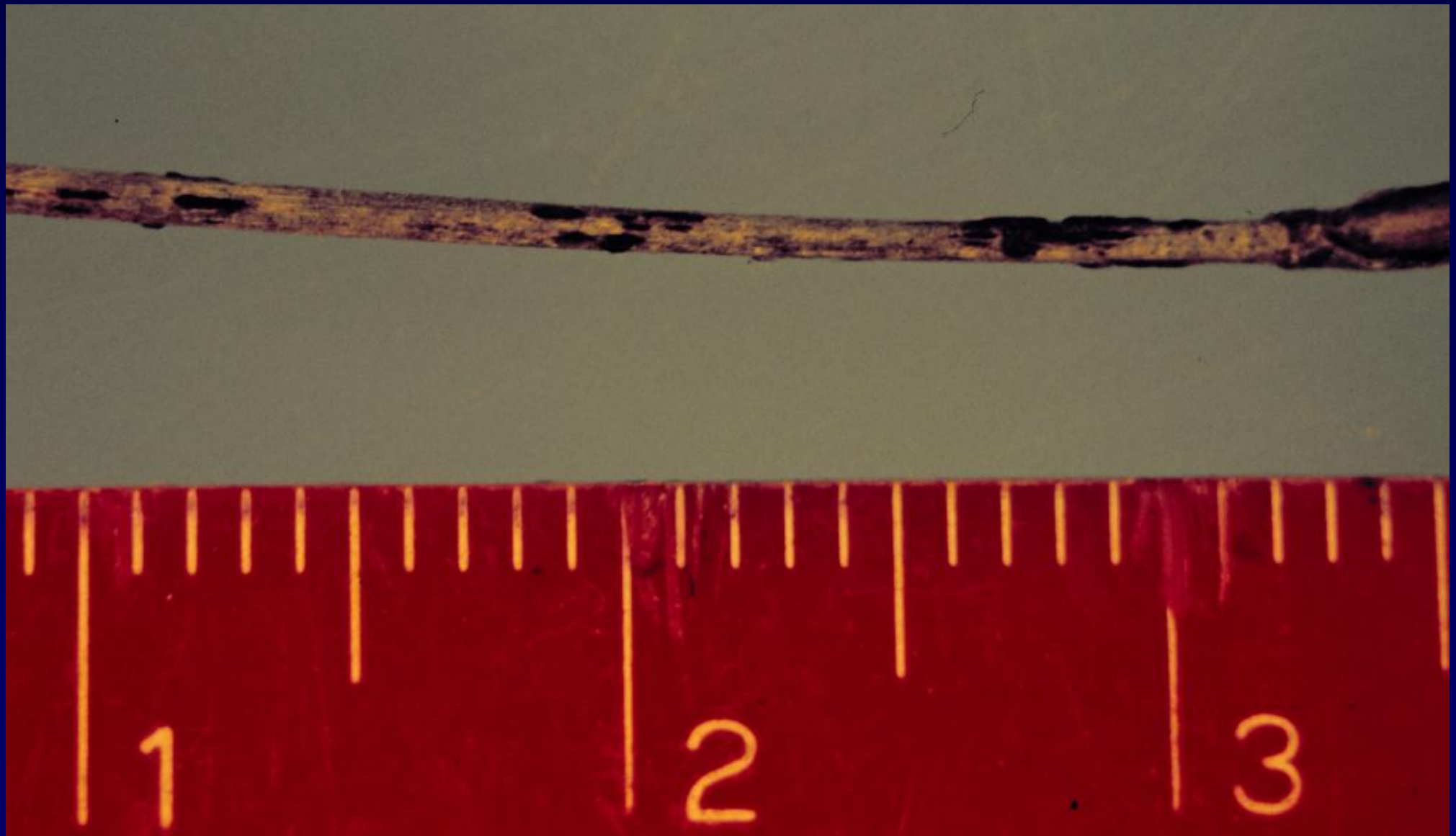
SOUTHWESTERN COTTON RUST:



RUST ON GRAMA GRASS:



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VERTICILLIUM WILT:



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VASCULAR DISCOLORATION SEEN WITH CUT STEM

PHYTMATOTRICHOPSIS VS. VERTICILLIUM:

PHYMATOTRICH
OPSIS ROOT
ROT



VERTICILLIUM
WILT

BACTERIAL BLIGHT:



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